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## President's Corner

By Manuel C. Martin  
Co. F-329

Dear Buddies,

As the joyous holiday season approaches, the first wish naturally, from Adeline and me is that each 83rd Division man, and his loved ones, may enjoy a happy and bountiful Christmas and a healthy, successful New Year. you've earned, and justly deserve; you fought for that right



Yet, as this many years ago. Christmas descends upon us it disturbs the officers of our association that there are among us so many men who have forgotten the Christmases of our service years so quickly. Forgotten the comradeship, the close friendships and the willingness to help one another that existed then.

I refer, of course, to the fellow who, for some unknown reason, neglects to send his dues in annually. Though I know that most of us will spend a five dollar bill foolishly on any given night of the year, it mystifies me that so many cannot find a five dollar bill to help keep our wonderful Association growing and prospering. We are very, very fortunate indeed, in comparison to other divisions, that we have had dedicated men, who have kept the spirit alive, have

kept the Association going through the lean and good years thereby making it possible for all of us to meet once a year with the wonderful friends we have come to love so much.

Who, among you, will deny that he does not eagerly await each issue of Thunderbolt, even as I do, to read of the doings of friends in Philly, Warren, Cleveland and others and I know that there is no need for me to remind you of the masterful job Harry W. Lockwood does with the Thunderbolt; it is without question one of the finest papers, of this type, in the entire nation.

Gentlemen, everything costs money, and your dues are what make everything in your association possible: without it many hundreds of us would be broken-hearted if, at some time in the future, we would have to curtail our activities due to lack of funds. Perhaps some of you do not feel the same strong attachment for the Association that many of us feel. Nevertheless you are tied to it. You are part of it. There were happy days and some not so happy during the time you served with the Division. The unhappy days you want to forget, but, I assure you, you will never forget the people you served with. Remind yourself of the fellow who staked you to a weekend in town when you were broke or the guys who kept you in cigarettes, between pay-days and the many other things that helped form a close bond of friendship. Remind yourself of these things and then ask yourself, have I kept faith with my buddies by not paying my dues? Also ask yourself, what have I done to help the 83rd Division Association lately?

I realize that to some of us, at times, five dollars can be a staggering sum but I know that a good feeling would flow through us if, upon learning of a buddy less fortunate than us we picked up the tab for that buddy's dues, especially at this Yuletide season. Please give this a little thought.

Again, Adeline and I sincerely wish you and yours the Merriest Christmas ever and a Very Happy New Year.

Following are the TOP TEN in paid up membership in the Division Association as of the time this Thunderbolt went to press.

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## Your Secretary's Report

This is the second edition of Thunderbolt since the reunion last August. It is also the Holiday issue and I would like to wish all Thunderbolts, everywhere, and their families, a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Being Editor of Thunderbolt (along with being secretary of your Assn.) I would like to pass a bouquet to John M. Noe of Philadelphia, formerly a member of Division Artillery, for the wonderful job he did designing the front cover of this issue.

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At my V.F.W. Post is a sign under which is the slogan "MEN WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER BELONG TOGETHER".

A most appropriate quotation and, if you analyze it, you will find it has impact.

Let's break it up into two parts; Men who fought together! That certainly alludes to all of us who were part of the 83rd Infantry Division. It not only means those who fired the rifle or machine gun. It not only means those who rode the tank, fired the mortar, or big gun or the guys who built the bridge. It also means the cook, the company clerk, the guys who kept the truck rolling, those responsible for communications; the Quartermaster, the Ordnance and everyone else of the more than 30,000 who served with the Division and its attached units. Whether you were up front where the going was rough or back where the danger wasn't as great you still were a part of the fight and part of a fighting outfit.

Most of us were not in the fight because we wanted to be but once we were there we fought not only the enemy; we fought the elements and we fought ourselves.

Who can forget the sloshing through the mud, sleeping where we could, when we could and how we could. Who can forget the bitter cold, the frost bitten hands and feet. Who can forget seeing his buddies fall on either side of him. Who can forget the air raids, the look of uncertainty on each other's face, the emotional strain to hold back tears and the hundreds of other things that were all part of the fight.

One could go on and on but the biggest thing of all was the bond of comradeship that cemented us together in the face of adversity and, whenever the opportunity presented itself, you drank together, you fraternized together, you laughed and joked together because, having fought together, you BELONG-

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## Chaplain's Corner

Christmas, 1963

Dear Buddies of our great "83rd";

I was going to begin with some comments on "What Christmas Means To Me" but after reading from the Archbishop of New York, Francis Cardinal Spellman's "The Meaning of Christmas," I felt that I should reprint it word for word, for it is so timely, meaningful and is an expression of thought I have quoted many times.



I know after you read it, you'll readily agree it is a masterpiece and so

thoughtful:

"Holiday and Holy Day, Christmas is more than a yule log, holly or tree. It is more than natural good cheer and the giving of gifts. Christmas is even more than the feast of the home and of children, the feast of love and friendship. It is more than all of these together. Christmas is Christ, the Christ of justice and charity, of freedom and peace."

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is the joy of the soul and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is union with Him who has overcome the world."

"The leaders and peoples of nations must understand these fundamental truths if we are ever to have freedom and peace. Unless charters and pacts have a divine sanction, unless 'God is the Paramount Ruler of the World', then again and again, as the waves upon the shore, must catastrophe follow catastrophe.

"Not until men lay aside greed, hatred, pride and the tyranny of evil passions, to travel the road that began at Bethlehem, will the Star of Christmas peace illuminate the world. Christmas is the birthday of freedom, for it is only the following of Christ that makes men free."

Is Christmas Christ to you? What does Christmas really mean to you? Do me a favor, read the above again aloud. I could not reprint anything more meaningful and so important as this another Holiday season.

May God richly bless you and yours.

Your Division Association  
Chaplain

Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman  
Hqtrs. - Divarty



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ED together.

Gentlemen, if that was true then, it is also true now. **MEN WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER, BELONG TOGETHER.**

Think of this and think of it hard, then remember you've got an Association that is doing its best to hold you together and it's up to you to see that we stay together.

It would be an infringement on someone else's idea to adopt this as our slogan but it's certainly something we can give some serious thought and the only stipulation we make is that you have an honorable discharge, which, in itself, is your badge of honor to prove that you belong with those with whom you fought. May God bless you all.

Side by side you trudged along to meet an unseen foe

Ever alert and watchful, wondering where you go  
There was no turning back, you knew, together you would stay  
You enjoyed each other's company as you marched along the way  
Together you went, together you fought, together you rose or fell  
Together you helped each other through the grim hard days of HELL  
I'm sure that GOD watched over us who with life he did endow  
Because men who fought together then belong together how.

### Bob Piette - President 331

At the annual luncheon of the 331st Regiment in Indianapolis, Robert Piette of Company G was unanimously elected President of the 331st Regiment for 1964.



No man in the entire division is more deserving of this honor, as Bob has been one of our most devout members. He has been an officer of the association on many occasions and the convention in Indianapolis was his 16th.

Bob was one of the original mudders at Camp Atterbury and stayed with the 83rd through our five campaigns until April, 1945, when he received a well earned rotation furlough. He served company G as head of the mortar section and was one of Joe Macaluso's most capable non-coms.

Bob is still single and works as a jeweler in Athol, Mass. He is a member of the Boston Chapter.

## Your Secretary's Report Regarding Membership

Harry W. Lockwood  
Regt. Hq. - 329

Starting on a bright note, we went over the 500 mark in paid up membership the early part of November. This would seem to indicate that the members are responding by sending in their dues which is not wholeheartedly true.



When you consider that between the prepaid members, those who paid at the reunion and the fact that I have sent out about 750 letters, reminding you that dues are now due, the response up to now has not been too great.

I'm sure a great many of you just forget about it by putting it aside until you get another reminder and then put that aside, etc. and in the end your dues are not paid for this year.

The Secretary's job, in any organization, is not envied by anyone and it's made more difficult and repetitious when he has to make a pest of himself by harping on the same subject so please try to make things a little easier for your secretary by sending in your dues as soon as possible. If just 200 of those 750 members and former members I've contacted respond we can go over the 700 mark which we haven't done since the early days of the Association. **PLEASE, PAY YOUR DUES NOW.**

I might also mention that I was forced to drop about 60 men from the roster and mailing list, men who have not paid dues for the last four years. During this time these men have received a copy of Thunderbolt each time it was printed and some of them even wrote to me for information about a buddy; for extra copies of Thunderbolt; they have requested a roster and for many other reasons and, it is my opinion, that some of them could have sent in their dues at some time during that period.

I do hope you will accept this in the way it is intended. It is not meant to criticize but merely to keep you informed. Look at your membership card, if it has Aug. 1964 as the expiration date this article does not pertain to you.

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## Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therker—Med.-330

Eagerly awaited was the last issue of Thunderbolt! We, here in Indiana were curious to see how the others responded to the outcome of the last reunion.



Besides word of mouth, the written word, especially that 3 letter word starting with a capital W makes us feel very proud. It is to our satisfaction that we provided something of interest to all. Again we say thanks to all of you who contributed your time and ef-

fort.

At the chapter meeting in October our loyal and hard-working John Robinette showed the film of the Memorial Service; very impressive and needless to say, we are proud to be members of the Thunderbolt Division Association.

On the local scene our new president, Lou Meyer, called the meeting to order in proper form. Committees were appointed and it is hoped our next year will be one full of success and accomplishment. Frank Pope was appointed to the ways and means committee and John Soroko chairman of the social committee.

It is our wish to have a tri-state meeting consisting of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana chapters for a big get together. John S. will announce his report at the November meeting and you will read more about it in the next issue of T'bolt.

We were pleased to have the new members at our last two meetings and we welcome each and all in our area to attend our meetings on the second Friday of each month at the 40 & 8 Chateau, 619 North Penn. Something new announced each meeting. Our new secretary, Matt Brumbach, is calling and sending out notices to all. Just watch the ole Indiana Chapter grow.

Following is a clipping from the Indianapolis Times of October 17, 1963:  
**HE'LL LOVE THIS AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT.**

For the wife of the veteran who has everything.

Two obstacle courses at Camp Atterbury have been declared surplus and are up for sale. Not a veteran alive will ever forget them.

Also for sale are a coal yard shop, two lavatories, a warehouse and three incinerators. Sealed bids may be sent to the Corps of Engineers in Chicago.

And now the Indiana Chapter extends best wishes to all Thunderbolts and their

families everywhere for the coming HOLIDAY SEASON.

P.S. Thanks Dick, for the photos.

## Dixie Doings

By Robert G. Martin

We, of the Dixie Chapter once again, would like to thank John Robinette and the gang from Indiana for the wonderful time shown us during the 17th annual reunion in August.

We also send congratulations to Manny Martin on being elected to the presidency of our wonderful association and wish him and the Fall River Chapter success for the coming year and we are looking for a reunion to top all reunions in 1964.

The Dixie Chapter held its last meeting at Boyles' Insurance Agency in High Point, North Carolina. The ground work was laid for the 1965 reunion and the City of Greensboro, North Carolina was decided on. Committees were appointed and a complete report will be given at our next meeting on November 23rd as to the progress thus far. This meeting will be held at the Burlington Lanes on Vaughn Road in Burlington.

The 81st Division (Wildcat) was holding their 47th reunion in High Point at the time of our last meeting and a group of us Dixie boys visited with them on Saturday night and had a most pleasant evening.

This, being the holiday issue of Thunderbolt we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every member of the Association, members of the various chapters and their wives and families a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Dick and Lessie Riddle — Travel 200 miles, each way, to attend the Dixie Chapter meeting each month.



## Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco  
Co. L & M - 331

The Fall River Chapter held its moonlight sail as planned but it was not the success we had hoped for.



We were hit with one of the worst storms of the year, an old fashioned northeaster, with gale force winds and a cold driving rain, that belted us with all its fury.

It was not a total loss, however, as about 150 people did show up and, although we did not make much money on the affair, those

who attended had a wonderful time and we thank all those brave and wonderful people sincerely for without them this affair really would have been a flop. God bless them all.

Our meetings, as usual, are held on the third Saturday of each month along with our socials. Plans for the reunion in Providence in 1964 are progressing very well and Manny Martin will keep everyone up to date.

The Fall River Chapter will hold its annual Christmas party at the Miguel Corte Real Club in Fall River on December 14, 1963. All tickets are sold and it's been a complete sellout since last October and I'm sure a wonderful time is in store for all.

Nothing else to report, at this time, so in closing I would like to wish all fellow Thunderbolts, and their families, a Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year.

### A Report From Your National Publicity Director

Just finished sending out about 500 letters part of them to men who, I hope, will get them placed over the United Press wire services all over the country.

The rest were sent in packages of ten, twenty and thirty to newspaper and radio men who will give us eventual coverage by mailing them to their alliance of stations.

It usually takes 8 to 10 weeks to get the ball rolling, as we have found out, these past years and the inquiries should start coming in very soon and, once they do, The Little Guy (your secretary) will start earning his keep.

Expect big things from the publicity this year and will keep you all posted.

In the meantime HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL.

VIC LANDIS

## New Jersey Chapter News

By Nick Esposito  
Co. B - 331

The members of the New Jersey Chapter who attended the reunion in Indianapolis wish to thank the officers and members of the Indianapolis Chapter for a good job.

Our meeting for September was a complete failure. Harry W. Lockwood and I drove to Garfield expecting a good turnout, but Emil Wehling and Charlie Sihlanick were the only other members present. After downing a couple of sodas we went home. Harry W. Lockwood called me for the October meeting and again we journeyed to Garfield expecting a duplication of September. As usual Emil Wehling and his boy Russell, Bob Walsh and New York Charlie had already arrived. In 15 minute intervals Stan Bielen, Vito Lascari, Dave Benick and Sam Galati, Joe De Peri and his lovely wife Vicki, John Di Nicola and his wife Claire arrived. Sam Galati, our president, called the meeting to order. Nothing of importance was brought up, but Mr. Lockwood explained to the members an idea which some of the boys discussed at the reunion. This, in brief, was that perhaps a tour of the European battlegrounds covered by our division can be arranged for anyone wishing to go to Europe some time next year. Harry explained that he would get full particulars and they would be published in the coming issues of the Thunderbolt. All those interested should contact Harry Lockwood, our national secretary.

The writer of the last issue of the New Jersey Chapter News thought he was in serious trouble when Charles Sihlanick was seen wearing a patch over his eye. The writer failed to mention that Charlie attended the reunion, and his wife threw a couple of fast rights. Charlie's explanation was that a piece of steel imbedded his eyeball.

Joe De Peri was his usual self and seemed to be relaxed after a long day at work. Mrs. De Peri wasn't in a talkative mood, well anyway not to me. In a thousand words or more Vicki why?

Mr. and Mrs. John Di Nicola have graciously invited the New Jersey Chapter to hold its Christmas meeting at their home. This indeed will be a pleasure.

Dave Benick missed the September meeting due to the Jewish holidays. By the way, Dave and Millie are looking for a baby sitter so that they may go to Europe with the gang next year.

Sam Galati conducted one of the finest meetings in recent months. Each member was given an opportunity to speak without interruption. For this



fine businesslike manner I wish to nominate Sam for president of the New Jersey Chapter for a second term.

Bob Walsh's reason for not attending the September meeting was very evasive. A person of the opposite sex couldn't be involved now, could they Bob, after all Bayonne is not a very big place.

Stan Bielen complained of a back injury; could be the money bags are getting heavier.

Vito Lascari brought along some old copies of Thunderbolt and Stars and Stripes which he had mailed home during the war and there were some interesting articles which refreshed our memories.

Among the missing were Frank Todd who has been working the late shift in his new job, Manny Epstein who is either too busy making money or flitting out around Colorado spending some that he has already made. Manny loves that part of the country and we wouldn't be at all surprised that he will become a permanent resident there in the near future. Jim Bird is tangled up with a choral group and a member of the barber shop quartet association and we're sure the Rev. Edward Swartout is a pretty busy man on Friday night. But to all of them, and anyone else interested, we still meet on the third Friday of each month at the V.F.W. Post 2867 in Garfield, N. J.

Our November meeting was scheduled one week ahead to accommodate some of the boys who couldn't be there at the regular time and a good turnout was there.

During the course of conversation Dave and Millie Benick announced that they had bought a ranch type home in Canarsie and expect to move in shortly and have a housewarming a little later as soon as they get settled.

After the meeting we all went to Barcelona's for a large antipasto and pizza pie to top off a pleasant evening.

And now the only thing left to say is that we of the New Jersey Chapter wish all the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

New members who have joined the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt.

Anthony Gonsalves, 409 Warner Boulevard, Taunton, Mass. — 83rd Signal Co.

Jack R. Berry, 125 Oakwood Road, Buffalo 21, New York — 331 Medics

John A. Hall, 324 Jackson St., Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin — Co. K-329.

Burton Clyde, 683 Palisade Ave., Windsor, Conn. — Hq. Btry.-908 FA.

Frank Klasko, 114 Broadway, Elizabeth, New Jersey — Co. F-330.

Joseph H. Clement, 53 Breed St., Lynn, Mass. — Co. C-308 Eng.

## Cleveland Chapter

By Ray Voracek  
Hqtrs. Btry. 324-FA.

The Cleveland Chapter, having finished their summer season of picnics, are now busy following the fortunes of the Cleveland Browns, and hoping when you read this they are already crowned champions. Casey Kowalec is considering staying away — he hasn't seen them win three years. Casey and Laura are settled in their beautiful new home and when spring rolls around they will have plenty of shovels and rakes for all volunteers who think they are landscapers.

The first Saturday of November Joe Minotti, myself and our wives were in Philadelphia to see Joe's son play in the Harvard and Penn game. We had a good gab and spirits session with the Philly gang. Also had a chance to visit with Pete and Fay Constantino. Only bad part of the trip was that Harvard lost.

The Cleveland - Warren bowling match hasn't come off yet but we are still working on the deal.

All of us in Cleveland would like to extend our wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all their 83rd buddies and families.

## Attention All Thunderbolts; Someone Looking For Info

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

I heard of your 83rd Infantry Division on WAKR radio station so I thought I'd write and see if you can do something for me.

By brother, Pfc. Michael Gratcar, of Latrobe, Penna. (at that time) was killed in the Battle of the Bulge on December 10, 1944.

If any of the fellows who knew Mike or were with him when he died I would appreciate it if they will get in touch with me.

Don't know what the boys in the army called him but at home in Penna. we called him Chicken or Chick. If it will help to remember him, he loved eggs and could eat them any time of the day or night.

Hope I may hear from someone who knew Mike, best regards to all.

Mrs. Mary E. Fojt  
2509 Tyro Ave.,  
Akron, Ohio 44305

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

By Vic Landis

In my last column, after the reunion, I forgot to mention Mannie and Adeline Martin, as members of F-329th who attended the reunion. How in the hell did I happen to do that? My apologies good people. Also to Golden James, who attended his first reunion. Golden was in the weapons platoon and was knocked out in the hedge rows of Normandy.

To each paid up member of F-Co., please taken pen in hand and write to all the buddies you know. If all would do that little task, we would have a better chance of getting more members and have them attend the annual conclave.

Although I write to every man on my roster, many of you have personal buddies, who would like to see you and be with you, if they knew you would attend the annual affair.

F-329th has always been one of the strongest units in the 83rd, so let's keep it that way. Let each man do his part and we could double our membership. That's about all she wrote, let's do the job up right.

### "Signal Musings"

By Don Hinz

This has certainly been a slow period for Signal Communications. I have been in contact with only one of our former buddies despite the fact that I have a number of feelers in the mails. I have hopes for the new season and year just around the corner, 1964. STRIVE FOR MORE IN '64. How is that for a slogan, Vic Landis? Would the Fall River, Mass. Chapter remind Tony Gonsalves that we of Signal would appreciate a note from him as to what he has done since World War II. Last address I have on him is Taunton, Mass. Please, Tony?

Received a nice card from Marion L. Harkey, Albuquerque, New Mexico. I do not recall his rank at the moment but he served from July, 1942 to September, 1945. Good prospect, Harry! Besides his wife there is one daughter (born at Camp Mudbury) who is now a junior at the University of New Mexico. Mr. Harkey was recalled for the Korean mess and has since been on a government job along with some Texas ranching. Wouldn't he have enjoyed Indianapolis in 1963?

That's about all for this issue and I hope I can have more to report in the next issue. Until then, TO ONE AND ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Tony: 219 11th Ave., Worthington, Minn.

## Minotti Raiding Party Invades Philadelphia

Led by that intrepid and daring dough-boy Joe Minotti and his adorable wife "Dimps", a busload of Buckeye Staters invaded Philadelphia to view the football game between Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania. The Minottis can be well proud of their boy Joe Jr. A gallant football player and a very, very fine boy. Joe Junior is a centerman on the Harvard team (and also an exceptional scholar). Despite the cheering of Joe Minotti and his friends the Harvard team was upset by a determined Penn team. Larry Redmond was assigned the job of finding quarters for the forty Buckeye Staters and he did a wonderful job, finding excellent billets at one of our foremost motels not too far from the scene of the football game.

After the game the busload of visitors with Joe Minotti's boy adjoined to Lou Volpi's fine restaurant and were given a gala meal. To make the evening more enjoyable, after the meal they all went to Lou Volpi's Private Club and enjoyed themselves 'til the wee hours. Helping to make the visitors feel at home were the following Philadelphia men and their wives: Big Bill Hoolan his wife Carol, Larry Redmond and his wife Mary, Ed Paulino and his wife Ruth, Sam Aiello and his wife Vi, Frank McGrogan and "My Mary", and of course Lucy Volpi, the perfect hostess. We must mention that The Bull, Ray Voracek and his charming wife Dorothy, also was with the Minottis and as usual Ray charmed the women folk with his tales.

We are sure that although the visitors felt bad because the Harvard Bulldogs were upset on the gridiron they still enjoyed their stay with the Philadelphia Chapter people. Come back soon.

There is talk among the national executive board members of holding a May meeting. We invite them to come to Philadelphia and join us at our planned May gala event.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

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Plans  
For  
The  
Reunion**



## Detroit Chapter News

By Jack Daugherty  
Co. L - 329

We are expecting a few fellows from Cleveland up here in December to see the Detroit Lions and Cleveland Browns football game. It's a shame they have to come so far to see the Lions beat the Browns.

We had our monthly meeting at my home this month and everyone had a good time in the refreshment department. I want to say also that the women sure do pitch in and I know that it would be hard to do a lot of these things without help from the gals. I know that my wife Hanky worked real hard to make this meeting a success.

The Palazzolos brought their little girl along with them and she sure is a doll.

Our President, Marion Muoio, is working real hard to line up a Christmas party for the kids. Ed Zerucha wants the party at his place this year.

The Barbus just returned from West Point with their son, George. Nick said it sure is something to see.

Bill Palazzola and Nick Barbu are both doing a lot of carpenter work in their homes and to hear them talk one would think they were building contractors.

I hope that every member gets behind our president, Manny Martin and supports him for I know that every one who goes to Providence next year will have a great time and, if I know Manny Martin, he'll make sure that you do.

That's it for now and a very Merry Christmas and a real good Happy New Year to all and Ray Voracek, I was only kidding, Cleveland has a chance but a very small one.

### A Little Something About the MEDICS

Looking through an old issue of Spearhead I came across an article praising the medics for the part they played in World War II. Part of it is reprinted here so our non-combatant buddies will know that they too were appreciated.

There just isn't enough room in this, or any other publication, to adequately congratulate the medics on the job they did during the war.

Time after time throughout the Normandy and subsequent campaigns, the boys with the red cross insignia on their helmets crawled through enemy rifle and artillery fire to bring back their wounded comrades to the aid station or administer drugs and medicine in the middle of no man's land.

The efficiency of the Medical Corps was one of the chief reasons why most of our casualties never developed into fatalities.

So, to our pill roller buddies, to whom many of us owe our lives, thank you boys, we're happy you were aboard.

Route 4  
Seymour, Indiana  
Nov. 2, 1963

Harry W. Lockwood, Editor  
43 Oakland Ave.  
Jersey City, N. J.  
Dear Harry,

Since no one else has done so as yet, that I know of, I'll attempt to boost G Co., 330th.

I would imagine that most of us, I know I am, will be interested in a trip back to our combat areas. How do we reach everyone? First, of course, we will have to know the cost, the time of year, etc. I suppose there are several who like myself have quite a few friends overseas, and if you'll remember those liberation parties, given by the grateful townspeople, think what a reunion this would be. Let's all try to make it. I know we all want to hear more about it.

In response to (24) letters I sent out I've had one reply. This was from the widow of Earl Davis, Unicio, Tenn. Letters like this, only make you appreciate your past friendships more. Why shouldn't we all join together and be proud of our Association. You know it isn't everyone that can join our group. We are very select.

Did anyone notice the elderly lady on Monument Circle the afternoon parade in Indianapolis? The one that gave us all some applause, her eyes were just about as dry as the rest of ours were later on. I wonder why her tears were there. Could they be because of a memory or because she is an American living in America.

May the Lord bless and keep you one and all. Don't forget the past and let's look to the future.

Company G write to someone and get with it.

W. N. "Bud" Everhart Jr.



is not a sentiment - it is an economic necessity. ----- Charles Scametz



## Convention Doings

By Manny Martin  
Co. F-329

Dear Buddy,

If you haven't pasted the dates of August 20, 21 and 22, 1964 in your bonnets don't hesitate another minute; make your plans to be in Providence, R. I. on those dates. The Fall River Chapter has been working for two and one half years to make these the most memorable three days of fun and frolic that you have ever enjoyed.

I might remind you that the Hotel Sheraton-Biltmore has reserved only 250 rooms, out of 400, for our reunion, on a first come, first served basis, and I can't express enough the need for you to make your reservations early.

In this issue of Thunderbolt I have outlined what's in store for you on Thursday, August 20th.

At 1 P.M. SHARP we will board buses for a pleasant 25 mile ride to picturesque Newport, R. I., rich in historic lore, playground of the very wealthy in these United States, scene of the America Cup sailing races between England and the U. S. and this, I assure you, is one of the most thrilling sights I have ever seen. There will be qualifying races among the American sloops while we are in convention and those of you who may want to take this in will be thrilled to see yachts of every size and description following the races. Because of the prohibitive cost of getting you on a boat for a full day I'm sorry we cannot make this a reunion function.

Upon your arrival in Newport you will proceed to the 12-mile scenic ocean drive where, are built, some of the most beautiful and fabulous mansions, chateaux, villas that you have ever seen; far surpassing any you might have seen in Europe. Here is elegance and beauty; here, for those of you who have heard of but never seen the rockbound coast of New England, is what I think is a perfect picture of it. After touring the drive you will be taken for a tour of the grounds and interior of "THE BREAKERS", America's most magnificent mansion, located on world famous Cliff Walk, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

The Breakers is the most magnificent of all Newport summer residences. It was built for Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1895 and designed by the famous architect Richard Morris Hunt. It surpasses in size, beauty and grandeur any of his Newport works. The design and ornamentation follow that of the 16th century north Italian palaces in Genoa and Turin.

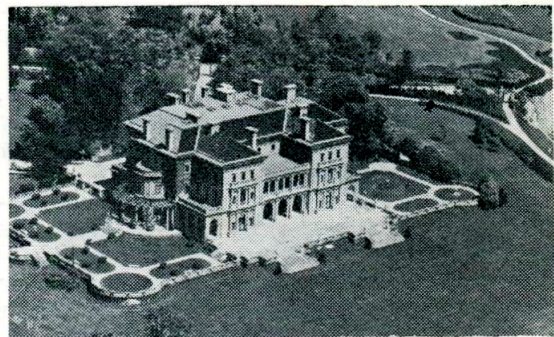
The house is 250 by 150 feet and arranged around the central hall and distributed on the four floors are about 70 rooms. Pictures accompanying this ar-

ticle will describe this beautiful place far better than I can.

This trip has been scheduled for both men and women as we feel that the men will be just as impressed as the ladies. There will be a charge for children for this and the bus ride as we must pay an admission charge at The Breakers for children and the price of bus charters soar every day. ~~Incidentally, President Kennedy has leased an estate next to his wife's mother's as the summer White House. They will be there in August and this is on the Ocean Drive you will be touring.~~

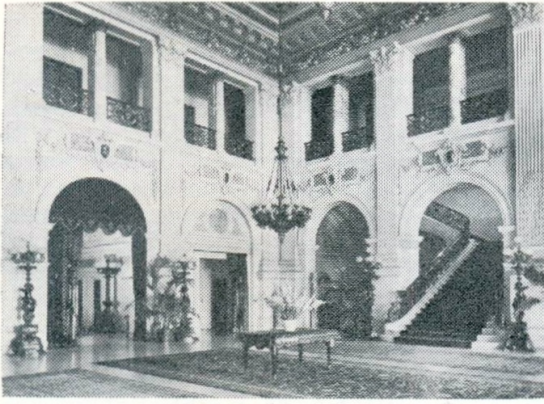
Late in the afternoon we will return to the hotel, rest up awhile and get ready for a real blast, the famed 83rd Cocktail Party. Don't know what I can say about this other than it will run from 8:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. with a good band for dancing. We have allotted \$1,000 for this party. Nuff said. **Children will not be allowed into the cocktail party under any circumstances.**

In Indianapolis I spoke about ending the convention with the Sammy Kaye Band, and though I am still hopeful of doing just that, I want to keep you alerted to what is transpiring in that deal. Before leaving for Indianapolis I spoke to the man who does the booking for the Kaye Band in this area. He thought at that time that the Sammy Kaye Orchestra would cost us about 1,500. Upon my return from this year's reunion, I contacted the Kaye organization direct. They sent back a price of \$2,250 to \$2,500 to play for us on Saturday night. I have since sent a counter offer of \$1,800, and I am at this time waiting for an answer. As much as we desire to have the Sammy Kaye Band play for you, we feel that anything over our \$1,800 offer would mean that we would have to cut back on the rest of the wonderful program we have lined up for you, and we do not want to do this. We have not given up hope on the Kaye Band yet, but if it does not materialize I assure you that you will have a band equally as good or we will give you a little extra something to make up. So long till the next issue when I will describe your Friday schedule.

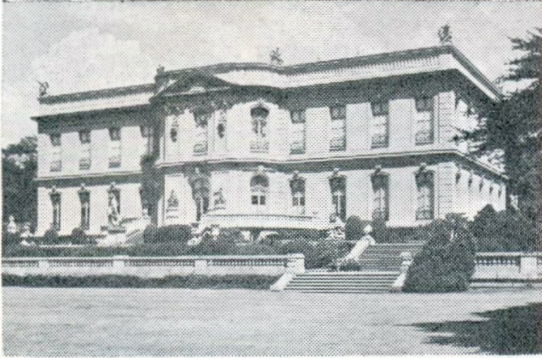


The BREAKERS





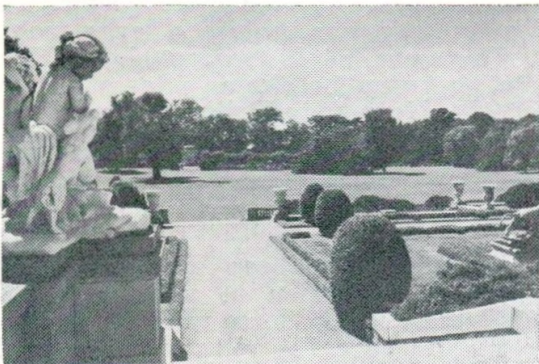
The Great Hall of THE BREAKERS.



The ELMS.



The ELMS Dining Room.



The ELMS, View From the Terrace.  
These prints, courtesy of the Preservation Society of Newport County, Newport, R. I.

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## Philadelphia Chapter Starts To Roll

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter enters the Fall and Winter season with the greatest of spirit and enthusiasm.



At the meeting of October 19, a new burst of spirit of friendship and progress was born. The meeting was a huge success. It was a combination social and business meeting. The consensus of opinion was that more of this type should be held and the practice of holding one such social and business meet-

ing every two months was adopted?

The meetings are held at the Italian-American Private Club in Narberth, Pa. Thanks to the efforts of Lou Volpi and Larry Redmond the hall is prepared for our exclusive use. The atmosphere is conducive to happy times. A bar for liquid refreshments is open all night. Genial host Lou Volpi caters the food department for the evening and that means loads of good food with all the trimmings. What makes these evenings better are the women folk join us and make themselves at home while the men conduct the business portion of the evening. The juke box played all night and the dancing and singing kept pace. It was a swell meeting and more will be held. All Thunderbolts in our area are invited to these Saturday night socials. Check with Larry Redmond for the dates.

Among those present were the Al Belvederes, the Joe Ponzis, Bill Murray, the Ed Paulinos, the Larry Redmonds, Art Federici and his girl friend, the Bill Hoolans, the Bill Latrentas, the Lou Volpis, the Bill Pughs, the Les Haucks and the Rosenbergs.

The dart board contest for the evening was won by Charley Tilsner, who with his lovely wife, Martha, can be counted on to attend and support all Philadelphia projects. We sorely missed the Frank McGrogans who were attending a wedding reception but we know that they will make every other social.

The joke telling and story relating period wound up in a regular "G.I. Bull Session", with the regulars recounting stories and tales of past reunions. We all laughed when recounting the "dribble glass" experience of our General, and the "Suran Wrap" escapade.

Our business portion of the evening

was as usual pointed toward making plans to attend the next reunion in Providence, Rhode Island. Wait 'til you see the Philadelphia Chapter people with their new look. We know that we will be the envy of everyone. Final plans were made for our annual installation of officers banquet which will be held on January 25, 1964, at the Venus Lounge in Philadelphia. For a very, very nominal charge a huge evening of banqueting, drinking, dancing and a first class entertainment is planned. This affair will probably be a sell-out as in the past. So to Thunderbolts, please make your reservations early. Contact Larry Redmond at 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa., for tickets. As an encore another gala affair is being planned in May, 1964, to delight the Philadelphia Chapter members. This will be the biggest and best ever. More on our Maytime Frolic will develop later.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

## Attention All Thunderbolts

There was an insertion in the last issue of your Thunderbolt regarding a proposed trip back to the scenes of our combat areas and I promised that I'd pass the information on to you as I got it. The next issue of Thunderbolt, due early in March, will have all the information but, for now, following is what I've learned up to date in a letter I've received from Cliff Unbekant of the Bohl Tours in Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Harry,

Returned a short time ago from a 46-day trip to Europe and the Middle East. From 9/4 to 10/5 in Europe and from 10/5 to 10/27 in an Iberian Tour. Needless to say I was extremely happy to get back.

While in Europe I visited Omaha Beach again with a small group.

There are special group fares based on an organization such as ours (83rd Inf. Div. Assn.) that come under the reduced rates of 25 or more people. This way you do not require a large mob.

There are hotels (reasonable) at Caen, etc. that would make an interesting tour of the Normandy/Brittany area I will get some information soon and send it to you.

Cliff Unbekant  
83rd Signal

(Ed. Note) I've been extended a very gracious invitation to visit with Cliff Unbekant at his home which I shall accept. I'm sure the visit will be fruitful and that much more can be achieved, regarding the trip overseas, than can be gotten through correspondence. Will try to have a complete report in the next issue.



## "Frankly Speaking"

Dear Buddies:

This is the time of year when all "THUNDERBOLTS" should turn their thoughts to one and all of their former 83rd Division Buddies. What greater thrill is there than to hear from your old buddy? A Christmas card may be the very instrument that will renew old, friendly feelings. A small investment that will yield great dividends will be the season's greeting card that you send your "BUDDY".



Our one big hope is that the forthcoming year will see our entire membership devoting itself to the task of increasing our membership rolls. With such a huge and vast membership of former "THUNDERBOLTS" to draw on, it would take but a concerted unified effort by enthusiastic members to swell our National Association Roster.

This annual campaign for new members will always be with us. Each year, although we gain new members, our old members drop out. Our capable Secretary-Treasurer, Harry W. Lockwood, will be the pilot around whom we will gather to fight for new members. Harry has numerous lists of rosters of men who were attached to the 83rd Division. His company rosters are the results of men, who in the past have sent in partial lists of men who served with the Division. Harry Lockwood will provide any and all men with company rosters, listing last known addresses.

One man campaigns using these lists will help add to the new members we will enroll. Let each man do his small bit and we will be successful. To break it down more simply, if each man will just add to our membership roll, one new member, we will have a successful year and hit that magic number of one thousand members.

If you have not paid your association dues as yet send in a check or money order for (\$5.00) payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association to Harry W. Lockwood today. "THANKS".

## What Happened?

There were no articles received from the Warren and Miami Valley Chapters for this issue of Thunderbolt so, on behalf of the men and women of those chapters, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year is extended to all 83rders everywhere.

## Co. G-331 Reports

By Lee Titus

It is a pleasure to report to you men of G Co. that through the month of October, we have a total of 23 paid up members. Here is a list of them for the benefit of our task force so that they won't dun them again.

BAIRD - BERLET - BRUCE - CARRIERE - COSTANZO - FLANARY - GABRIEL - GAYNOR - KUZMA - MURPHY - PANGLE - PHILLIPONE - PIETTE - RUNG - SCHWARTZ - SPEER - TERINGO - TITUS - TUTTLE - WHEELER - BUSH - CORDER - SINGLETON.

A tip of the old G Co. hat goes to Mort Gaynor who again came through with an extra five dollars to pay a less fortunate member's dues. Mort has been doing this for many years now. Thanks Mort, we appreciate it.

Also a tip of the hat to Joe Kuzma, who has already written many letters in an effort to get some new members signed up. We gave Joe a list of men with addresses that are eighteen years old and this is quite a job trying to locate the lost members.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith of Santa Cruz, California on the birth of their son John on Sept. 1, 1963.

For those of you who haven't seen Bob Piette for a long time, a picture of this wonderful guy will be in this issue of the Thunderbolt. As everyone knows by now, Bob was elected president of the 331st Regiment in Indianapolis and we are all very proud of him.

Well fellows, that's all for now. If your name isn't listed in this article, you haven't paid your dues yet so please sit down right away and send it in to Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey so that by August of 1964, we will be so far ahead of that old goat Vic Landis and his bunch of F Co.-329 boys that they will never pass us up in the membership department.

On behalf of all of the wonderful families of Co. G-331st — Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone in the 83rd.

## Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Smith, 109 Maple Ave., Santa Cruz, Calif. on the birth of a son on September 1, last.

The little fellow weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 oz., was 21 inches long and they have named him John Jacob Edward Smith.

His dad is Jacob D. Smith, formerly a member of Co. G-331, a Good Will Industries employee.



— MORE FROM THE REUNION —



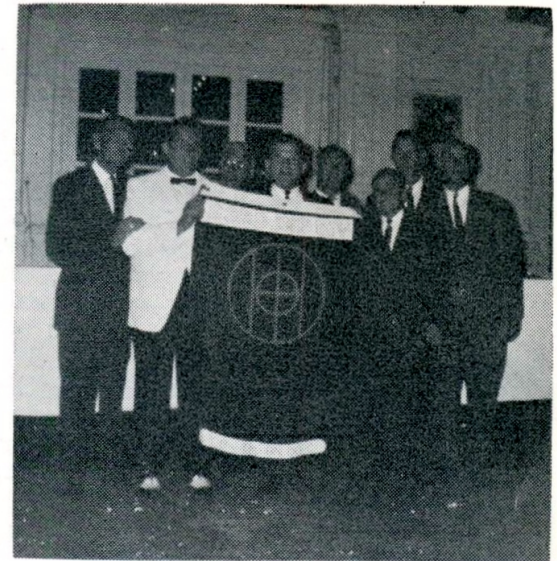
Parade Led By The Shriners



Co. I-329 and Their Ladies.



Just A Happy, Dancing Crowd.



Company C 308th Engr. Men Present at the 1963 Reunion in Indianapolis. Left to right: Cecil Walters, John Robinette, Louis Meyers, Bernard Mendelsohn, Carson Deck, John J. Bamonte, John Law, Lester Hauck. Not pictured, Clifton Wooldridge.







Lucy and Lou Volpi, Harry Deming and Mary and Larry Redmond.



The Ladies Went To The Theater.



Dot Pacheco, Louise Costa, Denise Raikos, Beverly Raikos, Police Chief Norman Bowers, Andy Raikos, Freddy Costa in Indianapolis.

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

**The Gang From Philly.**



**BOB MARTIN NAMED YDC HEAD**

Robert G. Martin of 503 Homewood Ave., Burlington, N. C. was named as president of the Alamance County Young Democratic Club, immediately succeeding Robert L. Nance of Route 1, Burlington.

Mr. Martin was elected during the annual meeting of the club, held at the Holiday Inn Restaurant. Serving with him for the coming year will be Connor Jones of Graham, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Hargrave of Burlington, vice-president; Mrs. Mignon Hardea of Graham, secretary and Lonnie I. Carey of Burlington, treasurer.

Mr. Martin, owner and operator of Martin's Home Improvement Co., moved up from vice-president of the club. He has been a resident of Burlington since 1948 and is a native of Virginia. He is a member of the Masons and Shrine Club and president of the Dixie Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.



## Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo

On November 2nd we had a get together at the Italian American Club in Malden and had a very nice time. We had a very fine buffet put on by Pat's brother Frank and his wife, Margaret. There were some new faces present, such as the Smiths from Lynn and his brother and wife. Glad they could come.



Father Spike was at his best and we must thank Pat and Ginny for putting on such a fine affair.

We all had such a fine time that I had to sleep all day Sunday to get over the shakes.

Jigs Elie came in and Ginny took his car keys hoping he would stay awhile but he must have had another set of keys as he took off in a little while anyway.

Among those present were Ray and Flora Bjork, Mr. and Mrs. Amby Tynan, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Caprio and his gang from Providence, R. I., Pat's group from Malden, my bunch from Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arrigo, from Norwood, Mass. who did not want to go home, Mr. and Mrs. Amicone, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Tessitore, Chuck Abdinoor who was in his usual good form and so many others too numerous to mention. About 110 in all.

Plans for a Christmas party are now in the making at the same place. Hope to see you all again.

With Christmas just around the corner I would like to wish all the men and women of the Boston Chapter and the men and women of the Division Association a most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Flora and Ray Bjork



Mary Francullo, Ernest Smith and Nick Francullo.



Talking over old times; Bjork, Tynan and Donohue.



Our great bartenders; Tony, Nick and Frank.





Jiggs, we love you; Mary, Ann and Ginny.



Waiting for the gang; Phil and Chris Pappa, Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino.



Getting the lowdown from Father Spike; Nick, Father Spike, Ginny and Frances.



Some of the happy Providence group.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

Entertaining was a full time job with Jim Burton. Jim, formerly a mortarman in Co. D-329 entertained the Jerries with 81mm. fireworks when his outfit was on the line and then spent his short rest periods singing and dancing for the GI's.

Ed. note: Jim is still entertaining his buddies and their families at the reunion each year and doing a wonderful job.

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The cooks of Co. G-330 were anticipating a comfortable night's sleep after moving in on the second floor of a large farmhouse but their plans fell through when, as the last hash-burner was turning in the floor gave way and all landed on the floor below cussing, swearing and in a mell of a hess.

This left them in quite a stew but they soon simmered down and business went on as usual next year.

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The hard hitting Recon Troops proved their ability to fight during the Ardenne offensive.

When waist high snow drifts made motor reconnaissance impossible the job of holding assembly areas and acting as flank support for regular infantry fell to Capt. Heister Drum and his Recon Troops.

Their mission was to flush the enemy from a patch of woods and wait until the infantry forced more to retreat in their direction.

The first job had to be accomplished in a hurry to give the retreating Krauts the impression that they were backing into a friendly woods instead of one filled with Recon men.

With machine guns it took ten minutes to rout them from their positions.

Taking over the enemy emplacements they waited for the infantry to drive the retreating company in their direction.

Within a half hour, as they started across an open field, the recon opened up on them and, needless to say, it was a very one-sided fight.

All of which proves, you can't con the Recon.

## Attention All 83rders

All copies of THUNDERBOLT ACROSS EUROPE have been sold and there are no more available.

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We still have on sale 83rd Division Insignia cuff links at \$3.00 per set and 83rd Division Insignia Tie tacks at \$2.00 each.

Also decals for your car window at \$.25 each.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Received my copy of Thunderbolt and enjoyed reading it very much.

Read that Bud Everhart was concerned why Co. G-330 was never mentioned in T'bolt and actually I wondered the same way about Co. F-331. Now I know. If someone does not send in news it surely cannot be printed. So come on you fellows from F-331 let's let them know we were part of the 83rd; send in news, pay your dues and become part of the greatest bunch of guys I have ever known.

Never knew Bud Everhart till the reunion but today Bud and I are good friends. I have gotten three letters from Bud and we are planning a get together one day.

If any of you F-331 fellows will write to me I promise I will answer happily.

I would like to mention that the reunion was the nicest time my wife and I ever had and we met such nice people. The Duane Christiansens from Nebraska and Elwood Kreger, my old buddy from the hedgerows and his family and many others.

If all you Co. F men will help me we will make ourselves known by getting mentioned in Thunderbolt more often.

I might also say the \$5.00 a year you pay dues in the Association is well worth it.

Will sign off in the hope that Co. F gets rolling; write to your buddies and explain what a wonderful association we have and perhaps in the near future we can be among the leaders in paid up membership.

God bless you all.

J. B. Harris  
Box 371,  
Guin, Alabama 35563

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Dear Harry,

Sorry I could not make the reunion and even more sorry I can not be more active in the association. I'm sure you all had a wonderful time and hope I can be with you next year.

Enclosed find check for dues and best regards to all.

Frank Todd — Service Co. 389  
12 Brownell Place  
Staten Island, New York

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Dear Harry,

Sorry I missed the last reunion but just couldn't make it.

Enclosed is my check for dues and hope to see you all next year in Providence.

Best wishes to you and all my buddies of Co. G-329.

Francis C. Murphy  
Darlington  
Maryland

Dear Sir,

This is to let you know, after hearing on our local radio station, WICC, that my husband, George M. Fuchs, served with Co. B-330th Infantry, 83rd Division, from October, 1942 until January, 1945, being overseas more than 18 months.

He would like to hear from others who were in his old outfit.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. George (Dorothy) Fuchs  
120 Ash Street,  
Stratford, Conn. (Lordship)

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Dear Harry,

Had hopes of making it to Indianapolis in August but changed jobs the latter part of July and could not get a vacation. Would have been nice to be there as I practically considered it my second home. Enclosed find check for dues.

Hope there was a fine turnout of Co. M-330 men.

Keeping my fingers crossed for next year.

Sincerely,  
Bill Leader  
720 S. 13th St.,  
Columbia, Penna.

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Dear Harry,

Sorry I couldn't make the reunion this year.

Have finally opened my own cocktail lounge on U. S. Highway 9, Woodbridge, N. J. called the HONEY BEE INN (formerly Espo's), just south of exit 11 on the New Jersey Turnpike.

Joe Chiera  
P.O. Box 462  
Perth Amboy, N. J.

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Dear Harry,

Due to a previous commitment I was unable to attend the past reunion in Indianapolis. First one I've missed in eight years. Looking forward to next year in Providence.

Enclosed is my dues for this year, hope you are in the best of health and regards to all.

Ed St. Lawrence — Co. B-329  
2814 31st Street  
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen,

Enclosed please find my dues for this year.

Sorry I could not make the reunion. Say hello to all my buddies from Co. B-329.

John J. Micheli  
Box 278  
Wells, Nevada



Dear Harry,

Please renew my membership in the Association for the coming year.

We were unable to attend this year's reunion but will make every endeavor to be at the next one.

My family and I sure enjoyed the 1962 reunion in Atlantic City and wish to express our gratitude to you and the others who have made it possible to keep in touch with other members of the 83rd.

Will do my best to inform as many of my old buddies as possible and try to encourage them to join our fine organization.

Regards and best wishes to all.

Martin Recknagel — Co. M-331  
19 Cowles Street  
Hartford, Conn.

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Dear Sir,

Inquiring about your "Operation Man-hunt". Heard a broadcast over WICC Radio in Fairfield, Conn.

I was with the Co. A-330th Infantry.

Samuel J. Heffner, Jr.  
17 Hill Street  
Norwalk, Conn.

Following is a condensed version of an article found in the Second Army Sentinel.

## 83rd Shatters Old Records

Ohio's 83rd Infantry "Thunderbolt" Division achieved its highest award for combat effectiveness in recent years, it was announced on Tuesday, July 23, by Headquarters XX Corps.

Recently returned from active duty training at Camps Pickett and A. P. Hill, Virginia, 30 units of the 83rd attained SUPERIOR ratings in the military evaluation of umpires who swarmed over, through and into every facet of the organization's status of training. This record was attained despite the recent reorganization of many of the Division's units.

From a total of 7,929 inspections on unit readiness and performance 83rd Division units received 1,804 "superiors" and 5,542 "excellents".

A new training phase for the 83rd will be initiated as a result of the 1963 annual active duty.

Major Gen. Andrew R. Lolli, commander XX Corps, expressed deep satisfaction with the 83rd Division's record of achievement this year at annual active duty training.

From zero superior ratings in 1961 to seven in 1962 to 30 in 1963 is a commendable achievement. This outstanding record of improvement in combat readiness sets an example to all other Army units. Only superior leadership, good management and hard work can accomplish results like this.

The 83rd Infantry Division is commanded by Maj. Gen. Harold F. Harding. Assistant Division commanders are Brig. Gen. Raymond E. Mason, Jr. and Brig. Gen. Louis D. Wolf.

## OBITUARY

John H. Fowler, 112 Walnut Street, Watertown, Mass. died on August 29, 1963. He had been ill in the Veterans Hospital for more than a year before he died. He was given a military funeral and buried with honors in Calvary Cemetery in Waltham, Mass.

John was a sergeant in Battery C-323rd Field Artillery Battalion during World War II and a member of the Boston Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

His old buddies and personal friends, Maurice Candido, Louis Frederick, John Piscitelli, Vincent Tessitore, Anthony Piantedosi and Domenick Christopher, along with many others of Battery C who knew him, and the men of the Boston Chapter join the men of the Division Association in extending sympathy and condolences to John's family and friends in their bereavement.

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We were extremely sorry to learn of the death of Robert E. Blackburn, 1633 Marquette Road, Joliet, Illinois who died on May 5, 1963.

Robert was formerly a lieutenant in Battery C-323rd Field Artillery Battalion and its executive officer.

The men of Battery C, along with those of the Division Association join in the sorrow of the family of Robert, a good soldier and also a good friend to the men in his Battery.

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Robert Caine, of Melrose, Mass. died in Veterans Hospital in Boston, Mass. on October 19, last of a brain hemorrhage.

Bob was sergeant in Communications section of Regt. Hq.-329 and was known as "Caino" to his many friends.

He entered Veterans Hospital about a month before his death with a lump on his hip which later paralyzed that part of his body.

To those of us who were in the communications section of Regt. Hq.-329 Bob's death is quite a shock as his happy-go-lucky, nothing bothers me attitude was always helping someone over the rough spots.

He was buried in uniform with a full military funeral.

May we extend our sympathy to his mother and those relatives and friends he left behind and from those of us who knew him so intimately "Rest in peace, old buddy".



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