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## The President's Corner

Manuel C. Martin  
Co. F-329

As my tenure of office reaches the half way mark it disturbs me, deeply, that though membership is running



about par with other years there are still some 220 last year members who have not paid dues yet for this year. This and this alone is the reason that this Association is not one of the largest of its kind in the country.

Your Association officers have been concerned with this problem for a number of years and cannot understand why a man is proud to be a member one year and the very next year he neglects to send in his dues and even acts like he never heard of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

This organization can be as good and as big as you want it to be and if every man we have had on the books over the years had sent in his dues annually perhaps the Association would have been in a position, financially, to offer benefits, of some sort to its members. Please do not shirk your duty, dues are now due, please, please send yours in. Do it now.

Adeline and I hit the turnpikes on Friday, January 24th to attend the Philadelphia Chapter banquet on Saturday, January 25th. As always, it gave us a most wonderful feeling to spend a day or two with these grand people. It kind of acts like a tonic to us to be able to see all our friends between reunions. We really missed Dave and Ann Rosenberg and sincerely hope that at the time this

Thunderbolt goes to press that Dave has fully recovered from his illness and is once again his jovial self. We wish to thank the Philadelphia Chapter for their kind invitation, a truly wonderful time and the warmth of their welcome that made us feel right at home.

In this issue of Thunderbolt is an application blank for ads to be printed in the program book for this year's reunion and even your dollar booster ads will help, and are extremely welcome.

The Fall River Chapter has been hard at work for two years running many different affairs to raise funds for this reunion and, though we have a substantial amount of money in the kitty, we ask that you remember that many of the functions we have planned for you are costing us as much as a whole convention, less the banquet, has cost in previous years. Therefore we are soliciting the support of the people who would like to advertise in our program book.

Please mail your ad copy and checks to me, Manuel C. Martin, 424 Freestone St., Fall River, Mass. Make your checks payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Until the next issue all the best to all Thunderbolts, and their families everywhere, from Manny Martin.

The TOP TEN in paid up membership as of the time this Thunderbolt went to press were:

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323 FA .....	17
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## The Chaplain's Corner

Dear buddies of our  
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.:

This month we observe the birthdays  
of two great Americans, namely — Ab-  
raham Lincoln and George Washington.  
Some writers sum-  
med up the memory  
of the two as Wash-  
ington "saved his  
country" and Lin-  
coln "died for his  
country."



Yes, these state-  
ments are so appro-  
priately given but  
don't you too in the  
back of your mind  
even revere more  
the little kind things  
each done or ac-  
complished that  
makes one feel even more proud of their  
lives.

May we but a bit recall the little kind  
stories about both—aren't those the fin-  
ner moments and best examples.

In the case of LINCOLN, may we put  
it the way of the writer who wrote: "I  
like to think of Lincoln's stopping to  
chat with an old man who stood barefoot  
and shivering on a frosty morning, try-  
ing to earn a dollar chopping wood so  
that he might buy some shoes. It was  
illness, not idleness, that had caused the  
man's destitute condition. Lincoln strip-  
ped off his coat, told the old man to go  
home, and get warm, and with the pow-  
erful ax swing of the rail splitter, fin-

ished his job for him."

or:

"I like to think of Lincoln riding cir-  
cuit with other Illinois lawyers, ignoring  
their amused gibes when he got off his  
horse to search for a robin's nest from  
which two tiny robins had been blown  
by a brisk spring wind."

"I like to think of Lincoln picking his  
way through the mire to release a  
squealing pig caught under a fence —  
partly to spare the feelings of the pig  
and partly to save the food supply of a  
stranger. In a certain sense even a  
stranger was a neighbor.

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In the case of WASHINGTON, Rev.  
J. F. Carson, D.D. in comparing the  
leadership in the world with Washing-  
ton said, "In what position would you  
place Washington with other great men  
— Napoleon, Alexander, or Hannibal?"  
"What would you say of Washington's  
military genius, compared with the  
above named?"

"I can tell you the difference between  
Washington and Napoleon, Alexander,  
and Hannibal. They rose to heights by  
stepping upon and putting down all  
others, while Washington rose to fame  
by reaching down and lifting up all  
others."

Who is great in God's sight? Why, to  
be sure, the little fellow who does lit-  
tle kind and Godly things for others —  
his reward shall be in Heaven.

May God bless you all.

William O. "Bill" Shuman  
Divarty

## Down the National Publicity Trail

By Vic Landis, F-329

As of this writing, some 1500 radio  
stations are blaring out the good word,  
in regards to our search for some 30,000  
of our former members. Many of the  
nation's television stations are also  
carrying the deal. In the coming months,  
every paper in the land will publish a  
release and all television stations will  
throw it on their screen. If a former  
member of the old 83rd does not see or  
hear it or read about the deal, he should  
have his head examined.

I have received hundreds of confirma-  
tions of the newscasts and many of them  
are broadcast for weeks. Also, have re-  
ceived dub in tape recordings of the  
actual broadcasts.

Am again securing Unietd Press Wire  
releases and hope to get many more.  
Some five years, I have been striving to  
get a national magazine to cover our  
reunion. Believe I will make it this year.  
Strings will have to be pulled, palms will  
have to be greased and perhaps a few  
noses punched. Will try them all.



## Your Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood  
Regt. Hq. - 329

### IT'S THE TEAM THAT WINS

Individualism may play a very small part but it's the team that wins. This is true in a battle, a game, a business enterprise and in all walks of life including your 83rd Infantry Division Association.



There are a few individuals, in your Association, who do their best to keep the Association alive and functioning as a well balanced unit and, I might say that, over the years they have done a pretty good job at-

tested to by the fact that the Association is strong and financially solvent.

Occasionally, they get a little help from others who take the time and effort to write to buddies, extolling the virtues of membership in the Association, but, in the main, the burden of your Association rests in the hands of this small group.

This group has asked for your cooperation a number of times with very ungratifying results. No team is any better than its reserve strength and, with the cooperation of those reserves, any team can become an almost unbeatable unit so, once again, we are asking your cooperation; pay your dues, write to your buddies, come to the Reunion when possible and revel in the satisfaction of achievement.

The 83rd Infantry Division, with its attached units comprised of more than 30,000 men, did itself proud and amassed an enviable record in World War II and, I'm sure, most of you who wore the division patch on your uniform were proud to be a part of that fighting team.

If you were proud to belong to the 83rd Infantry Division then I know you are equally proud to belong to the 83rd Infantry Division Association now so, if you haven't yet paid your Association dues for this year, do it now. We are proud to have you as a member.

### Attention Members Of Co. A-331

William W. Barr, of 68 Knobley St., Ridgeley, West Virginia, would like the address of your old First Sgt. Bernard Harris.

Harris's last known address was somewhere in Massachusetts.

Anyone having the address wanted get in touch with Barr. I'm sure he will appreciate hearing from you.

## A Little From Your Secretary Regarding Membership

When this issue of Thunderbolt went to press our total membership was 585 with still about 220 last year's members to be heard from.

That figure—585—may look good to many of you but when you consider the cost of operating an organization such as ours we need quite a few more than that figure to cover expenses for the year.

Five issues of Thunderbolt, postage, printing and stationery and many incidentals all add up to well over 600 members to break even, and, with the total paid up membership last year being 680 the 220 unpaid, at this time, represents approximately **ONE THIRD** of that number.

One third unpaid membership, in any organization, is a staggering amount and the only thing to offset that, to any extent, is the fact that we pick up quite a number of new members at the reunion each year.

Gentlemen, I grant you, statistics are boring and I hope you will forgive me for taking up your time but the more you know about your association the more you'll realize the importance of sending in your dues.

Many of you have received two or three notices up to now so please, if you can see your way clear, send in your dues as soon as possible.

Look at your membership card, it should read "Expires - Aug. '64", if not **YOUR DUES ARE DUE.**

Members who joined the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt.

Walter J. Geüdtner, Jr., 28041 South Golden Meadow Drive, Palos Verdes, California—Co. G-329.

Walter F. Merriman, Box 86, RD 3, Wexford, Pa.—Co. K-331.

Walter A. Cummings, 148 North Duke St., Lancaster, Pa.—Co. C-330.

Leonard Phillippi, Box 84, Jewett, Illinois—Medics-330.

George M. Fuchs, Jr., 120 Ash St., Stratford, Conn.—Co. B-330.

Charles Mulholland, 23 East Stephen Drive, Newark, Delaware—Co. G-331.

William W. Barr, 68 Knobley St., Ridgeley, West Virginia—Co. A-331.

Charles Mulholland is State Commander of the VFW in the State of Delaware.

Peter McNamara, 35 Elton Road, West Yarmouth, Mass.—Btry. C-323, FA.

Raymond J. Martinak, Route 1, Box 337, Albany, Oregon—Co. A-331.

Howard D. McLaughlin, 677 Garden St., Bristol, Penna. — Quartermaster.

Sidney Barnett, Oak Grove, Louisiana.



## Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco  
Cos. L & M-331

To all the kind and thoughtful people of our Association who sent the Mrs. and I Christmas greeting cards, thank you and God bless you all. I hope everyone was in good health and enjoyed the holidays.



By now everyone should be back to normal and I'm hoping you are all planning to attend the 18th annual reunion in Providence on August 20, 21 and 22 at the Hotel Sheraton-Biltmore.

Believe me, it will really be a humdinger. The Fall River Chapter has gone all out to give you the finest reunion ever; we're hoping for a big turnout and those who miss this one will really regret it. Those who come will never forget it. This is the BIG one.

Lillian Bowers (Mrs. Norman Bowers) was hospitalized recently. Members of the Chapter visited Lil at the hospital and found her in high spirits and, although quite ill, she had a bright, warm smile for all who came. She's quite a trooper, that gal.

Hard Luck Henry Cyr did it again; had another accident. Trying to adjust a snow plow to his truck it slipped; result — Hank's face was badly bruised, the plow dug fairly deep into his leg just above the kneecap requiring twelve stitches to close the wound and a badly bruised ankle. With all this he still made himself available with a helping hand at our Christmas party.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Miguel Corte Real Club on Dec. 14, 1963 and was a tremendous success due to the wonderful support from the members and their wives who sold the tickets for the party and hundreds of raffle books.

Hats off and a vote of thanks to the ladies who did such a splendid job decorating the buffet table. Although dressed like dolls they put on aprons and went to work like they usually do. So thanks very much to Adeline Martin, Dot Pacheco, Louise Costa, Jo Pacheco and Mary Redmond.

The Fall River Chapter was honored by the presence of Larry and Mary Redmond who drove up from Havertown, Pa. especially to be with us at our affair. They were warmly welcomed by all and I'm sure they had a wonderful time.

## MOONLIGHT SAIL



Bartenders? Freddy Costa and Manny Martin.



Everyone had a ball.



Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cyr with Norm Bowers on the extreme right.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



Jo and John Pacheco, Lucy and Ernie Nunes, Joyce, Rose and Elaine Pacheco, Barbara Cabral, Gerry Conte. The three girls on the right attend all our affairs.



Mary was chosen to draw the winning numbers from our raffle the winners being Mrs. Rose Pacheco, my stepmother, who won first prize of \$100. with the second and third prizes of \$25, each going to Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Barthelemy and Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Larue. Thank you Mary for your cooperation, I'm sure you made these people very happy, although I played the part of Santa Claus, you were the real Santa to these people and they extend to you their thanks also.

There also was an exchange of gifts among all who were present.

The members and their ladies of the Chapter presented Manny and Adeline Martin with a beautiful set of stainless steel flatware and a stainless steel serving set to match in appreciation for their kindness and consideration shown us during our meetings and socials at their home this past year.

In the last issue of Thunderbolt I forgot to mention the slate of officers for the ensuing year. They are: Manny Martin, president; Joseph Correia, vice president; Manny Pacheco, secretary-treasurer; Pierre Barthelemy, chaplain; John Bernard, Jr., sergeant-at-arms.

I'm very glad to mention that Frank Rapoza was voted in as honorary member and I'm sure that Frank will be an asset to our Chapter. His charming wife, Lorraine, is quite a gal with a wonderful sense of humor. Welcome to the Chapter, folks, we hope to make your membership a pleasant one.

The following pictures were taken at our Moonlight Sail and Christmas party.

May I remind you, once again, to start making your plans for the reunion come August we don't want to see anyone left out or disappointed.

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

P.S. The Fall River Chapter will hold a ham, chourico and bean supper on Saturday, March 21, 1964 at the Miguel Corte Real Club, off Mt. Hope Ave. in Fall River.

Supper 6-8 p.m., dancing 8 to midnight. We expect this affair to be a sell-out so please get your tickets early.



Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Barthelemy, Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Larue, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rapoza.



Cecilia Bernard on the left with Adeline Martin, Larry Redmond, Mary Redmond and party guests reading from right front to rear.

#### A Presentation.



Joe Correia, Adeline and Manny Martin, Dot Pacheco, Norm Bowers arguing with the mike and Jo Pacheco



The Monkey Dance—Elaine Pacheco, Barbara Cabral, Bebe, Band Leader and Gerry Conte.

#### Just Reminiscing

Phil Wiggerhauser, Co. G-331, in spite of his age (37 in 1945) is as agile as anyone in his company. During the fight for Nixhutte, Germany, Wiggerhauser saw a German cyclist coming down the road. As he came closer Phil noticed he was a non-com. One well placed round from his carbine, one German less to contend with. (Editor's note: Nice shooting, Phil.)

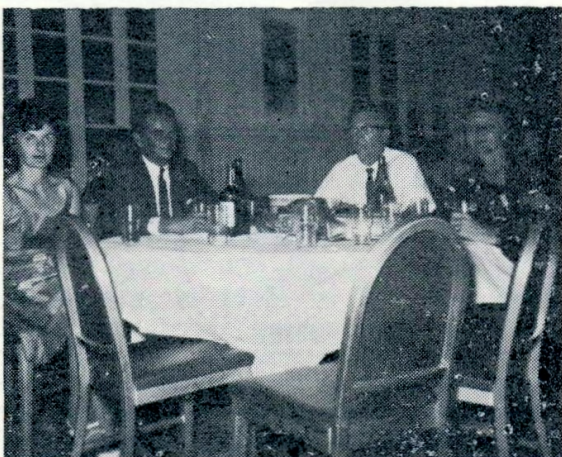


## Detroit Chapter News

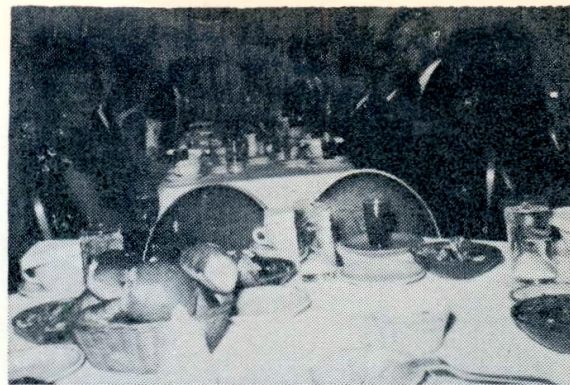
Well, here we are starting a new year once again. I hope that this will be the greatest year in our Association's history. There isn't much to report at this time. We had a nice get together over at Nick and Sylvia Barbu's home at our annual Christmas party. They sure did a great job of entertaining all the folks. The boys came up from Cleveland for the football game between the Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Browns. I'll say one thing about those guys they are sure good losers. It was sure good to see Ray Voracek, Joe Minotti and Lee Titus and their buddies. As you know there is never a dull moment with those three guys around. We are hoping to put on a spaghetti dinner some time in April to swell up our meager bank account. We have two good chefs in Bill Palazzolo and Nick Barbu. Steve Benson is letting the chapter use his bar to put the dinner on. I hope that some of you folks that live nearby can make the dinner. The date is April 12, 1964. For more information write to me, Jack Daugherty, 19920 Inkster Road, Romulus, Michigan. I hope that Walt and Barbara Marks can make it. I hope that Barbara is still in there fighting. I know Barbara that you and I are going to dance at the next convention. Talking about the next convention the boys here are talking about making the convention and taking in the World's Fair. This is a good time to tell the boys of the Detroit Chapter that haven't been making the meetings to try to get to the next one. They still take place the first Tuesday of the month.

Your buddy,  
Jack Daugherty  
Co. L-329th

P.S. Enclosed are pictures taken at Indianapolis convention on the night of the banquet.



Mrs. Sylvia Barbu, Jack Daugherty, Walter and Barbara Marks.



L - Barbara and Walter Marks, Mrs. Jack Daugherty; R - front to rear, Richard Marks, George Barbu, his friend, and Sylvia and Nick Barbu. These pictures were taken at the reunion last year in Indianapolis. (Ed. note—Remember Barbara, you promised me a dance at the next reunion so your complete recovery is of much concern to me.)

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Received the Thunderbolt and enjoyed it very much.

Ran into an old buddy from Co. H-331 and gave him all copies of Thunderbolt I had on hand and hope he will join the Association in the near future.

Been trying to get to a reunion but it is impossible to get a week off at that time due to a lack of seniority.

Would like to hear from some of the boys from Co. G-331 who played with me on the softball team and also some of those who played baseball for 2nd Bn.-331st.

Enclosed are my dues for this year. Best regards and good health.

Albert J. Suess  
2731 Shelby St.  
Pittsburgh 3, Penna.  
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Dear Harry,

So sorry I missed the last reunion as I was planning on the visit to Old Mudbury with the gang.

Really enjoy reading Thunderbolt. Keep them coming.

Best of luck to you, all my old buddies and to the Association.

Enclosed is my check for dues.

George Trebonyak Co. F-329  
1630 Cleveland  
Lincoln Park, Michigan  
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Dear Harry,

Enclosed are my dues for 1964. Thought the last issue of Thunderbolt was an exceptionally fine one and that everyone, after reading it, most certainly would want to pay his dues to keep our fine organization going. Hope I'm right, and hope to see you all in Providence.

Arthur E. Moran  
Hq. Co. - 3rd Bn.-331



## Doings At The Warren, Ohio, Chapter

By Mike Skovran  
Hq. 1st Bn.-331

The monthly meetings of the Warren Chapter are still being held the third Wednesday of each month at Alex's Cafe, here in Warren. As usual, an invitation is extended to all Thunderbolts everywhere, by Chapter President Dick Kelly, to drop in and spend an evening with us if you are ever in the vicinity.

The Warren Chapter Ladies Auxiliary once again spent their hard earned money to treat the boys to a Christmas dinner during the recent holiday season and we want all those wonderful gals to know we appreciate it greatly and enjoyed the meal tremendously.

With the passing of the football and basketball season, the Warren Chapter is looking forward to and planning for golfing, picnicking and all other summer activities. Any of the other chapters desiring to hold a combined picnic and outing with us is invited to do so and toward the end of summer comes the biggest event of the year, our national reunion.

Everyone is waiting for the reunion, anxiously waiting, especially for the "Moonlight Cruise with Booze" with or without Sammy Kaye. This convention promises to be another great one, if not the greatest of them all so let's give that Fall River, Mass. gang, who are putting the show in Providence, all the help we can.

As of this writing there still is not anything to report on the Warren-Cleveland Chapters bowling match, namely because it hasn't come off. Come on Cleveland, let's go!

Warren Chit-Chat:

Johnny Teringo is recuperating at home following a three-week sojourn in Warren's Trumbull Memorial Hospital. It seems that John and Olga's New Year's Eve celebrating got the best of John as he entered the hospital bright and early New Year's Day. We are happy to report that John is well on the road to complete recovery.

Joe and Dimples Minotti are the proud grandparents of a bouncing baby girl born to their lovely daughter, Laura. The only thing wrong with being a grandfather Joe is that you have to live with a grandmother, or is it the other way around.

Just a reminder to all Thunderbolts to watch the next college All-Star professional game held in August at Soldier's Field in Chicago. The fine Warren G. Harding High School band of Warren will do the half-time honors. Be especially watchful for the twin sons of Mary and Joe Nuzzi.

That is about all there is to report

from Warren for this time, except due to that fact that we didn't get to extend holiday greetings to everyone in the last Thunderbolt, we'll look ahead and extend to everyone now, Happy Easter Tidings.

## Cleveland Chapter News

By Ray Voracek Hq. Btry. 324 FA

The Cleveland crew enjoyed the holidays with a Christmas party at the Casey Szubski home.

The annual spirits raffle was held then and Chester Czech had the honor of selling the big winner. All proceeds are in the bank and will be put to good use at the Providence reunion which, by all indications so far, most of us will be able to attend.

Earlier in December, Lee Titus, Joe Minotti and myself were guests of the Detroit gang at the Cleveland Browns-Detroit Lions football game, although our hosts were most hospitable, the less said about the game the better. Ed. Zerucha, Marion Muoio, Nick Barbu and Jack Daugherty massaged our wounds with plenty of food and spirits and, believe me, they were the only spirits we had left. Thanks again, fellas.

Our chapter, for the last year, has been holding monthly meetings at the homes of different members. This plan has worked out very well and having a hostess at the meeting assures us of a nice luncheon. The January meeting was held at the home of John and Joan Evans and plans for our annual dinner-dance were completed. The date is October 17, 1964 so we are giving notice to all to get to Cleveland that weekend for a gala affair, and, anyone who has been to any of our affairs in the past knows what a wonderful time we have. Right, Warren and Detroit?

February's meeting was election of officers and our new slate consists of Alfred Uridel, president; Robert Uher, vice-president and treasurer; George Krupicka, secretary. Al celebrated his re-election by supporting the poker game that followed the meeting but we're sure Al doesn't feel too badly as it was for a good cause. Casey and Laura Kowalec, being hosts, tried to line up our Chapter for a lawn planting party, come spring, but I'm not sure how much success they had.

Ed. Glinka is due for surgery this month on his old purple heart hand and we want to wish him a speedy recovery. Lou Rosolowski is recovering nicely from his recent bad bout with illness.

Time is passing so fast that it won't be too long till reunion time again and we will be able to extend greetings in person but, in the meantime, from all of us here a very Happy Easter to all of you.



## Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo Hq. 3rd Bn. - 330  
Hello Buddies,

Here we are in 1964; hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



We, of the Boston Chapter, had our Christmas party at the Italian American Citizens Club in Malden, Mass. on Dec. 14, 1963. In spite of the bad weather we had a real good turnout and when it was over the bad weather made no difference. We all saw Santa who gave us presents and a grand

and glorious time was had by all.

A raffle was held and a life sized French poodle was won by Mary McGinley of 14 Fairmount Place, Malden. Good luck, Mary, and don't forget to walk the dog. The poodle was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Amicone, of Malden, who could not attend the affair due to a death in the family. A turkey raffle was also held and won by Mr. and Mrs. John Amicone of Dorchester, Mass.

The food was an Italian buffet style and we must give thanks to Pat and Ginny Di Giammerino and Mary Francullo for getting it ready. Pat and Ginny put in a lot of nights getting it ready. Nice work, you two.

It was nice to see Mike Caprio again but sorry Vera, his side kick, couldn't make it. Gerry Di Battista and his wife, the Hot Pepper Queen, were in good form as were Mr. and Mrs. Branca and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Petrucci of Providence.

The Amby Tynans and Ray Bjorks had their usual good time meeting everyone and enjoying the festivities.

We were most pleasantly surprised to see Bernice Abdinoor and glad that Chuck could get her to come. And, of course, it was nice to see Silvio Allard (Mr. Potato Chips) and his wife who drove in from Gardner, Mass., which is quite a drive and we hope they had a good time.

The duties of Santa Claus were taken over by Ralph Ritchie, our singing friend and a most wonderful job he did. Thanks a million, Ralph. Al Tartaglia and his wife, from Providence, were there and seemed to be enjoying themselves.

We are happy to announce that Silvio and his wife let us know that their son, Richard, has become engaged to Miss Donna Jean Forrester of Gardner, Mass. The date of the wedding has not been set but we'll get the word in due time. Good luck to a couple of nice kids.



Our Boston Chapter Boys



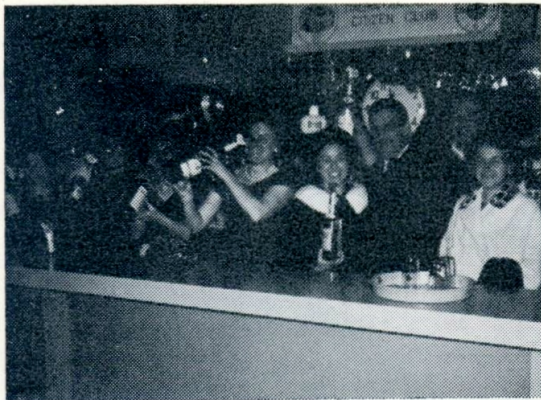
The lovely ladies of the Boston Chapter



Getting ready for a big night.

See by Lee Titus's G-331 News that John Teringo suffered a coronary. John, old fellow, take it a bit easier; all of us in the Association and your old buddies from G-331 wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you at the reunion in Providence.

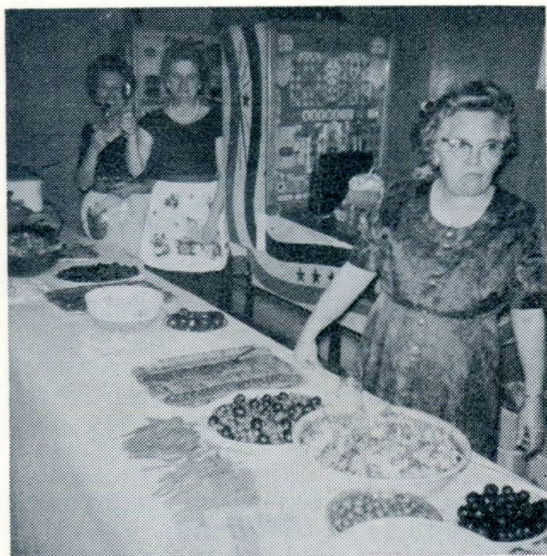




Our bartenders.



A happy night.



setting up some of the food.



Talking to Santa.

### Jim Hanrahan Seriously Ill

We've just received word that Col. Jim Hanrahan, former president, member and chairman of the executive board of the 83rd Division Association has been or still is seriously ill. We do hope that our former popular colonel is well on the way to recovery by the time he gets this Thunderbolt and that perhaps he may find something of interest and humor in it that may add a little bit of pleasure to his day. Hurry and get well, Jim, we're all pulling for you.

### Whiskey Cures Frostbite

Army hospitals near the front had one staple cure for frostbite—WHISKEY. Alcohol expands the blood vessels and increases circulation in frozen limbs.

So successful and so popular was the whiskey treatment that one doctor said: "It got so that every ambulance driver coming in claimed he was a frostbite case. (Ed. note: Also good for snake bite.)"

### BOB YORK NOW MAJ. GENERAL

Congratulations are in order to former Col. Robert H. York on his promotion to Major General. "Bob" York received his commission of Brig. Gen. not too long ago and we are extremely happy that his new rank was bestowed on him after a short time. It attests to his capabilities as an officer and indicative of the caliber of men who served with the 83rd Division during World War II.

Bob returned to this country from Viet Nam early in February and is slated to take command of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, very soon.

**PLEASE PAY  
YOUR DUES  
NOW**



# Attention:

## All who are interested in the European Trip

Following is the planned itinerary of the European trip that was mentioned in your last issue of Thunderbolt.

For those of you who plan to go please get in touch with me so I can keep a record of the amount as the cost of the trip is based on 35-43 people.

Also there are vaccinations and passports that must be attended to so don't let everything go until the last minute.

The trip, as you notice, is booked for August 4 to 18. This was done so that those of you who come from the middle west and other parts of the country many miles from Providence, will not have to go home and then make the trip back for the reunion. Also there will be about a day and a half that can be spent at the World's Fair in New York before you go to Providence.

I'm sure we'll all have a most wonderful time and, if it can be arranged, there may be another added feature to go along with the planned trip. Working on it now and, if successful, you will read all about it in the next issue of Thunderbolt in May. As it is, the trip as planned is more than worth the \$605.

Harry W. Lockwood 43 Oakland Ave.  
Jersey City, N. J. 07306

### Bohl Tours Travel Agency

#### 83rd Infantry Association Tour

- August 4—Depart U.S.A.
- August 5—Morning arrival Brussels; afternoon sightseeing visit of Brussels.
- August 6—Drive, via Namur and Liege, to Aachen.
- August 7—Drive, via Bastogne, to Luxembourg.
- August 8—In Luxembourg.
- August 9—Drive to Rheims.
- August 10—Morning drive to Paris; afternoon sightseeing visit of Paris.
- August 11—Morning visit to SHAPE for Reception, Briefing, Cocktails and Lunch; afternoon at leisure; in the evening Gala Dinner and Floor Show at the Lido.
- August 12—All day at leisure; in the evening visit the Crazy Horse Saloon.
- August 13—Drive, via Rouen, to Caen.
- August 14—Caen: full-day excursion to the Normandy Beaches.
- August 15\*—Drive to Mont St. Michel.
- August 16—Drive, via Le Mans, to Tours.
- August 17—Tours: full-day excursion to the Chateaux of the Loire; in the evening attend a performance of "Sound and Light" at Chenonceaux.
- August 18—Drive to Orly Airport, to

enplane for U.S.A.

\*It may be necessary to accommodate the group at St. Malo or Dimard instead of in Mont St. Michel itself.

Mr. Harry W. Lockwood  
43 Oakland Avenue  
Jersey City 6, New Jersey

Dear Harry: February 5, 1964

We have worked out the best possible combination including the special entertainment as follows:

Itinerary as previously submitted in our letter of January 17, 1964.

Group specifications/Quotation No. 3252.

#### 1. Accommodation—

In twin-bedded rooms without private bathrooms in minimum first or superior second class hotels.

#### 2. Meals—

Continental Breakfast, 3-course table d'hote luncheons and 3-course table d'hote dinners throughout, except in Paris where only one principal meal daily is included - (total of 3 "independent" excluded principal meals).

#### 3. Transportation—

By De Luxe Pullman Motor Coach from Brussels to departure Orly Airport, Paris. Air transportation, group fare jet, Idlewild to Brussels, Eastbound; Paris to Idlewild TWA or any I.A.T.A. scheduled carrier \$356. round trip (based on 25 or more in the group).

#### 4. Sightseeing—

Afternoon excursion to Versailles substituted for the morning visit to SHAPE on August 11, 1964.

#### 5. Entertainments—

Deluxe menu, champagne, dinner and both parts of the floor show, including transfers.

**Chenonceaux:** A performance of "Sound and Light" - (very thrilling).

The services of an experienced, multi-lingual University-Trained British courier throughout Europe, in the ratio of one per coach-load.

#### 6. Rates per person—

Based on a party of 35-43 \$249. Single room throughout per person \$15 additional. Single room with private bathroom or shower \$25 additional. Twin-bedded room with private bathroom or shower throughout \$20 additional.

Harry: The Lido mentioned accounts for \$19 per person within the rate quoted. Initial payment of \$100 per person payable on or before May 1, 1964. Full payment of total balance due payable on or before June 15, 1964.

That is about the entire story. Will appreciate your comments. This is a good tour for a little over six hundred dollars.

Very truly yours,  
Clifford T. Unbekant President





## Convention Corner

Our program for Friday, August 21 is another day of reasons for you to make your plans now, to attend the eighteenth annual reunion in Providence, Rhode Island, on August 20, 21 and 22.

In our last issue of the Thunderbolt we described the fine day that the Fall River Chapter has arranged for you on Thursday, August 20. We now present our program for Friday, August 21.

Friday morning there will be the usual business meeting for the men. We have not scheduled anything for the ladies on Friday morning because we felt that they would like to visit the many fine department stores that Providence has. Incidentally, the main shopping district is just a stone's throw away from the hotel.

Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. the women will board buses to tour the Gorham Silver Factory, one of the oldest and largest silver plants in the world, from there they will proceed across the street to tour the Calart Artificial Flower Plant. I might advise the women that if they have any vases or bowls that they would like professionally arranged, this is the place to bring them. They will match any color scheme or decor.

At 1:30 p.m. the men will load buses to tour the first automatic post office in the country. This is an electronic marvel and a must for every man. You will be as enthralled as I was when I first saw this.

At 6:30 p.m. we will commence loading buses for transportation to the water front, where we will board the vessel M.S. Yankee for our moonlight sail down beautiful Narragansett Bay. This ship

is licensed by the Coast Guard to carry 500 passengers; she is very seaworthy and rides the weather real good. The entire boat has been chartered for the 83rd Division, so that this will be our private party, liquid refreshments will be available on board at no cost to those registering at the convention, the ship itself will handle the sandwich bar at a nominal cost for those who might want a sandwich. Those of you that have much truck with water know it is as safe as being on land, if it is respected, therefore children under sixteen will not be allowed on the sail. We have hired a terrific little string orchestra to play for your dancing pleasure aboard the boat. The Fall River Chapter uses this band at all its affairs and everyone just loves them as we are sure you will. Dancing space naturally is not available in one salon for a group of our size, however, the salon will accommodate quite a few, and then there is loads of space on the top deck for those who might want to dance under the stars; the music is piped throughout the entire ship. I had occasion at the time of the Fall River Chapter moonlight sail to spend some time on the top deck, and I assure you it is quite a sight and very impressive to be sailing down the bay with the ship all lit up and the music blaring forth. It is something that you will not forget for a long time. We will return from our sail at 11:30 p.m., return to the hotel, where the same little band will play for the night cowl at the Fall River Chapter C.P.

Don't be shut out, make your plans now to attend the 18th annual reunion on August 20, 21 and 22. Three days of frolic and fun that we are calling "Our Mardi Gras in August".



## Co. F-329th News & Side Lights

By Vic Landis

The new year has come and gone, but F-329 will go on forever. Regardless of what transpires, the old guard will carry on. We all remember the bonds that will bind us together, for our life in this veil of tears. Too many of the men on our roster have just forgotten, or by-passed the events of the war. It is not the fact, we wish to bring the horrors and the tragic events, back to mind, but rather, the fellowship that war brought us together.

Many of our old guard have slipped and I will mention names, as I really think they are in a position to pay their dues and attend at least one reunion out of some four or five.

Here we go. Bob Noll, Andy Zonkoski, Chuck Whitcomb, Pete Kostomite, George Begalla, Bill Hutton, Harold Keifer, Warren Black and Ike Boyer. These men plus many more could make it - IF THEY WOULD TRY.

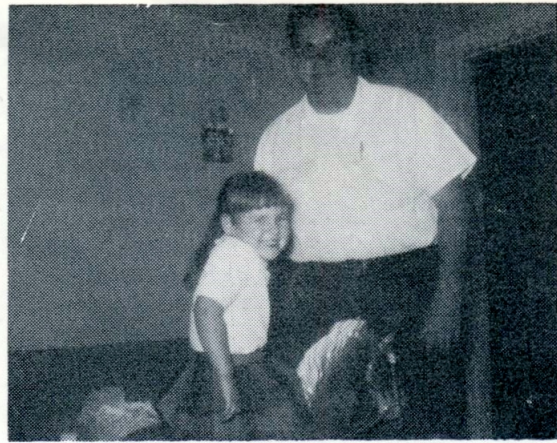
Note to Lee Titus: You will have to get over 50 paid up members to beat out F-329. Don't believe you can do it but I know the old goat will try.



The men folk of Co. F-329.



Mostly the women folk of Co. F-329.



George (Man Mountain) Kittrell and his daughter, Brenda.



F-329 at their C.P., front row, l. to r., Pop Maranovich, Trudy Fowler; rear, Bill Ferguson, Jim Fowler, Vic Landis.

## Greater Philadelphia Chapter News

By Larry Redmond  
Co. H-330

Pinch Hitting for Dave Rosenberg

Hello Buddies,

At the combined meeting and social of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, held at Lou's Ranch Room on Saturday, January 11, 1964, we started the New Year off with a bang. We had an election of officers for the coming year and the following slate was elected to carry on the work of our great chapter:

President, Ken Seiger, 329th Infantry.  
Vice president, William Murray, Div. Headquarters.

Secretary, Larry Redmond, 330th Infantry.

Treasurer, Willard Pugh, 324th Field Artillery.

Sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Mulligan, 324th Field Artillery.



The annual banquet of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter was held on Saturday, January 25th at the Venus Lounge, in Philadelphia. We had the great honor of having as our guests our national president of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Manuel C. Martin and his lovely wife, Adeline, who drove down from Fall River, Mass. to spend the evening with us.

Also in attendance were our own Mr. and Mrs. William Hoolan, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Volpi, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Segier, Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Al Belvedere, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ponzio, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aiello, Mr. and Mrs. John Piscitelli, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Theodore, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Paulino, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bifano, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hauck, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Mendelsohn, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Panetta and seated at the head table was our never to be forgotten past president and present member of the executive board, Frank McGrogan and his lovely wife "My Mary".

This was truly a wonderful affair. We had quite a crowd and many friends there with us and a real fine time was had by all. There were quite a few who usually attend our annual banquet who were not with us this year and, we would have loved to have seen them. We're sure they missed being there, too.

We are planning another banquet in May and sincerely hope that those who did not attend this one will be with us and the rest of the fine crowd in May. Two people we really missed were Dave and Ann Rosenberg who were away on a well earned vacation.

In behalf of the members and officers of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter we wish the 83rd Infantry Division Association the biggest and best year in its history. This can be made possible only through the help of each and every one of us by paying your dues. Contact a buddy and get him to pay his dues or, if he is not a member, sell him on the idea.



## Larry Redmond Says . . .

Hello Buddies,

Here we are at just about the half way mark of another year in the history of our wonderful Association and,



having had one of the finest of reunions we started to build our Association for another year. I am sorry to say, though, that according to our hard working secretary-treasurer, the results have not been very gratifying up to the present time.

We have a great many unpaid members on the roster at this time who were paid up members for years but, who, for some unknown reason, have become delinquent in their dues. If you are one of these men how about sitting down right now and asking yourself, "Am I being fair to myself and the Association?" I'm sure that if you do this you'll send in your dues immediately. Remember, this is your Association and the success or failure of it depends on you, the members.

To those of you who have never been an Officer in this great Association, you just can't realize what it means to have a bad year. When we have a bad year in membership, it makes the Officers feel as if they are either being personally let down, or it is because of them that the Association is being let down. Let us all try to do our part to make this the largest and best Veterans Association in the country. This is possible, because the 83rd Infantry Division had among its Members, some of the finest men and Soldiers in any Division in the Army. If you have never been to a Reunion, come to one and meet these men, and you will see that I know what I am saying. I have attended several Association Reunions of other Division Associations, and believe me, there are none of them that can compare with ours. We have the finest and most well conducted Reunions of any Division Association. We can also be proud of the records that we have established in every City that we have been for the orderly manner in which our Reunions are conducted.

If you are an unpaid Member, become a paid up one today and also start planning to be with us in Providence in August. Come and meet your Buddies, if you can't meet a Buddy that you can remember from World War II, then try making a new one. You are never a stranger at a Reunion.

Larry Redmond  
Co. H-330



## Greater Indiana Chapter News

Dear Buddies,

Sorry that I missed getting some news in the Xmas issue of the Thunderbolt—so at this time my wife Gay and I wish all of you a very happy and successful year.



Our Chapter here in Indiana is doing very well. I think we are all recuperated now from the past Reunion and ready to start our normal procedures. We are planning a big party and dance for the month of May. If any of you and your wives

would like to come you're all welcome. Get in touch with me as to the date.

We are at the half way point now so I hope you have made plans to attend the Reunion this year in August, and don't forget to write, call or go see some of your Buddies and try to get them interested. Tell them that they sure have been missing a lot if they have not been attending so for them to start making plans right away to attend this one, I am sure it will be a fine one as all the other ones have been.

Respectfully,  
John W. Robinette  
Co. C-308 Eng.

### Attention Indiana Chapter

Your Thunderbolt has received a few inquiries to find out if anything has been done to follow up the idea of establishing an 83rd Infantry Division Museum at the Veterans Memorial in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The subject was brought up at the reunion last year in Indianapolis after we were informed that the space, for such a museum, would be allotted to us.

Would appreciate any information regarding same.

Harry W. Lockwood  
Editor, Thunderbolt

Congratulations are in order to Steven Howard Feferman on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 28, last.

Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Feferman of 6341 North Monticello Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Irving was formerly a member of Co. H-329.

We extend our congratulations to Steven on such an auspicious occasion and wish him well as he goes out in the world.

## Indiana Chapter News

Murray Therber  
Med.-330

Another year has passed by and here the old month of February rolls right along.



The local chapter closed out '63 with the annual Christmas party. The affair was held this year at the club at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Attendance was good, the food excellent and plentiful. A good band provided music for dancing. After a winter of dreary Indiana weather, we now look forward

to Spring and the pleasant activities of the Summer months. We sincerely hope the old year treated all well and the new one under way will be even better. Time passes quickly and before we know it, the next reunion will be with us. Time to start making those plans. Several tell me they plan to take in the World's Fair. Since they will be traveling to the East Coast.

We are pleased to learn that Mickey Meyer, our president's wife, is feeling considerably better. Her cheery disposition is to be admired. Lou would like to have more of the ladies accompany their husbands to the meetings. Come on down to the Chateau on the second Friday of each month.

That's about the extent of things on the local scene. See you in print come the next issue.

### The Batter That Didn't Rise

A cook of Co. G-331 had just finished preparing three batters of dough carefully mixed with ingredients for a delicious cake and placing them in a dark corner of his kitchen he turned his attention to other things while he proudly thought of the smiles on the faces of Co. G men when they tasted his culinary efforts. But his dreams were shortlived.

S/Sgt. Phil Wiggerhauser entered the room with his mess kit heaped with chow and looked for a place to eat. As fate would have it he sank into the same dark corner where reposed the nucleus of GI pastry. The cook leaped from the floor shouting "My cake, my cake". But Wiggerhauser wasn't easily misled. He nonchalantly sat on the batter and refused to believe the cook's frantic pleas that he was ruining the cake. The boys dubbed the incident, "A batter that didn't rise". (Shame on you, Phil.)



## Frankly Speaking . . .

Men, before we take our seventh inning stretch of this ball game called the 1964 big contest for more registrations, let's everyone take another crack at bat.



We are looking forward to meeting all you men in Providence. A wonderful schedule and program has been arranged for everyone's pleasure. The time of your life has been insured. Call that buddy you haven't spoken to for a long time,

write to that buddy you have been promising yourself that you would. Make arrangements to meet him in Providence. Make him sign up now, we need your help, so go out and take a swing now. Now is the time.

This year our board of officers has harmoniously and with good results been staying in touch with each other. We have been working very closely with the convention chairman, Manny Martin and the rest of the Fall River Chapter men. They have done a bang up job. This will be a well planned convention.

In closing I am asking you to please again do your best to sign up more men for our membership drive, and make every effort to attend the 18th Annual Reunion at Providence in August 1964 at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. I am saving a special drink for each and every one of you. So meet me in Providence!

Frank McGrogan  
Co. D-330

## Signal Musings

By Don Hinz

With feelers out in Baltimore, South Dakota and a few other places the response I'm getting is not what you'd call overwhelming, in fact it's almost nil but still am hopeful that some of the old gang will see the light and send in their dues or at least answer my letter.

Hats off to those who are members of the Association at the present time and if we can hear from some of those 30 odd others the old Signal Co. would really go places.

Mail has been slow since the last issue but I received a letter worth Signal attention from a former cadre officer (Camp Atterbury) that may bring memories to some of you fellows. Edited as follows:

January 18, 1964

Dear Don,

During the holidays I received a little note from Marion Harkey . . . he informed me about your newsletter on the 83rd Signal Company . . . include me on your roster. I don't recall if we were in the Company at the same time? I was one of the original Cadre Officers and had charge of the Construction Platoon. Gus Bealor and I left the company right after maneuvers, just before the Division went overseas. I sincerely regretted leaving the company and I never worked with a finer group. Our construction platoon with Korner and Di Cicco was a hard group to beat.

I will have to get out my pictures and file on the 83rd Signal and may run across some items you can use. I know I have a group picture of the construction platoon taken just before maneuvers at Camp Atterbury.

Very truly yours,  
L. E. Cunningham  
514 Chatham Avenue  
Villa Park, Illinois  
60181

As the late evening radio states, "Keep your cards and letters coming and I'll play your requests!" More members in '64.

## News from Co. C-308 Engineers

By Lester Hauck

Sorry I didn't have a report in the last issue but this is something new for me and I hope my buddies will forgive me.

Got a letter from the Lewis Hedpeth's. They just recently purchased a florist business in Coos Bay, Oregon and we wish them well in their chosen field. They are the proud parents of four children two of whom are in college. It's always nice to hear from old buddies and wish it would happen more often.

I also had a letter from two girls, ages 13 and 11 and I just wish that everyone in the Association could read it. These girls are the daughters of a former Co. C-308 Engineer whom I saw for the first time in Indianapolis since we came back from overseas.

I have never met these two young ladies but I am eagerly looking forward to the time when I shall. Unfortunately they must remain nameless, for the time being, as I do not want to embarrass anyone.

Anyone living in the following areas how about checking on the following two men and try to get them to come to the next reunion: John Cappelli, Meck St., West Stockbridge, Mass. and Robert Boyd, Loris, South Carolina.

Hope to see you all in Providence. Best regards to all.



## A Few Things About the LITTLE GUY

By Vic Landis, F-329

The Little Guy, as I call Harry Lockwood, is perhaps the most underrated man in our great Association. As Secretary-treasurer he has the greatest responsibility of all the officers. As publisher and editor of the paper (Thunderbolt) he has done a wonderful job and I really know the hard work and untiring effort it takes to edit and publish a small paper on your own. I had that experience many years ago, plus being on a large newspaper. The terrific job Harry has done would do credit to an old pro and please believe me, no one could possibly do better.

Harry receives the sum of one dollar for each member who has paid his dues. His job in the Association is not envied by anyone although, perhaps the way he does, it is. He is vastly underpaid and believe me I would not take his place for five times that amount.

Perhaps many of you don't realize that some eight or ten men keep this Association in operation. It has been ever thus—and these men give their time and spend their own money to keep the old 83rd alive.

For many years Harry Lockwood has been one of our leaders so a tip of the Landis beret to "The Little Guy".

(Editor's note: Thank you, Vic, old friend. You told me to print it and I did. Hope I can live it down.)

(Editor's Note)

The following letter was sent to Vic Landis in answer to his publicity campaign. Thought you might like to read it.

W M S K  
Union County Broadcasting Co.  
Box 55  
Morganfield, Kentucky

Dec. 18, 1963

Mr. Victor E. Landis  
124 Potomac St.  
Dayton, Ohio  
Dear Victor,

Just this morning received your item in reference to locating all the men of your 83rd Division. Will be more than glad to help in this effort . . . and will run it on a local news a number of times . . . plus will air it as a public service.

I can remember when the famed 83rd was stationed at Camp Breckenridge during the war . . . the camp was just three short miles from our station. I was a small tyke then and sold papers at the camp and met many of the men. I was of the opinion that your Division lost many men in Europe, is that right? One of the most fascinating things I can call to mind about your outfit was the shoulder patch spelling out Ohio . . .

to a little fellow this was a big deal.

The old camp is still standing and just recently was declared surplus by the Defense Dept. . . . it is just like it was back during the war days. The only activity at the Post is a 250-man outfit from Fort Knox who are cleaning up the impact area and it is the opinion of all the local people that when this is complete the land will be sold back to the farmers.

Must close now, it was nice hearing from you . . . if I can be of any service to you fellows; such as pictures of the old Post, a particular barrack, orderly room, etc. Let me know. Will be glad to journey to the Ghost Camp and provide you with these.

Sincerely,

Bob Hite

A Fan of the 83rd Division

## Company G-331 Reports

By Lee Titus

At this writing we have reached the half way point to convention time in Providence, R. I. and the latest report from Harry W. Lockwood indicate that Company G is behind in paid up members. Our records show a total of 29 men signed up to date, so fellows if you haven't sent in your dues yet, please do so right away and help keep old Co. G at the top of the association.

### Sick Call

John Teringo . . . We are all sorry to hear that Johnny has received orders from his doctor to take it easy. He suffered a coronary on New Year's Day and occupied a bed in the hospital for three weeks. It will be a few months before he is able to go back to work, so fellows let's cheer our boy up by dropping him a note.

### Dues Paid

The following men have paid up their dues and receive a tip of the old G Co. hat: "Froggy" Buckunas, Bill Bogacz, Frank Bunk, Al Suess and Glen Mathey.

### New Members

Charles Mulholalnd, 23 East Stephen Drive, Newark, Delaware, welcome to the Association, Charlie.

There are now three Co. G men who are "Kentucky Colonels" — Wheeler, Mizerock and Titus. We all request a little more respect from Lt. Col. Joe Macaluso.

That's it for now except that our leader "Mac" informs me that any man that has not paid up his dues by the next issue of the Thunderbolt will be transferred to the Medics.

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.



## Attention All Men Of Company D-330th

In cleaning out my yearly files, I happened to come across an article which was in the Veteran's Magazine which I thought all you men would enjoy reading. I had all intentions of putting this into an earlier Thunderbolt but I mislaid it. This article is about Fred Barrett, our company commander, and what a great leader he still is.  
National Home Board Elects  
New Officers at Annual Meeting

FRED E. BARRETT, Post 3397, Chester, Mont., was elected President of the V.F.W. National Home Board of Trustees during the annual meeting of the Board held at the Home on Oct. 27, 1962. He succeeds Comrade Wellington Rupp, Post 3694, Seattle, Wash.

Comrade Barrett, a Past Commander of the Dept. of Montana has served as a member of the National Home Board of Trustees since 1956 and was elevated to President from the office of Vice President held last year. He represents the 6th National Home District comprising the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

To anyone of you who have not sent in your dues this year, sit down right now and write a check made out to the 83rd Infantry Division Association and mail it to our Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood.

Sincerely yours,  
Frank McGrogan

### Obituary

We have just been informed of the death of Major George Ogilvie, 63, of Lancaster, Pa.

Major Ogilvie died of cancer at the Watson Army Hospital in Fort Dix, N.J. where he had been admitted as a patient a few days before. There are no known survivors.

Originally from Edinburgh, Scotland, he came to this country with his parents at the age of three. He had lived in Lancaster since 1951.

He saw combat duty in both World Wars and also served on the orderly staff of Gen. John J. Pershing.

When World War II broke out he was a first lieutenant and was promoted to captain upon assignment to the 83rd Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury, to serve as assistant Division Adjutant in 1943.

Before the Division moved overseas he made major, Military Police and became the Divisional Provost Marshall.

With the 83rd he landed in France on June 20, 1944, moving with the combat

columns around St. Lo, Avranches, St. Mere Eglise and on through the Huntgen Forest.

After V-E Day he remained in Berlin as an American Provost Marshall and was familiarly known as "The Sheriff".

Upon his return to the states he served briefly in Birmingham, Alabama and was discharged at Fort Dix in 1947 with the permanent rank of Major.

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Martin Flaherty, 52, of 63 Meadowlawn Ave., died unexpectedly at his home during the Christmas holidays.

Flaherty entered the Army service in 1942 and, after training at Camp Roberts, California, he attended O.C.S. and was commissioned in February 1943 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He went overseas as an infantry captain in March 1944 and was wounded three times in action in France. He received the Silver Star, French Croix Guerre, Purple Heart with clusters and Combat Infantry Badge.

Born in Hobart, Indiana, Flaherty was a resident of Battle Creek, Michigan, for 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, two sons, Richard M., and Steven G., a sister, three brothers and three grandchildren.

We, of the 83rd Infantry Division Association extend our belated sympathy to the relatives and friends of our departed comrade.

(Ed. note—Martin Flaherty was not listed in the Division Association files and we do not know what outfit he was with but I'm sure those of you who knew and served with him will remember him.)

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Word has just come in from his sister that George Shields, formerly of Headquarters Battery 908 FA, died last May and was followed in death by his wife in October.

(Ed. note—George was not a member of the Association and we do not have his address.) The only information we have is that he died of a stroke. On behalf of the Association and those with whom George served in Headquarters Battery 908 FA our heartfelt sympathy is extended to those of George's family and friends who are bereaved by his untimely death.

### Can't Be Bothered

One of the boys from Co. A-331, a machine gunner, was industriously engaged in digging a foxhole when he was tapped on the shoulder by a sad looking Nazi who wanted to surrender asking him what to do. The machine gunner paused long enough to look around and then said, "I don't care but get the hell away from me, I'm busy".



## New Jersey Chapter News

By Nick Esposito  
Co. B-331

The New Jersey Chapter still meets at the same old stand the V.F.W. Post No. 2867 in Garfield, N. J. on the third Friday of each month. Come join us sometime and spend a sociable evening.

The December meeting was a combined meeting and social evening at the home of John and Claire DiNicola in Clifton and was a very pleasant affair with some of the boys bringing their ladies with them. With a few rounds of drinks and some solid refreshments, including pizza pie a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

At that meeting Joe DePeri was elected president, Charlie Sihlanick vice president and our old stand-by, Harry Lockwood continuing his duties as secretary-treasurer.

Melvin Hulse, John DiNicola's buddy, and his wife came up from Manasquan to spend the evening with us, although Melvin is not a member of the Chapter he was most welcome and we were happy to see him as we are happy to see and greet all 83rders at anytime, anywhere.

It was a cold night and the old fire in the fireplace in the DiNicolas' Recreation Room sure felt good. Speaking of "Rec Rooms" John is to be complimented on the magnificent job he did on it and he can be well proud of his efforts.

When we called to notify Charlie Sihlanick of the February meeting we were informed by his wife that she had decided that Charlie had been working too hard lately and deserved some time off so she persuaded him to go to Florida to bask in the sun for a week or so and we're sure that when Charlie returns he will be "The man with the Florida tan" in his neighborhood. I think Charlie's wife is very sweet and certainly very unselfish.

As soon as the weather breaks we expect to have a house warming at Dave and Millie Benick's new home in Brooklyn and we are really looking forward to it.

Now that arrangements have been completed for the trip back to our old combat areas quite a few of us from New Jersey are hoping to make the trip and hoping to see a lot of you aboard the jet plane come August 4th. I'm sure we'll all have a most wonderful time and have a lot to talk about at the reunion.

See you all in the next issue, till then a Happy Easter to all Thunderbolts and their families everywhere.

## ATTENTION MEN OF CO. C-330

James E. Schneider of 278 17th St., Brooklyn 15, New York, is seeking information about his brother, Charles W. Schneider, also of Brooklyn, who was killed in the vicinity of Remilly Sur Luzon, France, in 1944 and would like to hear from any of his former buddies who may remember Charlie and have some information.

According to James Schneider, Charlie's last known rank was that of Staff Sergeant.

Anyone having any information about Charles Schneider, please get in touch with his brother at the above address.

The following two prints of Camp Atterbury were sent in by George B. Pastirik and I purposely saved them for this issue to keep you reminded of the wonderful time we had at this place last year.

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