



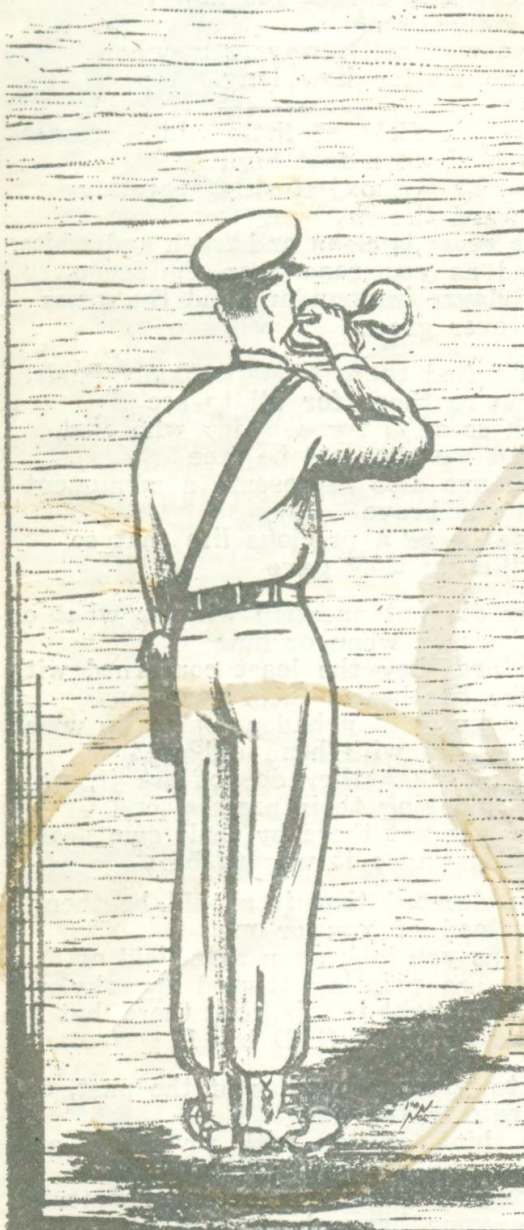
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A HEART IS STILL

A true and contrite heart is still
forever in deep repose

Taken by the hand of God to lie
along with those

Who by his hand and his alone
have reached that place on high

That house not made by human
hands high up in the sky

A heart that once held love and
hope is now forever still

Veiled in allegory according to
God's will

Yes, a heart is still 'tis very true
but I'm sure you will agree

A life that once was mortal now
has immortality.

HARRY LOCKWOOD

Regt. Hq. - 329

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The President's Corner

By Manny Martin, Co. F-329

I think that most of us have somehow, over the years, lost the real significance of Memorial Day although we should be the very last to forget what Memorial Day means.



On this day we should think back to the happy, vibrantly alive young men who trained and played with us at Camp Atterbury, Breckenridge and those who joined us as replacements overseas; men who all of us learned to

love and trust, men whom the good Lord chose to make the supreme sacrifice in the fight for freedom.

How often does your memory go back to some particular comrade in some particular instance that recalls him to you and don't you feel a stab of some sort of feeling that is hard to describe when you remember him telling you of his dreams and desires for a future that was not to be his.

On this Memorial Day we should spend a little time in remembrance and in prayer for these, our departed friends and you might slip in a little prayer of thanks that the good Lord saw fit to spare us allowing us to form this wonderful 83rd Infantry Division Association and being able to see one another at least once a year at our reunion.

Some of us just don't know how to count our blessings.

Gone from us also are very dear friends we became acquainted with through attending our reunions, foremost among these being our own Fern Lockwood, the number one booster of the 83rd for many years and one of the finest persons it has been my privilege to know.

I would like to see more of us pause from our earthly pleasures just a little while to attend the very wonderful memorial services that are offered each year at our reunion.

I close this column in our Memorial Day issue with this little verse I ran across in my home town paper and thought it very appropriate.

Memories are treasures no can steal
Death leaves a heartache no one
can heal
Some may forget you now that
you're gone
But we shall always remember
no matter how long.

There's a field of little white crosses,
each about a foot high
Standing so majestically, pointing
toward the sky
Each cross is clean and fresh and white,
and as you gaze upon the scene
The clover is abundant and the grass
is ever green

You'll find these fields in many lands,
they're there for all to see
Each cross is for a buddy who died,
that we all could be free
Each one also represents a monument
to the brave
A statue to a precious life that so
willingly they gave

They did not question why or what or
where or when or how
Nor are they the least concerned with
who lies beside them now
They knew they had a job to do which
they did with head unbowed
And although they do not ask it, we
should sing their praises loud
They are not there by their own design
but because it was to be

Fate decreed that it should be them
instead of you or me
And as you look upon that field of
crosses pointing toward the sky
Your thought is this, that there, but for
the Grace of GOD lay I

So to you our buddies of the past, we
dedicate this day
We think of you with reverence, as
beneath the ground you lay
Though you've now become immortal
in your heavenly terrain
We make to you this promise, You shall
not have died in vain.

Harry W. Lockwood

Chaplain's Corner

By Bill Shuman
Hq. Btry.-Divarty

Memorial Day, 1964

REACH YOUR HANDS TOWARD GOD

As another Memorial Day approaches it will find each one of us perhaps in a different frame of mind concerning the loss of our buddies, a loved one or friend—recalling the time, the place and incident.



Yes, we want to recall them, to cherish their memory and to pray that his will will be done. The following poem could well bespeak our feelings in many cases.

"So when the spring of the world shall shrive our stain
After the winter of war
And when the poor world awakes
to peace once more
After such night of ravage and of rain
You shall not come again
You shall not come to taste the old
spring weather
To gallop through the soft untrampled
heather
To bathe and bake your body
on the grass
We shall be there. Alas!
But not with you. When spring
shall wake the earth
And quicken the scarred fields for
the new birth
Our grief will grow. For what can
spring renew
More fiercely for us than the need
of you?"

Then some of us think of the buddies we had on the battlefields who never returned — or even those who did return and are no longer with us.

Certainly these are the fonder moments of our life and it bespeaks of us to pay this homage in reverence and in prayer.

May their souls rest in peace.
God bless you all.

**MAKE YOUR PLANS
NOW TO ATTEND
THE
ANNUAL REUNION**

ATTENTION ALL

This is the Memorial Day issue of Thunderbolt which we trust you enjoy reading and that you may find something of interest about some of your old buddies.

This issue was late in going to the printer's because some of the articles were late coming in. If you don't get your copy by Memorial Day you will be getting it very soon afterward and we hope you will bear with us.

The front cover design for this issue was done by our good friend and fellow member John Noe of Philadelphia, formerly a member of Division Artillery. Thank you very much, John, on behalf of myself and the membership.

The next issue of Thunderbolt will be the Convention Issue and must be in the mail in time to be delivered before the reunion begins on August 20 therefore all material must be in not later than June 27. If not received by then Thunderbolt will have to go to press without those articles not received. This issue cannot be delayed so please try to cooperate.

The month of July will be a hectic one for me; getting the books ready for auditing; getting Thunderbolt edited, printed, addressed and in the mail; taking care of all those small last minute details before the reunion and a number of other things that have to be done.

Everything has to be done during the month of July as I am leaving, on August 4, for Europe on the trip mentioned in the last issue and repeated in this issue of Thunderbolt. (Speaking of the European trip where are all those who expressed a desire to go when it was mentioned at the reunion last year, so far the response has been very poor. In fact, most of those to whom I have written about it haven't even answered my letter one way or the other.)

Upon my return I will just about have time to throw some clean clothes in a suitcase and head for Providence and the reunion. So there will be very little time for anything but to rush around.

Thank you for your cooperation in the past and continued cooperation in the future.

YOUR EDITOR

Harry W. Lockwood

P.S. If anyone of you does not get your copy of Thunderbolt or hasn't received three issues thus far this year (prior to this one), please let me know. We are not infallible or it could have gotten lost in the mail, you neglected to change your address when moving, and a number of other reasons so please get in touch with me. Those of you who get your copy by first class or second class mail better check with your post office if not delivered.

Your Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood, Regt. Hq.-329

Coming down the homestretch of another association year, one that could have been the best in our history and



still can be with a bit more response from those last year members who have not yet sent in their dues for this year.

During the month of April exactly four last year members sent in their dues and four new members were picked up giving us a total of eight paid memberships in 30 days or about one

every four days. Certainly nothing to brag about, is it?

A certain amount of unpaid members is to be expected in any organization but when you realize that 175 of last year members have not responded this year that 175 represents a little more than 25 percent of our total membership and no organization can take that for any period of time.

Gentlemen we don't like to harp on the same subject all the time but membership dues is what keeps us alive and we'll stay alive only through the response and cooperation of each and every one of us who wore that Black and Gold Ohio Patch so proudly not too many years ago.

Fortunately this year's deficit was offset by the acquisition of the many new members who joined the association since the last reunion but it still is not too late for those of you who can afford it and still look on the association favorably to send in your dues for this year.

In this issue is a brief history of the 83rd Infantry Division which, I'm sure, you will find very interesting. If, after reading it, you don't throw out your chest and say proudly "THAT'S MY OUTFIT" then accept this year's membership with our compliments because we were proud of you.

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ATTENTION COL. CAMPBELL

Anyone knowing the address of Col. Norman A. Campbell, please get in touch with me; also the address of Earl Jennings of Hq. 1st Bn.-331. Their Thunderbolts have been returned to me marked "Address Unknown".

Philadelphia Chapter Prepares For Memorial Day Parade

By Dave Rosenberg
Co. F-331

Again the Philadelphia Chapter will march in a gigantic parade paying homage to our heroes who are no longer with us. Leading the parade will be the men of the 83rd Infantry Division. Marking this visit to the surrounding cemeteries, our Color Guard will make its debut, brilliantly attired in their new attire. The Philadelphia Chapter men are quite proud of its Color Guard, who also make its presence known with a color flag, bearing the 83rd Infantry Insignia and all the ribbons we are so proud of.

Larry Redmond, with the approval of all the men, has secured a flag that will clearly outshine every other flag, parading during this Memorial Day Parade and our own memorial services to be held in Providence.

Our own Bernie Mendelson, now known as "The Quartermaster", has donated the finest in equipment to make this Color Guard the finest. Resplendent in our new shirts we will outshine all other chapters at our reunion. We know that we will be the envy of all the men at the reunion.

Our pet project for this year was the securing of a flag, and all the other equipment we would need to make the Philadelphia contingent the best dressed and the snappiest Color Guard around. We suggest that all the other chapters look to the Philadelphia Chapter for some real marching and footwork at our next convention.

To defray some of the expense we have held bingo games and other socials that have been well attended. Of course our banquet on May 16, is one that will outshine every one we have had in the past. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Executive Board members and officers who have promised to attend. We know that they will go away singing the praises of the Philadelphia Chapter.

Ensio Tosolini, a member of the association and formerly a member of Hq. 3rd Bn.-330 has been elected president of the Nevada National Guard Association.

The association has over 300 members from guard units throughout the State of Nevada.

I'm sure all Ensio's friends and buddies wish him well in his new office and we're also sure that he will try to execute his duties in a true 83rd manner. Good luck, Ensio, from the Division Association.

Convention Corner

Before getting into our program for Saturday, August 22, I would like to clarify, for some of our members, a few misconceptions they have in their minds.

Some of you labor under the impression that the registration fee you pay at the reunion is excessive and that the registration fee pays the cost of putting on a convention. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Every reunion committee has worked real hard raising funds to assure you of the best reunion possible. We, here in Fall River, have knocked ourselves out and induced our wives to work real hard for the past three years grinding out two and three hundred dollars per affair we've held so that you might be assured the finest reunion ever. We have not minded the work these three years but we are amazed at the apathy and the unwillingness to help demonstrated by the rank and file of this great organization.

In the last issue of Thunderbolt we published a form soliciting ads for our program book; today we have heard from exactly four individual members and two chapters for a sum total of one hundred and two dollars. Not good, is it? Though it is true that between the few hundred dollars that I have been able to solicit in ads and the monies from the various affairs, we have reposing in our convention fund some twenty two hundred dollars but we ask you to bear in mind the cost of things we are trying to give you at the reunion and then you will realize that twenty two hundred dollars is not going to stretch too far.

Our cocktail party is costing us one thousand dollars; our boat ride another thousand dollars and our banquet about two thousand dollars. Our orchestra, that you may be assured the best for dance music, will cost us eighteen hundred dollars for a total of fifty eight hundred dollars. This just takes care of your evening programs, we do have expenses for the daytime programs, too.

Now I don't say that every member can afford and ad but certainly most or many of you can afford at least a one dollar booster ad.

I am not crying the blues and if I don't receive another red cent from the membership of this association I still intend to give you the damndest convention you ever attended. However, it discourages me to think that there is prevalent, in this association, an attitude of "It's no concern of mine, let the other fellow worry about it". Far too many have this attitude and we can thank God for the few dedicated individuals who have carried the load over the years for without them the 83rd Infantry Division Association would have died a long time ago.

We are reprinting the ad form in this issue of Thunderbolt. If any of you would like to assist make your checks payable to 83rd Infantry Div. Assn. and mail to Manuel C. Martin, 424 Freelove St., Fall River, Mass.

Now for our Saturday program —

9:30 a.m. till noon—Business meeting, election of officers and selection of convention site for 1965.

2 p.m.—Memorial service in the Garden Room. I think we have lined up an impressive ceremony, with the assistance of our chaplains, whom I feel always do a tremendous job with this very important part of our reunions.

5:30 p.m. — Ballroom foyer, we will have a cocktail hour that you may prepare yourselves for what we feel will be the most festive of nights.

6:15 p.m.—The banquet will be served, if you are in your seats or not, we are paying too much money for our dance band to have the banquet overlap. Banquet will consist of:

Fruit Cocktail Supreme
Salad with French Dressing
Peas and Carrots
Whipped Potatoes
Old Fashioned Yankee Pot Roast
Jardiniere
Frozen Nut Roll with Chocolate
Sauce
Coffee

9 p.m. till 1 a.m.—Dancing to one of America's finest dance bands, a real treat is in store for you. You will be talking about this one for months.

1 a.m. till ?—Au Revoir party, Ballroom. Dancing continued with Bebe and his Musical Tops supplying the music.

It has come to the attention of your officers, that there are still among us, a few people that will chisel their way into some of our affairs despite the precautions taken to stop this. These people will not register at the reunion for some reason that we can not fathom, and certainly they are not being fair with their buddies that do register, and somewhere along the line if they have any feeling about the rest of us, their conscience must bother them. Because of these few, no one will be allowed into any of our affairs unless they display their name badges along with the ticket for each affair. This will be strictly enforced, even in the Hospitality Room and the Fall River Chapter C.P.

A slight change in the ladies program for Friday is necessary. The change being that half of the ladies will tour the Gorham Silver Plant at 9:30 a.m. and the other half will tour the Calart Flower Shop at the same time. At one p.m. they will reverse themselves, the ladies that tour Gorham's in the morning will tour Calart's in the afternoon. Those that tour Calart's in the morning will tour Gorham's in the afternoon.

Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo

Hq. 3rd Bn. - 330

Not much doing in the Boston Chapter during the winter months as we are spread out so but now that the weather



is getting better we will be on the go again. Buddy Amby Tynan is trying to set up our next get together so stand by for further information in the near future.

On April 14 Chuck and Bernice Abdinor, my wife Mary and I were invited to a surprise party for our own Pat DiGiammerino, who,

like Jack Benny, never gets any older than 39 and, at that age, he is still going strong. Good luck, Pat, wish I could keep up with you.

Hear that Bernice tried to burn down your house, Chuck. I know she likes fire water but fire eating is a new thing with her, isn't it? Bernice was burning grass and it just got away from her and she needed help from the local fire department. Next time, Bernice, have Chuck ready with a water hose.

Reading through the Lynn paper I noticed that Ernest Smith of 38 Gateway Lane has been elected to membership in the Boston Chapter of the National Association of Accountants. Ernie is also an 83rd man.

Our last item: Jiggs Elie has become a grandfather and congratulations are in order for the old man. The baby's name is Andrea Jean Fournier, 6 lbs. 5 oz. born on March 21. Baby and mother Ann doing fine.

That's about it for this issue, best regards to all and hope to see you all at the next get together.

Attention Men of Hq. Btry. 324 FA

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

I was transferred from the 83rd Division while it was still at Atterbury and was sent to the 45th along with other radio operators.

I was in Hqtrs. Btry. of the 324th FA Battalion.

One of my buddies was a man by the name of Blaser. I would appreciate it if you could get his address for me.

Thank you very much for your trouble.

Glen A. Kimpel

R.R. No. 3

Shippensburg, Penna.

(Ed. note: Anyone having Blaser's address, please get in touch with Glen. I'm sure he'll appreciate it.)

Company G-331 Reports

By Lee Titus

Once again I am happy to report that Co. G is at the head of the column in paid up members. We have a total of 35 signed up and a little push by some of the regulars could bring us up to the 50 mark, which has been our goal for years. To that swell bunch of guys on the membership "Task" force for Co. G. here is a tip of the hat for your fine work this year. Murph, Piette, Kuzma, Pangle and Macaluso have once again come through with flying colors.

Convention time is drawing near again and it's time to start making plans for Providence. To those of you already planning to attend the New York World's Fair, why not also plan for three wonderful days at the convention. We have quite a few men located in the New York and New England area and I'm sure you will meet most of them in Providence — Guarnieri, Piette, Schwartz, Murphy, Rutstein, Berlet, Rung, Gaynor, Wiggerhauser, Buckunas, Carriere, Gabriel, Vecchione, Monttrond, Kuzma, Speer and Mulholland all live near enough to be there and that's a pretty good start for any company.

Several of our boys have mentioned the desire to establish a Company C. P. this year. Let's hear some comments on this. If enough of you are interested we will have the president of 331, Bob Piette, see what he can do to set one up. I'm sure that Spud Murphy could help him. Let's face it we need a C. P. At any rate let's all make a determined effort to let someone know if you will be in Providence and in the July issue of the Thunderbolt we will publish a list of those Co. G boys planning to attend. SICK CALL: John Teringo

John is recovering slowly from his illness and latest reports indicate that he will be back to work by May.

Monte Anderson

Monte suffered a muscle spasm in his back and has been off work for about three months. He claims that he will be able to play golf soon so apparently he has improved.

Well fellows, that's all for now. In the next two months let's ALL do some letter writing. Let all your buddies know of your plans this summer and don't forget if you plan to be in Providence—let me know as soon as possible so that I can add your name to the list for our next Thunderbolt.

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Larry Redmond Says

Hello Buddies,

Here we are at the three quarters mark of another great year in the history of our wonderful association.



I'm sorry to say that the membership is below the mark of last year, along with the fact that there are well over 100 members who were paid last year who are not paid for this year. How about checking your membership card and, if you are one of these men, how about sending in your dues today.

I know it gets monotonous to you who are regular dues paying members to read the same thing in Thunderbolt in each issue about unpaid dues but it is equally as monotonous to our hard working secretary-treasurer to keep sending out notices to delinquent members only to get no response from them.

I can't figure men who served with this great division in World War II who are not interested in being members of the association. Everyone of us is entitled to be a member of the American Legion, VFW; some of us are eligible to belong to Catholic War Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled Veterans and other organizations but there is nothing that any of them can offer us that we can't get from our own association.

In this association we have the thing that is even greater, a warm feeling of friendship created from the fact that we all saw service together and are like one big family and not just a group of men who saw service in the war. We fought in the same battles, went through thick and thin of battle side by side and I could go on and on trying to explain what this association has for you and me that are lacking in other veterans organizations.

I think it would be nice to sit down today and think of some buddy we served with, one who was close to us, one to whom we may owe some little favor for something he did for us. Let us return that little favor by sending in his dues and make him, also a member of our great association. I'm sure we all have some buddy we feel we may owe something and this could be our way of telling him we haven't forgotten him.

This year I have personally taken it upon myself to try a membership campaign; I have sent out well over 400 letters to men who are on the unpaid roster.

Some of them have responded but most of them have not. It is almost unbelievable to go over some of the old rosters and check the names against the present paid up membership and see how many of them are now missing from our paid up files and I would be almost willing to bet that if we could pick up all the members that have been on our roster since this association started we would have well over 2000 members instead of the less than 700 we struggle to get each year.

Once again, I ask you, please check your membership card and, if you do not have a current one, send in your dues today. If you do, how about signing up that old buddy; a paid up membership in the association could be a never to be forgotten gift.

Next big thing is the coming reunion in August. Start making your plans now to arrange your vacation so that you can be with us then. Perhaps if you write to a long lost buddy he will join you and I know of no better way to meet an old friend or buddy than at the reunion. I can assure you that if you never before attended a reunion you will not want to miss another and if you've been to one before I'm sure you'll be there again this year unless something comes along to prevent it.

Hope to see you all in Providence, Rhode Island, on August 20, 21 and 22.

Larry Redmond, Co. H-330

Attention Men of Co. H-329

We, the few men of Co. H-329 who got together in Indianapolis last August had a tremendous time just being together again.

I'm sure that there are quite a few more from the company still around somewhere.

I know some of you are scattered all over the country from Maine to Florida and from Jersey to California. But where are you?

Perhaps you have seen the picture of those of us who were at the reunion in Indianapolis and I'm sure you recognized the guys in it.

I would like to see the Company H group become one of the largest company groups at Providence, R. I. this year.

If any of you know a buddy from the company who lives nearby or one you've been keeping in touch with get him to come to Providence with you in August.

Let me know about you and where you live if you were ever in Company H at all.

You can get in touch with me at any time. Just write to:

Kenneth M. Seiger
7932 Marsden Street
Philadelphia Pa. 19136

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. 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 & 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 \$365. 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. Entertainment—

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.

Attention All Who Plan To Make The Trip Overseas in August

Please get in your deposits as soon as you can so we can have some idea how many intend to go. Send your check to me: Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07306 and I will forward them to the travel agency or you can send your check directly to the Bohl Travel Tours, 110 Erie Boulevard, Schenectady, New York, in care of Mr. Cliff Unbekant. Be sure to mention that it is for the 83rd Division trip overseas.

You will need a vaccination for smallpox, which your doctor can give you along with a health certificate which you will send to the Validation Dept. of your Board of Health for verification and it will be returned to you stamped.

Get in touch with your State Dept. which will inform you where the passport application can be obtained from the Clerk of Court. You will then bring your birth certificate or some positive proof of identification with you along with the filled out passport application and a two by two inch picture of yourself.

The actual time of departure has not been determined but each of you who is taking the trip will be notified personally in plenty of time.

The amount of luggage you may take is 40 pounds with a charge for anything in excess of that amount.

The amount of money you take with you will depend on you. If you want to splurge you will need more than if you are conservative.

That about sums up everything but please get your deposits in as soon as possible so we will have some idea on how many will be making the trip.

Co. F. 329th News & Sidelights

By Vic Landis

Time marches on — and the older one gets, the faster it goes. It seems a short time ago we were convened in Indianapolis, having the time of our lives and here it is, only some three short months from our annual conclave in Providence, Rhode Island. Manny Martin and his cohorts, really have the greatest program in our history, lined up and we will have a ball.

Am rather disappointed in the lack of paid up members, from F-329, as we are now running third and that is no place for the best damned Company in the 83rd. Come on you slackers, get off your duff and send in your dues. Write letters to your personal buddies, with a plea to join us in Providence.

Have not heard from Sylvain Fishman for quite a spell and the same goes for Hervie Ward. Hervie's home town is close to Providence and he also graduated from Brown University in Providence. He just can't pass up this year's affair. Have not heard from Gerry Morrison for about two years and it has been longer than that, since last receiving a letter from Chuck Whitcomb. Pete Kostomite, Andy Zonkoski, Roy Clemmons, Bob Noll, Bob Heidel and Paul Arent. Come on you regulars, write them a nasty insulting letter. I know I will.

I know the old goat—Lee Titus—is gloating over the fact G-331st is leading in paid up members, but we will knock him off with our annual stretch run. If all units had the paid up members G-331st and F-329th has every year, our membership would be fantastic. Come on guys, let's shoot the works.

Your National Publicity Director Reports

By Vic Landis, F-329

Have been getting bigger and better releases printed in the daily papers and there are many more to come. Many of the columnists have carried it in their daily works. Have received quite a few letters from reporters, who were veterans themselves and promise to get me additional publicity. You meet nice guys all over the world.

Am also hitting the Canadian papers, radio and television stations, as we had quite a few of their boys in our outfit. Many of our men may have moved to Canada. Will send releases to the European papers, as some of the fellows may be over there and just could be in the Army, on overseas duty.

Will secure more United Press wire releases to the papers, radio and television stations. Even if the news appears many times, in the same paper, or aired over the same radio stations, or flashed on the screen of the same television station, there will be many former members of the old 83rd, who will miss the deal. We have to keep hammering away, for years to come. If one year is missed, it would set us back about five.

I hate to keep reiterating in every issue of the Thunderbolt but we have the best source of publicity, right in our membership. Say we have 500 paid up members. If every man would write to ten of his buddies, that would add up to 5000 men of the 83rd who would receive word of our Association. The results would be amazing, as we who write to hundreds of our buddies every year, can and will attest. Take pen in hand you back sliders and write all your old buddies. That's all she wrote.

The following pictures were sent in by Wilbur Smail, Co. F-329, who was with the Mortar section of the Weapons Platoon.

Wilbur has had Phlebitis and has walked with a cane, most of the time, since the war. He has been in and out of veterans hospitals for years in between making a living for his family and deserves a lot of credit for his courage.

Thanks very much, Wilbur, and a tip of the Lockwood hat to you and yours.



Mortar section of Co. F-329 in the States.



Mortar section of Co. F after the War.

Dear Harry,

I noted in the last Thunderbolt that Martin Flaherty had passed away and that the association had no knowledge of him.

I knew Marty very well. He joined us at Atterbury early in 1943 after graduating OCS and was assigned as platoon leader in Co. I-329. Later was made first lieutenant and executive officer of Co. I, which he held when he went overseas.

He assumed command of Co. I after Capt. LeBeau was wounded in the vicinity of Carentan. Marty was also wounded slightly a few days later. He rejoined the outfit about the time of St. Malo and was CO in one of the companies in 3rd Battalion-329.

I left the outfit about that time, because of wounds, and have no further information on Martin Flaherty but remember him well as a fine person and a competent leader.

John Tisdell
Executive Officer,
Co. L-329



Co. F — On Tanks in Germany.



Smail and Kittrell in Germany.

Attention 83rds Everywhere

Lucille Durkin, Hqtrs.,
U. S. Army Aviation School
Office of the Librarian
Fort Rucker, Alabama

Would like to have a copy of the 83rd history "Thunderbolt Across Europe" for the files of the library. If any of the members have an extra copy or know of one that may be available, please send it to her or get in touch with her, I'm sure she will be very grateful.

Frankly Speaking:

Gentlemen:

I don't have too much in association business for this issue, but being this is the May and June issue and Father's Day occurs in June, I thought I would like to present something to all the men of the 83rd who have become dads. After reading this, I believe if you show it to your children they will then realize what a dad is.



"WHAT IS A DAD?"

A Dad is a man who is specially honored at certain times of the year with titles such as, Head of the Family, King of the Roost and Top Man of the Organization, but more often his presence, his steadfastness, and his support are taken for granted, like the foundations of a house. To a Dad, life is a give-and-take proposition. He gives his time, energy, love and advice, and usually has to take a lot in return — complaints, noise, teasing, problems, criticism, and often what seems to be a sad lack of appreciation. Besides the requirements of being a man, a Dad is expected to have the endurance of a camel, the shrewdness of a fox, the patience of an elephant, the industriousness of a beaver, and the cheeriness of a robin. Name anything — a Dad is supposed to fix it, mow it, paint it, train it, know all the facts about it, exterminate it, call for it or drop it off, spank it, find it or pay for it. Dads are perfect. They don't mind mentioning your faults . . . they keep bringing up the subject of work when you feel the least energetic. Somehow, though, whatever you do in life and whatever success you achieve, one of the biggest, warmest, and most gratifying rewards of all is to know Dad is proud of you! You don't always tell a Dad how much you love him, or how much you hope the most wonderful things in the world will happen to him . . . because there are no words that really express feelings so deep and sincere. Still, you can't help but feel he understands what's in your heart! Dads do!

Looking forward to seeing you all in August at our annual reunion in Providence.

If you have not yet sent in your dues for this year please do so in order that we may have a successful year and a successful reunion.

Frank McGrogan
Co. D-330

New Jersey Chapter News

Not much to report on the New Jersey Chapter except to say that we still meet on the third Friday of each month, usually at the VFW Post, Chestnut St. and Belmont Ave. in Garfield, New Jersey. On other occasions we meet at one of the member's homes for a combined meeting and social get together.

At the May and June meetings plans will be formulated for the summer and perhaps an evening out with the ladies in the very near future. Also plans will be made for the reunion in Providence come August and, for perhaps three or four of us, the trip back to the ETO.

With less than three months till reunion time we are anxiously awaiting jumping off time and, according to the program planned, everything points to a bang-up time being in store for all who attend. Try to be with us, I'm sure you'll thoroughly enjoy it.

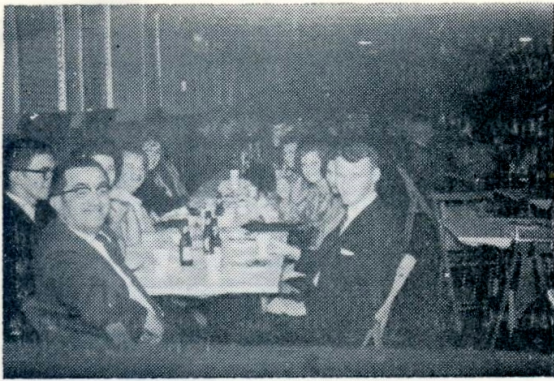
Manny Martin and the Fall River gang have worked hard on this one for the past three years and we're pulling for them to come through with flying colors which, we're sure they will.

That's is for this issue. See you all next time around.



Col. John C. Speedie, commander of the eastern sector of the 20th Corps, presented a Citation of Appreciation to James Reilly, president of Hanna Coal Company Division, at a meeting of the Cadiz, Ohio, Lions Club. The Army thanked Hanna Div. for providing training grounds for three units and the site upon which the Cadiz Reserve Unit headquarters are located.

Col. Speedie will be remembered as formerly 3rd Battalion C.O. of the 329th Division.



Anthony Gonsalves and Guests.



Liquid Refreshments Were Served — L. to r.: Freddy Costa, Joe Correia, Eddy Rivevides, Tony Gonsalves and Manny Silva.



Evie Correia Serving Coffee.

Dear Harry,

After reading the last issue of Thunderbolt I decided it was time to take some action.

Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 which takes care of my dues and also the dues of one of the other boys of Co. G-331.

You have done a fine job in keeping the association going. Sorry I haven't been able to take a more active part. However, one of these days I may break loose from some of the ties and lend a helping hand.

Joe Macaluso
Co. G-331

Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco, Co. L & M-331

The Fall River Chapter held its annual Ham, Chourico and Beans Supper on March 21st at the Miguel Corte Real



Club and a tremendous success it was. A capacity crowd of 200 people was in attendance and a ball was had by all who attended. To all members and the ladies responsible for the success of this affair, thank you and God bless you for a job well done.

A beautiful food and fruit basket, donated by the A & P Super Market and make up by Mr. John Maderious to be raffled at the affair, was won by Mr. George Caron.

I wish to mention, at this time, and give special thanks to Mrs. Moniz who worked throughout the night cooking beans, beans, beans for the affair. Believe me she is one in a million and a real credit to our chapter. Mrs. Moniz, incidentally, is the mother of Adeline Martin, wife of our Association president, Manny Martin.

Well folks, reunion time is just about here, we're coming down the home stretch. Everything is in readiness and everyone seems to be preparing for a most enjoyable reunion. We are beginning to get some beautiful weather after a long, cold winter. The outlook looks very promising and I'm quite sure no one will be disappointed so come one, come all to what we hope will be the grandest reunion ever.

Manny Martin and I visited with Frank McGrogan at the Colony Motel, a short time ago, in Cranston, R. I., and discussed many issues pertaining to the coming reunion in Providence and then a friendly chit-chat over some ice tingling refreshments which lasted till late in the evening. Many thanks to Frank for his kindness and hospitality.

Sadness struck the Fall River Chapter once again by the death of Mrs. Norman (Lillian) Bowers, wife of our police chief. Mrs. Bowers will be sadly missed by all the members of the chapter. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Norm and the relatives and friends in thier bereavement.

A buffet and dance is scheduled for June 20th at the Miguel Corte Real Club in Fall River. Tickets for this affair are \$5.00 per couple. A good evening is in store for all who come and we expect an early sellout, so get your tickets now.

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Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber, Medics - 330

Spring finally seemed to have sprung hereabouts and already the roar of power mowers rents the air. The rain



we're having, at present, will do the trick so get those spark plugs and the gasoline can ready, fellows!

Enjoyed the last issue of Thunderbolt very much and thanks to Harry Lockwood, our editor and all who contributed in any way.

Things move merrily along, here in Naptown. Both chapterwise and for the annual 500 mile auto race and festival activities. They sure plan a humdinger of a program this year with many big names from the entertainment participating.

Our chapter president, Lou Meyer, is real pleased with the attendance at the recent meetings.

A special welcome was extended to Jim Jones and his attractive wife at the last meeting and also to Wilbur Zander. Plan to attend every meeting, folks, happy to have you with us.

Our spirits drawing was a big success, thanks to all who worked so hard to make it so. Ned Smith sold the most tickets and the winning ticket for the gallon of Scotch was sold by him and drawn by Sue Jones. What a bargain, huh? Were you invited to the celebration, Ned? If so, I'll bet Geni had to keep an eye on you.

Very nice to have Bill Ledger back with us after his recent illness.

I learned that Dot Soroko was hospitalized and underwent surgery and that Judy Brumbach was to enter the hospital on April 15 surgery. Here's to a speedy recovery, gals, we hope to see you at the next meeting.

Clarence Hockensmith recently had a severe case of blood poisoning followed by double pneumonia but is getting along fine and was at the last meeting. You just can't keep a good 83rd man down, for long.

We're always happy to have the wives of our members attend the meetings with their hubbies and the lovely spouses of Jim Jones, Clarence Hockensmith, John Raikos, Matt Brumbach and John Robinette lent a little class to the surroundings. Gaynelle Robinette has been working the night shift since last September so we were glad to see her smiling face again.

After our next meeting the chapter will converge, on May 16, on the 40 and

8 Chateau for a smorgasbord preceded by a cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., complete with strolling musicians and then afterward, dancing in the ballroom. A special invite to all 83rd buddies, their wives and friends and we do hope our Tri-State chapters of Michigan and Ohio can be with us. That's on Saturday night and reservations can be made through John Robinette. All for the mere cost of \$5.00 per couple.

Our own Kenny Baird announced his candidacy for State Representative on the Republican ticket. Good luck, Kenny, and if all knew you as we do you'd have no difficulty emerging a winner. We're pulling for you.

This, being the Memorial Day issue we wish all a pleasant holiday and a moment of observance for the memory of our departed comrades.

That's it for now, more in the next issue, in the meantime, finalize those plans to attend the reunion in August.

Fall River

Before closing I wish to remind everyone that now is the time to plan for the reunion in Providence. We, of the Fall River Chapter, wish to see a big turnout so please don't let us down.

And so, till the next issue, good luck and good health to all Thunderbolts and their families everywhere.

The snapshots accompanying this article are from our Ham, Chourico and Beans Supper.



Joe (Bebe) Alves Band — To play at our C. P.



A Couple of Nice Kids — Joe Minotti, Jr. and Alberta Metras.

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

Co. G-331	35
Co. F-329	26
Div. Hqtrs.	26
324th FA	26
Medics	25
308 Engineers	22
908 FA	20
Co. F-330	19
323 FA	19
322 FA	17
Co. A-331	17

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

John J. Penzenik, 713 Chaphagen Dr., Neptune, New Jersey—Regt. Hq.-329.

Nestor W. Barli, Box 96, Coal Center, Penna.—Co. F-329.

George P. Davis, 405 East Morgan St., Raleigh, North Carolina—Co. I-329.

Marion A. Knoll, 724 Gateway Ave., Albany, California—Service Co.-329.

Walter Faszcewski, 607 Court St., Elizabeth, New Jersey—Hq. 1st Bn.-330.

James A. Wade, 110 Anthony Drive, Bristol, Conn.—Co. B-330.

Harold S. Washburn, RFD 2, Loganton, Penna.—Co. B-330.

Charles B. Whiting, North St., Goshen, Conn.—Co. K-330.

Elbert W. Johnson, P.O. Box 442, Cochran, Georgia—Regt. Hq.-331.

Donald F. Weld, 1402 S. W. 41st St., Pendleton, Oregon—Co. C-331.

Robert R. Kull, 747 Colfax Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida—Co. E-331.

William L. Sherman, 104 Douglas Ave., Liverpool, New York—Anti-tank 331st.

Michael Hovanec, 330 Meadowbrook Road, Stratford, Conn.—Service Btry. 322-FA.

Burton H. Turner, Anthony Drive, Bennington, Vermont—Co. F-330.

A Few Anxious Moments

Ordered to bring the duffle bags up for his outfit so that the men might change clothes, T/5 Howard Schreiner of Co. D-330 got a truck and took off. In the meantime D-330 got orders to attack. Not knowing this, upon his return, Howard thought they had merely moved down the road a piece and followed.

Coming to a house where two of his company's guns were set up he stopped and started to unload. THEN ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE. Needless to say Howard got out of there fast and the duffle bags weren't delivered that day. (Happy to say that Howard is still with us today—Editor's note.)

The following article was sent in by Bill Ferguson of Co. F-329.

It appeared in Army Reserve Magazine, March 1964 issue and is reprinted here in its entirety. Thought you may like to read it, I, myself thought it was very good.

Many thanks to Bill Ferguson for his thoughtfulness.

"The Thunderbolt Division"

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION

by

1st Lt. Raymond C. Carlsen, USAR (Lt. Carlsen is Assistant Information Officer of the 83rd Division. In civilian life, he is employed in the Public Relations Department of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.)

Many memories of a war are preserved in a name. For WW II the name could have been St. Malo, Beaugency Bridge or the Bulge. WW I had its Meuse-Argonne and Aisne-Marne.

Both conflicts had a name in common — Ohio's 83rd Inf. Div. In WW I the division's labels varied. "Ohio Division's," "Buckeye Division," and "Bayonet Division" were the most widely accepted. But there were no variations to the WW II headlines. The "Thunderbolt Division" was indelibly established in the pages of history.

A fighting tradition even preceded the 1917 organization of the division. Predecessor units of the division have guarded the Nation since 1791.

Campaign streamers reveal the battle successes on which the Thunderbolt tradition was established. From the War of 1812, names such as Chippewa and Lundy's Lane honor the division's colors.

Mexican war battles at Chapultepec and Vera Cruz; the Indian Wars; Civil War names such as Gettysburg, Antietam, Shiloh and Spotsylvania; Spanish-American War battles; and names from the Philippine Insurrection are all included among the streamers.

The division was organized at Camp Sherman, Ohio, during WW I. Most of the doughboys were Ohioans, but some came from Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

Division Goes to France

The division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Edwin F. Glenn, went to France in 1918 for the final push against the Boche. The 332nd Inf. Regt. went to Italy. The remainder of the division placed men on every front, training and supplying more than 195,000 officers and enlisted men as a depot division. Only a cadre remained at the war's end when the division's mission was completed.

In Italy, the 332nd was honored for its accomplishments in the Vittorio-Veneto and Venetia campaigns.

The 83rd demobilized in 1919, returning to status as an element of the U. S. Army Organized Reserve until August 15, 1942, and reactivation.

Under the WW II leadership of Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, the Thunderbolt, as it was now known, landed on Omaha Beach, 12 days after D-Day. After some defensive fighting in the hedgerows of Normandy, the 83rd was given its first major objectives of the war — to capture Dinard and the “impregnable” fortress at St. Malo.

The underground fortress at St. Malo had been specially prepared by the Nazis to withstand a sea invasion. Some 20 feet of solid rock provided overhead cover. Gun fire from German ships and shore batteries supported the stand of the Nazi commander, the “mad” Colonel von Aulock. The Germans also maintained positions on St. Joseph’s Hill, which commanded the area.

Capture 12,000 Germans

The Thunderbolt struck from inland, approaching through a swamp. With St. Malo, more than 12,000 Germans were captured by the 83rd. Division artillery literally blew the Nazis loose.

At Beaugency Bridge on the Loire River, the Thunderbolt captured 20,000 more Germans. Gen. Macon rejected a mock battle, face-saving plea from the Nazi general and accepted the general’s pistol in a formal surrender ceremony.

By Dec. 1944, the Thunderbolt division was in Germany. In fighting near Birgel, Sgt. Ralph G. Neppel of Glidden, Iowa, ignored a charging German tank about to overrun his machine-gun position. A shell blew off the sergeant’s left leg, but he held his position, killing 20 Germans.

Wins Medal of Honor

A German officer, finding the 19-year-old sergeant in the snow, shot Neppel in the head. The bullet was deflected by the sergeant’s helmet. He recovered to become the most outstanding Thunderbolt hero of WW II and win the Medal of Honor.

A few days later the Germans opened their winter offensive. Within 10 days the 83rd was moved to the point of a penetration now famous as the Battle of the Bulge.

The division moved along the north shoulder of the salient, fighting through drifting snow in the Ardennes Forest. By capturing the Houffalize-St. Vith Highway, the 83rd, the Thunderbolt, severed the last supply and communications link the Germans had with their homeland.

Racing across northern Germany, early in 1945, the 83rd pressed into service any type of vehicle — German cars, bicycles and military vehicles. Newspapers in the U. S. used names like “troops of the 83rd” and “shock troops of the Ninth Army.” Soldiers in the move called the division a “Rag Tag Circus.” And the Thunderbolt continued to drive.

Crossed Five Rivers

The Thunderbolt crossed five rivers, moving 280 miles in 13 days, to come within 54 miles of Berlin at the Elbe River, where the conference table ended its offensive. Just before V-E Day, the 83rd became the first unit of the Ninth Army to link with the Russians.

During the year of fighting, the 83rd moved from Omaha Beach to the Elbe River. The cost: 2,850 killed in action, 425 died of wounds, more than 11,000 wounded. In 270 days of contact with the enemy the Thunderbolt had captured more than 82,000 troops from the Axis forces.

After the war, the 83rd remained to occupy Germany until March 1946. In October, the unit was reactivated as a USAR division with headquarters in Cleveland. Brig. Gen. Russell A. Ramsey commanded the division.

Reorganized under “Pentomic” and “ROAD” concepts, regiments of the Thunderbolt were redesignated as battle groups in the combat arms regimental system. Each battle group assumed the history and designations of an Army regiment well established among the historic names of the Nation.

The 89 units of the division were located in 38 of the leading cities in Ohio and two in West Virginia.

Excellence Maintained

The standard of excellence established by the Thunderbolt division has been maintained.

During the U. S. Army Reserve training year for 1963, 85 of the division’s units received ratings of “excellent” or better as final ratings in combat effectiveness. Nineteen of the units were “superior,” the highest rating possible.

Commanded by Maj. Gen. Harold F. Harding, in civilian life Professor of Speech at Ohio State University, the division received high praise for accomplishments during active duty training at Camp A. P. Hill, Va.

In 1963, training at A. P. Hill, elements of the 83rd became the first Reserve units of the Second U. S. Army to perform countinsurgency tactics at the camp’s Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism Reaction & Testing Course, Sai Village.

Build on Tradition

Training objectives for 1964 continue to build on the Thunderbolt tradition. A statement by the division’s WW II commander, Gen. Macon, is still recalled to challenge the men of the Thunderbolt, while hallowing memories of those names of the past.

“We charge those who have survived with the resolution to apply themselves to their future roles with the same high unselfish nobility of purpose that they (men of the WW II Thunderbolt) have shown in combat. For myself, I am deeply thankful to have commanded such valiant men.”

Greater Indiana Chapter News

Dear Buddies,

We are now at the two thirds mark of another fine year of our great Association, so please check your membership card now and help keep the Thunderbolt name alive, because it's the greatest.



We Hoosiers know when you hear the roar of the big car engines, it will only be a few weeks until Memorial Day and the greatest 500 mile race will be won again. Hope some of you can see it.

Then it is not long until the coming Reunion in August; please make your plans now to attend this 18th annual Reunion.

As you know we are offered a space in the Indiana World Memorial for the 83rd Thunderbolt Museum. We will have a long term lease on all equipment we display there. If anyone wants to support this program, please drop me a card now as to what you have; such as uniforms — American or German — guns, flags, medals; anything pertaining to the war, as we will have to consolidate the list of items. So please let us hear from you.

The Indiana Chapter is holding a May Day dinner and dance on Saturday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Forty & Eight. This is also the first day of the 500 qualifications. Why not join us for a good time here in Naptown.

John W. Robinette
916 N. Dequincy St.
Indianapolis, Ind. 46201
Co. C. 308th Engr. Bn.

Signal Musings

By Don Hinz

This has been a good period for acquiring addresses but I doubt that many of them are members of our national association. All of us who are national members should contact the non-members and urge them to join their 83rd buddies. I have verified 13 new addresses and have corresponded by card and letter with four of them directly. So you see we have the potential of new national membership with the old and new addresses totaling to 45 new found members.

While in Minneapolis and St. Paul recently I checked on John J. (Red) Delaney but found there were three of

them in the phone directory. I called and talked to two of the three and none of these were "our Red". I sent a post card to the other address and our lost "RED" is found. I hope to contact him personally or by phone the next time I'm in that area. I have had correspondence from Bob Schooley, Yankton, South Dakota, Bob Stotzer, Archbold, Ohio and John McHale, Brunsville, Iowa; these fellows sent their addresses of former signalmen. Stotzer sent addresses for R. W. Dudley, Silver Springs, Md. and Jim Brennan, Warwick, R. I., Schooley sent along Nat Petty, High Point, N. C. and Bruce Winchell, Freeland, Michigan.

The increase in former signalmen addresses could not have been done without the help of the above named fellows and one, non-signal, especially. I sent a list of Baltimore, Md. addresses to Joseph Pizza, Jr., Baltimore, former Co. C-308 Engr., and he checked them out for me. He personally contacted those he could locate and verified their former 83rd participation. He sent addresses for Dan Ammer, (former Lt.) Domonic DiCicco, James Quinn, Wilbur Kellum and Louis Vogt. Sounds as if Baltimore or Maryland could begin their own 83rd Association Chapter. These men could not have been located by me other than through someone such as Joe Pizza. I want to thank you Joe, here and now, before the whole group. Your cooperation makes me proud to be associated with individuals of your type in our national organization! All for this time, let me hear from you guys. We're the living memorial of those left behind; it could have been us.

Once there was an Oriental king who loved flowers. One day he gave a rare lily plant to his gardener and told him to care for it as though it were his very own.

This gardener was pleased that the king had entrusted him with the care of the beautiful lily. He watched over it tenderly and cared for it faithfully.

However, one day he went out and someone had dug it up and taken it away. A feeling of tragedy came over him and he was crushed with disappointment. As he stood there in tears, an aide informed him that the king himself had dug up the plant and taken it into the palace.

The gardener was happy, for he knew that the lily belonged to the king anyway and that it was not really his own. All that we have has just been loaned us by God and we should not be frustrated when he takes that which is His own.

Very sincerely yours,
Enid Cooper

G Co. 330th Reporting

Dear Harry & All,

I missed last issue on purpose, thinking that maybe someone else would go to bat and write something, but I guess there are a lot of men that just don't care. It is this attitude of "Let George do it", Oh well what can I do, Oh what's the use!! that may put our sons and daughters right back where we were some years ago! Not too many years ago we were all over there doing something about this very thing. I'll bet there are a lot of POTENTIAL members, carrying cards of membership to the American Legion, VFW, Disabled Vets, Purple Heart and a lot of other veterans organizations; but how many belong to our association or ever attend any of the meetings of these other organizations? Only a person who served with the 83rd can belong to ours. The little black and gold triangle means quite a lot to me. It means that I was there.

I'll never forget the complete silence on board ship when we came into the harbor at New York and how good the old United States looked to me nor can I forget how it was to speak to someone and have them answer in a language I could easily understand. This is the greatest land of all and don't you forget it. I can say all this because I have been just as guilty of all these things as anyone, but it is time for me to change my ways. How about you? Perhaps it was the memorial service at Indianapolis last August or maybe it was the tragedy of last November, but it is not too late now. Get with it and join our association and you G Company men get something in the mail, let's hear from you.

About the trip back to the ETO. This sounds like a wonderful deal. I don't suppose anyone could ever get all this for the same price again. I'm not sure about myself if we'll get to go or not, but we are trying, and thinking very strongly about it. Only this morning's mail brought a proposition from one of the Co. G men saying let's go. I'm not quite as loaded as he is but maybe I'll turn over a rock and find uranium or something.

W. N. "Bud" Everhardt, Jr.
R.R. No. 4, Seymour, Ind.

The following Expense Statement was picked up on a napkin at Capt. Starn's in Atlantic City, N. J. Thought you might get a kick out of it.

EXPENSE STATEMENT	
10/4	Ad for female stenographer ...1.00
10/4	Violets for new stenographer ...1.50
10/6	Week's salary for new stenographer45.00
10/9	Roses for stenographer5.00

10/10	Candy for wife90
10/13	Lunch for stenographer7.00
10/15	Week's salary for stenographer60.00
10/16	Movie tickets for wife self1.20
10/18	Theatre tickets for steno and self16.00
10/19	Ice cream sundae for wife30
10/22	Natalie's salary75.00
10/23	Champagne and dinner for Natalie and self32.50
10/25	Doctor for stupid stenographer375.00
10/26	Mink Stole for wife1,700.00
Capt. Starn's Atlantic City, New Jersey	

OBITUARY

The following obituary was sent to Chaplain Bill Shuman by the brother of Quincy K. Owens, formerly Gen. Montague's jeep and command car driver who passed away last April 6:

Dear Mr. Shuman,

My brother Quincy passed on very suddenly on April 6. It was a great loss as you can well understand as we loved him so much.

Going through his papers we found a note dated August 8, 1963 addressed to my brother and myself asking that we notify you in the event anything should happen to him. He said: Please write Bill Shuman, he was our battery clerk in the Fighting 83rd Division. No doubt Quincy had a high regard for you and considered you a good friend.

He was buried in Arlington near our older brother, Clarence, who also served in the armed forces.

His friends and former buddies extend heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family of the late Quincy K. Owens.

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The New Jersey Chapter was saddened by the death of Vito Lascari's father a short time ago and wish to offer Vito and the family our sympathy and condolences. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

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Just received word from Lester Hauck, Co. C-308 Engineers that Rita Kirby, wife of Harry Kirby also formerly of Co. C-308 Eng. died suddenly of a heart attack on April 8, 1964.

To Harry and the four children we of the 83rd Division Assn. and his buddies from Co. C-308 Engineers extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement and we pray that the GOOD LORD will give them the strength to carry on in this trying time.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Over the past few years I have found Thunderbolt to be a very excellent and nostalgic piece of reading matter. Your efforts toward informing former members of the division are most rewarding.

The pressure of business has kept me from the many annual reunions but I intend to make another effort this year.

Anyone travelling to the northwest is most welcome to be my guest at Salmon Fishing at Westport.

Enclosed is my check for dues and I'll try to be more prompt in the future.

Hand Bielski
P.O. Box 212
Aberdeen, Washington
Hq. Btry. - 324 FA.

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed are my dues for this year. Certainly enjoy reading Thunderbolt.

Wonder if it is possible to get a list of names and addresses of the men who served with Hs. Btry. 908 FA. Would like very much to have one.

Thank you very much for any information you may have along these lines.

John H. Henderson
Box 185
Dallas, Georgia

(Editor's note: Anyone having such a list please send it to John. I'm sure he'll appreciate it.)

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Dear Harry,

Receive my Thunderbolt and enjoy reading it very much and have read about many old buddies whom I remember very well.

Will not be able to attend the 18th annual reunion as I would like as it is the same week of the national convention of the VFW. Many of the men may belong to the VFW as I and would like to attend both but cannot because they are held the same week. However, one of these years it may work out both ways.

Looking forward to attending an 83rd reunion in the near future.

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

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Dear Harry,

Haven't been feeling well for the past year and finally went to the hospital for tests where the doctor discovered I have an ulcer. Will return to the hospital February and, if no improvement will undergo an operation.

Sorry I haven't been more active in the Association but hope to, in the near future, if all goes well.

Really het up about the idea of a return trip to Europe. Hope it comes off and I can make it.

Enclosed find check for dues, hope to be earlier next time. Regards to all.

Jerry Sullivan, Co. F-331
39 Virginia Place
Staten Island 14, N. Y.

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Dear Harry,

Sorry to be late with my dues but have had a very bad year. Not financially but sorrowful.

Last March my oldest boy was in a very serious accident and, along with a concussion, his face was badly damaged requiring 350 stitches and he still has two more operations to go through.

When it was time for the reunion my mother-in-law took sick and passed away on Sept. 10, last.

Have had my share of hard luck and trying to take it in stride. If things go well I hope to see you all at the reunion in my home town, Providence, next August and there is plenty to see here.

Check for dues enclosed, best regards to all.

Mike Caprio, Btry. B-322 FA
179 Ledge St.
Providence, R. I.

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Dear Harry,

Trust these few lines find you in the best of health and the void in your life is somewhat eased by your steady devotion in keeping our organization together.

Enclosed is my check for TEN Dollars for my dues and a buddy membership for a member of your choice.

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

Joe Pertusi
214 Sixth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Harry,

One of these years I hope things will turn out right so I can be with you all. On a very good job and it is impossible to get off when I want to.

I'm sure you all had a wonderful time and hope to see you one of these days.

Enclosed is check for dues.

Best regards to the gang from Co. G-331.

Vance B. Tuttle
1007 East 40th St.
Savannah, Georgia, 31401

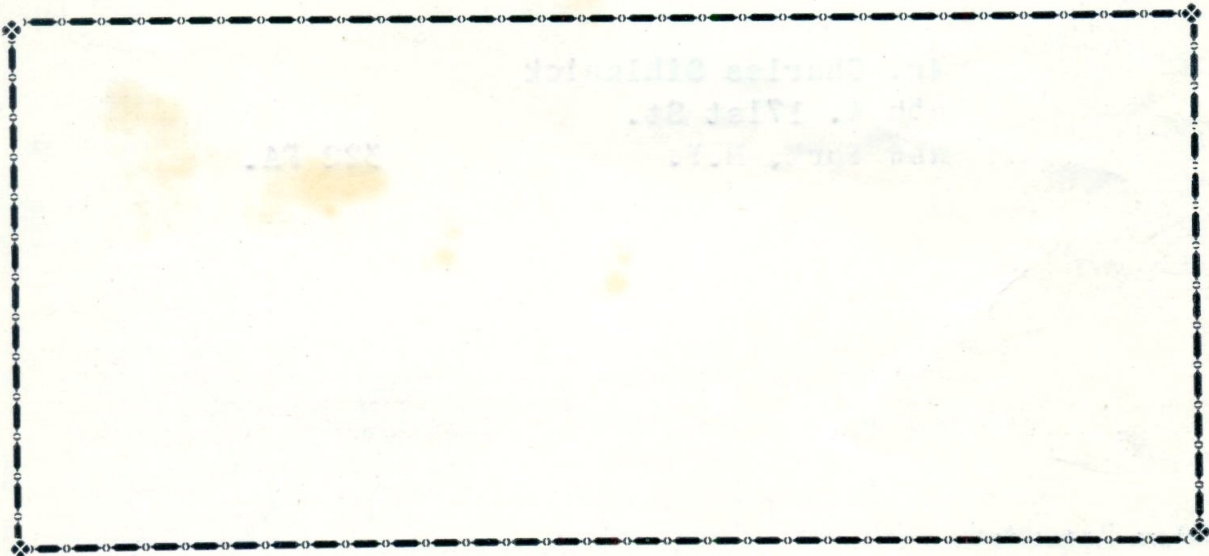
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