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President's Corner

By Manny Martin—Co. F-329

When you receive this convention issue of the Thunderbolt, the sands of time will be running out on my tenure of office as your President. It has been a rich and rewarding experience for me and one that shall ever be foremost in my chain of memories.



I, as most of you should know by now, am a very poor letter writer, yet, I am reluctant somehow to finish this, my last President's Corner column. I have really enjoyed writing this and the Convention Corner. If at times I have written items that were biting, and not to everyone's liking, I ask only that you remember that I was motivated by the things that I sincerely believed were in the best interests of our association, and not for my own personal satisfaction.

It has been a full year for me. One that I shall never forget. I have heard from many 83rd people from all over this great land of ours, and their letters were very welcome and encouraging. I thank all of you for taking the time to write.

At this time I would like to publicly acknowledge the wonderful co-operation that I have received from your Executive Board, a fine group of men, who work hard in the interests of the As-

sociation, watching over it as a mother hen watches over her brood. These are dedicated 83rd men and worthy of much praise.

Special thank yous are in order for Harry Lockwood, our very competent and hard-working secretary-treasurer. I do not think that very many of you realize just how many hours this fellow puts into Association business, but believe me they are very numerous. Harry does such an outstanding job, that he actually lightens the load of every president.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not convey special thanks also to our very capable press and publicity director, my old F. Co. comrade, Vic Landis. This guy must spend many sleepless nights, preparing the vast amount of material for the blanket publicity coverage that we receive all over the country.

I wish to thank and express my gratefulness to all of the officers of the Association for their kind advise and willingness to help. However, most of all, I am sincerely grateful to you, the dues paying members of our wonderful association, without you, we would be nothing, and we would have nothing. If anything I would like to see the rank and file take a little more interest in the affairs of our outfit. You are the most important members of this organization, and I extend a very grateful thank you to each and everyone. I do not feel that I have honored you by serving as president, rather, you have honored me, beyond description, by allowing me to serve. Thank you and God bless you.

European Trip Called Off

Due to a decided lack of response by the membership the planned European trip has been called off and the deposits have been returned to those who sent them in.

Sorry this had to happen but the cost of the trip was based on a minimum of 35 people and the total response was the grand sum of 7 (seven).

For those of you who may want to go to Europe, at any time, I suggest that you go to your travel agency and have him plan an itinerary according to your desires.

Harry W. Lockwood

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

Chaplain's Corner

Hq. Btry.-Divarty

Dear Buddies of
Our Great Association,

"Prayer Changeth Things", so said my dear mother from time to time. Her convictions, her faith and her sincerity in deep religion, were and are forever remembered. Her example and faith in God and mankind has been an example for me and has prompted me to write a few notes on this subject, "Prayer".



Someone once said "Prayer is the rope in the belfry: we pull it and it rings the bell up in heaven."

Perhaps you've heard the story of the two piously brought up children who were on their way to school. They had already been late several times that week and had been warned by their parents and teachers not to loiter along the way. Suddenly they noticed that it was almost nine o'clock and they were still a long way from school. One said to the other, "Let's stop and ask the Lord not to make us late again." "No", said the other, "let's run like sixty and say our prayers as we go." That readiness to "run like sixty", in the right direction, had best accompany all our petitions.

What is the object of prayer? Is prayer demand or petition? Is the prayer-room a restaurant where we order what we want or is it a hospital where sick souls receive the treatment the great physician thinks best?

Let us put it this way. There are two instruments to be tuned in key with each other, a pipe organ and a violin. It's a great task to change the pitch of the organ but a simple one to tune a violin. Shall we tune the great organ down to the pitch of the violin or shall we tune the violin up to the pitch of the organ? One must give in. Must God accommodate his will to ours or shall we change ours to meet his?

"This Is My Prayer", by Rabundranath Tagore, seems very appropriate to print at this time and I do hope you'll read it or clip it for your future reference.

"This is my prayer to thee my Lord-Strike, Strike at the root of penury in my heart.

Give me the strength lightly to bear
my joys and sorrows
Give me the strength to make my
love fruitful in service.
Give me the strength never to

disown the poor or bend my knees
before insolent might.
Give me the strength to raise my
mind high above daily trifles
And give me the strength to surren-
der my strength to thy will with
love."

Your Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood
Regt. Hq.-329

This is the end of another Association year, a good year and also a disappointing year.

A good year in that for the first time that I can remember we hit the 700 mark in paid-up membership. A disappointing year in that almost 150 last year members did not send in their dues for this past year.



What a wonderful year this would have been if most of those 150 had responded.

Gentlemen, I am not crying the blues. Your Association is solvent. In fact, more solvent now than it ever has been but 150 unpaid members out of an approximate 700 total is entirely out of proportion and it would have hurt had we not picked up that many new members to offset the deficit.

We can stand and expect 25 to 30 unpaid members in any given year but when it goes beyond that we begin to wonder why.

To those 150 who missed this year, please try to respond, for next year, as soon as possible if you are in a position to do so and, of course, if you still look favorably on the association.

One thing more; if you have a gripe, please let us know about it and we'll try our best to rectify whatever is wrong.

Hope to see many of you at the reunion in Providence, Rhode Island. Till then, best regards.

Beg Your Pardon

Through an oversight, on my part, I neglected to mention in the two previous issues of Thunderbolt that Florian E. Lubreskie had become a member of the Association on February 24, '64.

Florian, Co. E-331, is a penitentiary guard at 1125 West Spruce street, Shamokin, Penn.

I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from all his old buddies.

Your Editor

Convention Corner

By Manny Martin—F. Co.-329

We of the Fall River Chapter are ready for your invasion of Providence, to attend our Mardi Gras in August. I hope that all of you have made your plans to attend and have sent your reservations in to the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, for as I wrote in my first column, there are just 250 rooms available on a first come, first served basis. I believe that with the outstanding program that we have scheduled for you, this will be one of the best attended conventions ever. We in the Fall River Chapter have toiled hard and long for three years to make our program so attractive, with promise of three joy filled days, that you would be sorry if you did not attend.

I would like to refresh your memories to the highlights of our program.

On Thursday, August 20 we will go to historic Newport, R. I. at 1 p.m. Each bus will have a guide to point out the historical and most interesting places in Newport, among which are the popular Ocean Drive, summer playground of the very wealthy. You will be taken on a tour of the Breakers, one of the most fabulous mansions in the world; at one time the summer palace of the Vanderbilts. I understand that shorts and slacks can be worn for this phase of the convention. Actually the only thing that discourages at the Breakers is spike heels.

At 8:30 p.m. in the Garden Room we will have our cocktail party. Loads of liquid refreshments will be available to you plus the music of a fine little band for your dancing pleasure.

Friday, of course, will start with the business meeting for the men. The ladies will tour Calarts artificial flower and the Gorham Silver Plants in the morning. In the afternoon the ladies that toured Gorham's in the morning will tour Calarts, and vice versa. The men will tour the first electronic post office in the country. Again I will remind the ladies, that if they have a special dish or vase that they would like professionally arranged with artificial flowers, Calarts is the place to have it done.

At 6:30 p.m. we board buses for shuttle movement to the waterfront, where we will board the ship called "The Yankee", for our moonlight cruise with booze; Bebe and his Musical Tops will supply the music for dancing aboard ship. I guarantee that this little string orchestra will be the hit of the reunion. They will be coming back to the hotel to play as long as you want to dance, after the boat ride. I would advise everyone to pack a sweater of some sort, as it can be hot in town and real cool when you get out on the water.

Saturday morning is our meeting for the selection of your new officers, and next year's convention site; the ladies can walk just two blocks into the main shopping district and have their hair done for Saturday evening.

At 2 p.m. we will have our memorial services. It will be in the hotel and I wish all of you would attend as our chaplains do a fine job in good taste on this every year.

At 5:30 p.m. we will have a happy hour in the ballroom foyer, where you can get a drink before dinner.

Promptly at 6:15, if you are there or not, dinner will be served, followed by the music of one of the finest orchestras in the country—"Buddy Morrow and his Night Train Orchestra". We were fortunate in being able to book the Buddy Morrow Band as they are in constant demand all over the country. He will play from 9 until 1 a.m.

At 1 a.m. we will hold our Au Revoir Party, with Bebe again playing for us in the ballroom.

If that program doesn't entice you to
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New Jersey Chapter News

Some of the New Jersey Chapter gang journeyed to Canarsie (Brooklyn) on June 20 to spend an evening with Dave and Millie Benick at their new home at 100-18 Avenue M and for those who showed up a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Don't know if journeyed is the right word to use in all cases because a trip that ordinarily should take little over an hour ran into two to two and a half hours with half the crowd getting lost enroute.

The telephone at Benicks' rang continuously with the answer being the same each time: "where are you" and "how in the world did you get there." New directions would be given and a while later Dave went through the same ritual. Finally it got to the point that when the phone rang Dave no longer said "hello" but where are you, stay where you are, I'll be there in a few minutes.

But as I said before everything turned out swell and a very pleasant evening was spent by all who attended.

It was nice to see Dave and Ruth Feig again after so long a time and they promised they would be at the reunion to see all their old friends.

In fact the New Jersey Chapter expects to be well represented at the reunion and all those attending will be looking forward to taking advantage of the wonderful program that has been set up.

See you in the next issue after what we are sure will be a bang up reunion.

Convention Corner

Continued

come to Providence, then I think nothing will.

I want to remind you that since we will be paying bus fare and admissions for children, there will be a set of tickets made up for the children that can be purchased at the registration desk. In any event no children at the cocktail party, no children under 16, allowed on the boat ride for safety measures. Children over 16 will have to purchase a boat ride ticket, separate from the strip of tickets that will be available for children.

A hospitality room will be open on the mezzanine floor, where everyone who registers at the convention is welcome to pause and tip a few with his buddies. This room and the refreshments therein are being made available by the kind contributions of the chapters, purchasing ads in our program book. You need not be a chapter member to enjoy the facilities of the hospitality room, everyone is welcome, as long as they are registered at the convention.

I am quite sure that all of you will enjoy the brochure that accompanies this issue of the Thunderbolt, as well as our program book at the reunion. Both were designed and printed by our own Anthony Gonsalves, who has done a superb job, and to whom we shall be eternally indebted.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the Fall River Chapter and our ladies, who have put up with me, cooked, baked, tended bar, cleaned halls and a million other jobs, for the past three years, to make this convention possible.

If you would like to forget anything that may be bothering you, if you want to spend three of the happiest days you have ever spent, then join us in Providence on August 20, 21 and 22. I assure you that the Fall River Chapter will go all out to make your stay a memorable and most enjoyable one.

Your National Publicity Director Reports

By Vic Landis, F-329

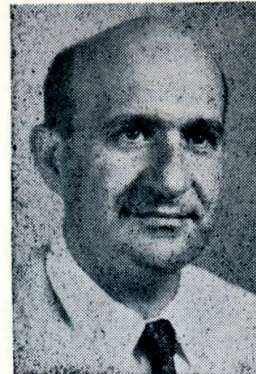
My publicity campaign is gradually drawing to a close, but will keep on sending out releases and making contacts, until a few days before the reunion. Never before, have I had such complete coverage, on radio, television and the newspapers. We all are indebted to editors of the papers and the program directors of the radio and television stations. A tip of the hat, to all these nice people.

I have not given up on securing a national magazine to cover our reunion. This would really be a big deal and the publicity would be tremendous. One editor has promised to cover us—IF he has any reporters and photographers in that area. Hope he does.

I received a nice long letter from Maj. General Bob York and he is almost certain to attend the reunion. Bob is really climbing up the military ladder and it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. We are all looking forward to meeting and greeting Bob once more. That's about all. See you all in Providence.

National Officers Join Philadelphia Chapter At Banquet

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter were greatly honored by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Manny Martin, Harry Lockwood, and Mr. and Mrs. John Raikos at our May banquet held on Saturday, May 16, 1964.



The dinner and dance and show was held at the Venice Lounge, and altho the gathering was not up to par as far as attendance, all those who attended had a wonderful time. The drinks that inaugurated the cocktail hour were endless. The open bar continued all evening. The dinner was most sumptuous, the entertainment was of the best, our honored guests truly had a ball.

Manny Martin outlined to the guests attending the wonderful plans for the annual reunion. We are sure that the convention this year will be one of the best. We all know how hard Manny Martin and his convention committee have labored to make this reunion the finest.

Harry Lockwood informed the assemblage of the membership enrollment and also outlined what was on the schedule for the future.

John Raikos expressed his appreciation for being invited to our banquet and voiced his pleasure and delight at the excellent time he was enjoying.

Again we must repeat altho we missed our banner attendance, all those who came had a wonderful time.

Dave Rosenberg
Co. F-331

Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco—Co. L & M-331

The Fall River Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on May 9, at the home of Manny and Adeline Martin with most of the members attending.



The main topic of discussion was the coming reunion and the wheels having been turning in high gear for some time now, everything is in ship shape and, we're sure, a most wonderful time is in store for all.

The chapter was honored by the presence of our national secretary-treasurer, Harry Lockwood, the night of our meeting. Harry congratulated the chapter for the wonderful job they have done on this year's reunion and he is as confident as we that it will be a tremendous success.

We do hope, with all honesty, that everyone attending will be completely satisfied and I, for one, would like to hear any comments, good or bad. We have tried very hard not to leave any stone unturned; we have gone all out to satisfy all who come which, of course is not easy, and we've enjoyed every minute of it. I personally have taken pride in this reunion and, after it is over, would like to know what you think of it.

The proudest member of the chapter, of course, will be our national president who has put all his time and effort to giving you the grandest and happiest reunion possible. This has been Manny's pet project for these past three years and everything that has been done has been done with only one aim in mind: to give you the best three reunion days you have ever had and all we ask of you is that we see each and everyone of you at the Hotel Sheraton-Biltmore, in Providence, R. I., on August 20, 21 and 22nd.

Although Manny Martin has done most of the arranging and assumed the bulk of responsibility let us not forget, that for three years, the ladies of our chapter have assisted us in every way possible. Baking home made pastries, decorating head tables, being hostesses at our various affairs and in many other ways. Also those who sold tickets for those affairs and those who made donations. All in all, to each of you who contributed, no matter how small, thank you very much.

For the ladies I suggest you wear something comfortable for the sight seeing tours and boat ride and your eve-

ning wear of course will be of your own choice. Slacks or shorts for the tours and boat will be permissible along with a sweater as it can get a little chilly out on the water after dark, even in August.

Adelard (Pete) La Rue, owner of the Park Drug Store moved to his new place of business, a beautiful modern drug store at 927 South Main Street in Fall River, opposite his former location. A grand opening was held on June 6 and free door prizes were given to all who attended.

Mrs. Alice B. Costa, beloved mother of Alfred Costa, passed away on June 7 and our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to Freddy and his bereaved family.

Police Chief Norman Bowers was hospitalized recently and underwent surgery. According to all reports he is feeling fine and on the road to recovery.

Good luck and good health to all fellow Thunderbolts and their families. Hope to see you at the reunion.

"To The Men of Co. D-330th"

Dear Buddies:

Just a reminder to all you guys from "Co. D-330th" who were not at the last reunion, you really missed a wonderful time in Indianapolis. Now, I am starting a campaign to make sure you don't miss the next one in Providence, Rhode Island.



I am striving for 50 members in our company this year and that is only a few more from the total paid up members this past year. If all the paid up members of last year would pick up one member each, we are sure to get our 50 members. It's worth a try. Old Buddy — how about it? Let's all put the old Division patch to the membership wagon and push it over the top. We can do it — if we try!

It takes a just and simple man with a little hidden quality to be a leader. We can't all be leaders, some of us must be followers but if a few of us lead the way the followers will fall in line and "Co. D-330th" will have the biggest turnout in its history this year in Providence.

I am sure most of you know that the Association dues run from August to August, so please send me your dues, if you have not sent it in as yet.

Men, give this some serious thought — this is your association.

HELP MAKE IT GROW

Frank McGrogan
"Co. D-330th"

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter Leads All Others At Memorial Day Parade

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter was chosen to lead the annual Memorial Day services parade held in West Philadelphia and put on as fine a demonstration as ever held. Our group of marchers was the largest we have ever had, our uniformed men clearly outshone all the other marchers. Our honor guard was the finest and our new colors outshone every other post and organization.

We were very, very proud of our color



Left to right, front row—Kemery, McGrogan, Redmond, Litrenta, Mendelsohn, Rosenberg and Theodore. Back row — Pugh, Piscitelli, Ponzio and Belvedere.

About Your Thunderbolt

This is the fifth issue of Thunderbolt since the reunion in August of 1963. We trust you enjoy reading Thunderbolt and that, occasionally, you may find something of interest about some of your old buddies.

Thunderbolt is printed about five times a year from news sent in by our staff of reporters and anyone who has something to say that may be of interest to the Association in general and/or the membership in particular.

If any of you have news that may be of interest to the Association or the membership, please send it to "Thunderbolt", 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 and we'll do our best to get it in the following or one of the future issues. All pictures sent in with news items will be returned as soon as possible after the publication goes to press.

Harry W. Lockwood
Editor, "Thunderbolt"

guard. They led the Philadelphia Chapter to the church and on to the memorial services at the cemetery. As we paraded through the city streets many of the on-lookers were compelled to applaud the Philadelphia Chapter's representatives as we followed our color guard. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Association made many new friends by its precision marching and military appearance.

Everyone was well pleased by the excellent turnout of the Quaker City Chapter, the spirit of remembrance of our members made this Memorial Day a real winner.

Dave Rosenberg
Co. F-331



During the memorial service, the 83rd men are: Pugh, Piscitelli, Ponzio and Belvedere.



Larry Redmond had this 83rd Pennsylvania license plate for a number of years, now his wife, Mary has it. At least they are keeping it in the family.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Enclosed are my dues, for this year, sorry to be late.

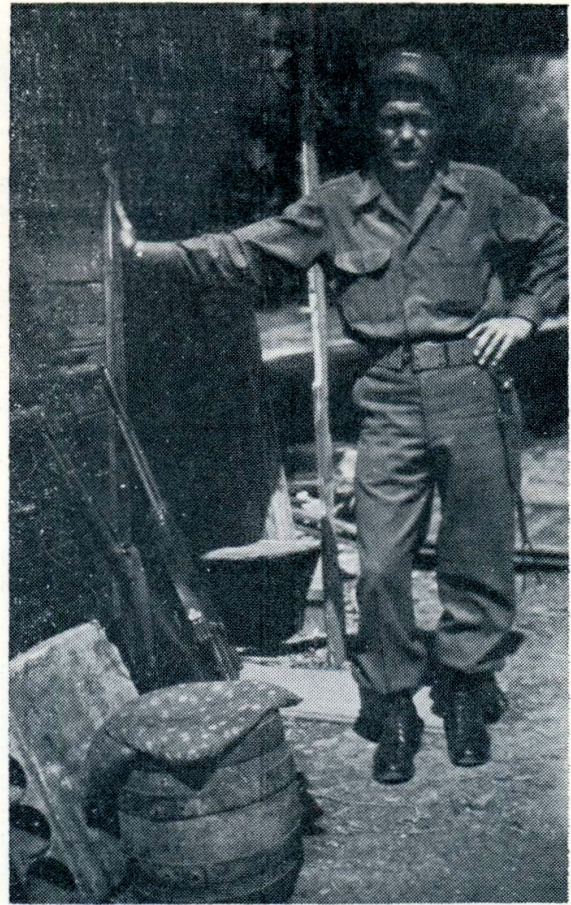
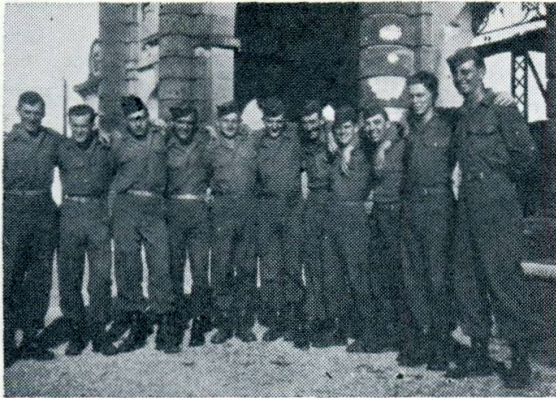
Also enclosed are four prints that I would appreciate your putting them in the next issue of Thunderbolt so some of the old gang from Co. B-331 might see them.

Sorry I cannot make the reunion. I would like nothing better but it is a long way from California. Here's hoping you all have a wonderful time.

Best regards to all and especially the men of Co. B-331.

Phil Poso
1652 Toledo Court
(Linda Mar)
Pacifica, California

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed is check for my 1965 dues.

I'm afraid we will not get to the reunion this year but definitely will look forward to next year, wherever it may be held.

Best regards to all and have a nice time.

Raynor V. Burcham
Hq. 3rd Bn.-330
P. O. Box 344
Proctorville, Ohio
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Dear Harry,

Enclosed is my check for 1965 dues.

Living in Woonsocket, just a few miles from Providence. You can be sure that I'll be at the reunion this year. Hope to see a lot of the old gang from Co. G-331 there. Be looking for you and here's to a wonderful reunion.

William Carriere
110 Cumberland St.
Woonsocket, Rhode Island

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Saleh M. Owens, of Tripoli, Libya on the birth of their daughter, born on January 25, last, and the name, Camilla Janeen, has been chosen for the new offspring.

Mrs. Owens is the former Janice Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Fowler, 1605 N.W. 19th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Jim Fowler was first sergeant of Co. F-329 during World War II.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed are my dues for this year. I feel honored getting a dun signed by you personally and apologize for needing it.

Have been hopefully scanning Thunderbolt for familiar names and so far have been disappointed. Don't concern yourself about it though as it is my fault. It has been so many years since the late unpleasantness and my memory is so faulty. I do remember some names such as Waple, Newman, Kirkheimer, Elliot, Carter, Amites and many others but time has passed and I wonder how many I would still recognize. Your magazine mentions some names every issue but they are all the hard working people who keep the organization together and are all strangers to me.

Have attended two reunions, one long ago in Indianapolis and the one in Atlantic City. The potbellied, balding middle aged men who marched in Atlantic City, can they be the same men I saw at Atterbury on the obstacle course?

It was a great division, perhaps the best in the ETO. Thanks to you and all the others for trying to keep it alive.

John P. Dowd
Regt. Hq. 331

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter News

Well things here in Detroit are about the same. There's not been much going on chapter-wise of late. We hope to have a get together this month some time for all the kids. I see where Chicago has a chapter. That sure is a good thing for the association. I was talking to Walter Marks from Chicago. He was saying that they have had a couple of meetings already. I see where the overseas trip fell through. Well, maybe there will be other times.

I suppose that the boys in Fall River are quite busy getting ready for the convention. I was talking to Harry Lockwood, by phone in New Jersey. He told me that Manny Martin and all the other boys there in Falls River, are really going to put on a great convention, and knowing Manny like we all do I really think whoever is fortunate enough to attend this convention will never forget it. As of now Hankie and I are hoping to make the convention. I was talking to Nick and Sylvia Barbu. They weren't sure yet if they can make the convention. Bill and Virg Palozzolo aren't sure if they will make it yet either.

Before I close I want to say hello to John Teringo. I hope you are feeling better by now John. That's all from the Detroit Chapter for now.

Jack Daugherty
Co. L-329

Chicago Group Forms Chapter

The third meeting of a group of men in the Chicago area was held at the Como Inn in Chicago on Thursday evening, June 25, for the purpose of forming a chapter which will be known as the Metropolitan Chicago Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc.

A group of more than 20 men and women were present and, after dinner and some liquid refreshments, a meeting was held at which it was decided that they would file for a certificate of incorporation, set up by-laws and request that a charter be presented to one of their members in the name of the Metropolitan Chicago Chapter at the reunion in Providence on Saturday, August 22 during the banquet festivities.

At noon on Thursday, June 25 I boarded a plane at Newark Airport, arriving in Chicago an hour and forty minutes later, to be present at that third meeting of the newly formed chapter.

I must say that I had an extremely wonderful evening. I renewed a few old acquaintances and made some new ones. Gave a short talk and if I helped in any way with any of their problems or by answering their questions and, if my visit was in any way responsible for helping them get organized, it was a worthwhile trip. In fact it was a worthwhile trip in any event.

After the meeting we all congregated at the bar for a few drinks. A songfest and a little chit-chat.

Left Chicago early Friday morning and flew back to Newark and, at this time, I would like to say to the men and ladies in Chicago who were present at the meeting, thank you, folks, for your wonderful hospitality, I enjoyed every minute of your company and am looking forward to seeing you all again in the very near future.

Harry Lockwood

Welcome Back Stateside

George E. Relyea, Co. G-330, who, for the past few years, has been teaching at the Nemazee Vocational School in Shiraz, Iran.

George returned to this country a short time ago and is happy to be back. At present he and Mrs. Relyea live at 6839 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland and, for those of you who may remember George but lost track of him now is your chance to renew his acquaintance.

Hello Buddies,

By Larry Redmond, Co. H-330

Here we are fast approaching the end of another great year in our association. It has been 20 long years since we set



foot on French soil and many things have happened over this period of time but one of the greatest things that happened, or could have happened to us, was the forming of this association.

This has been like getting a large family together and each year holding a family reunion. To those of you who have never attended an 83rd reunion you can't possibly imagine what you have missed. To those of us who try so hard never to miss one we can't imagine why others of us wouldn't go out of their way to attend. These reunions are the greatest vacation you could possibly have. They bring together those of us who went through very trying days in battle and, on top of that, it gives a chance to be together once more, to talk over old times and relive some of the experiences we were forced to endure.

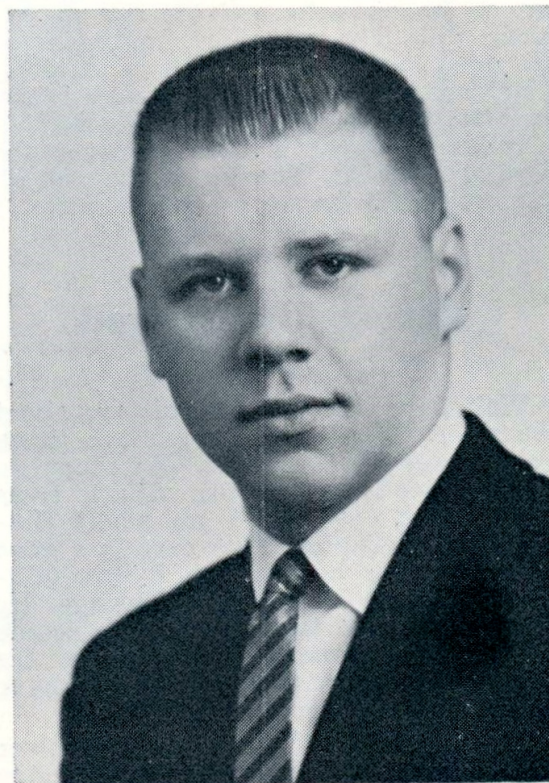
I'd like to appeal to those who have not had the pleasure of attending a reunion to try and make this one a must. Come and get acquainted, once again, with those buddies you have not seen since we left Germany. You will be amazed to see how heavy Lou got, how old Bill is looking or how young Tom stayed. You will be amazed to see what a beautiful wife George has or how big John's children are. You can't realize the thrill it is to see Sergeant Smith and Lt. Jones again or the guy you thought so much of and/or thought of so much since. I assure you that, like myself, and many more, once you attend an 83rd Division Association reunion you will look forward to attending many more to spend a few happy vacation days with your old buddies.

My best wishes to all who were paid up members in the Association this past year and those of you who were not paid up, I sincerely hope that we can welcome you back into the fold again next year. Remember, this is your Association, the success or failure of it depends entirely on you, its members or potential members. If you have a buddy who is not a paid up member, or who never has been a paid-up member, how about trying to sell him on the idea of joining us today.

As a closing word, for this year, I would like to say that we all owe one

great vote of thanks to our secretary-treasurer, Harry Lockwood, for the wonderful job he has done year after year and also extend a word of appreciation to Vic Landis for the tremendous job he has done in promoting our publicity. Vic has covered every newspaper from coast to coast, radio and television stations and other media in getting us a million dollars worth of publicity for the small sum of postage and a lot of hard work and, thanks to, and because of this type of men our association has been able to carry on. If each and every one of you did his part by getting one member it might make the load a lot easier for all. Let's all get in there and do our best, just one new member per man.

See you all at the reunion, in the meantime, best of everything to all.



Joseph Minotti, Jr.

Joseph Minotti, Jr. Graduates From Harvard University

Joseph Minotti, Jr., just graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and has gone on a 15 month tour of Venezuela with ACCION, an organization similar to the Peace Corps except that it is financed by private American industry.

Young Joe is the son of Joseph Minotti, of Warren, Ohio, formerly Lt. Minotti of Hq. Btry. 324th FA and former president of the Division Association.

We wish Joe, Jr. lots of luck in his endeavor and we're sure he will serve well with the organization with which he has become connected.

Straight From Dixie

By Bernard O. (Dick) Riddle
Hq. 3rd Bn. - 329th

Sorry, we have missed out on our news in the last couple issues.

We are still rolling along and trying to get things in order for a reunion in this vicinity, probably Myrtle Beach. Hope to have something definite to present in Providence.

Was a big disappointment Europe trip did not work out. Believe Dick Riddle was the only one planning to go. He was already taking bids on wife and three children! Had almost collected enough to go! Carson Deck had a sign put up on his lawn that his wife, Gilda, was taking in washing and ironing to help him. Seems as if all the neighbors favored the local Washerteria so Carson was not making much progress. Ha, just a little fun.

This Dixie bunch has not done anything real outstanding. We do enjoy being together and having fun. Am planning on a formal get together after reunion. Have hopes to gather more members and get some of present ones to come to meetings more regular. Polly and "Red" Boyles have more than gone out of their way to make his insurance office available for meetings. Also provide refreshments.

Have been in touch with Robert Martin. Sure did hate to lose him but hope he will be back with us one day soon. His health went haywire. He and Lucille are now in Virginia where he is working and under doctor's care. He is well on the road to recovery again. You can't keep fine people like that down.

We are also proud of our Texas member. E. D. and Earnestine Holcombe. He was with Co. D-308th Med. We met them in Indianapolis. Even with the distance involved E. D. is a true 83rd. Hope he can arrange to attend some of our meetings.

Don't know how many will be in Providence. There is some discussion about chartering a bus. We have another meeting July 27. Feel sure some of our members will be there. Can't miss it.

Am sending picture taken at last meeting. Sorry Hubert Edwards couldn't attend meeting. However, he called. He is really faithful and we just couldn't get along without him. However, let's face it, we are real proud of all our members and this Dixie Chapter will just keep on growing and show that we are all proud to be a part of an association like the 83rd. Our chests just stuck out a little when Eisenhower mentioned the 83rd during his television program. After all these years that proves that the part the 83rd had in World War II is still remembered.

See U' All in Providence.



Co. F. 329 News & Side Lights

By Vic Landis

I am glad to report that F-329 has done it again. With our annual stretch run, we overhauled that old goat, Lee Titus, and his beloved G-331. We had 46 paid up members, at the last count. I am now working on some more for next year.

All of the old gang were sorry to hear that Jim Fowler, our first sergeant throughout the war, had a very severe heart attack and spent a few weeks in the hospital. Jim is recuperating nicely and we all wish him God Speed, to a complete recovery.

I really believe F-329 will have a good turnout at the conclave in Providence. For the first time in years, Roy Arnfield sent in his dues and promised to make the affair, come this August.

Sylvain Fishman and Hervey Ward will be in attendance and the old guard will be there. Good old Hank Golembiewski will not miss his first reunion, and Bill Ferguson will make the deal. Ed Zerucha and a host of others have promised to be there. The F-329 C.P. will be operating 24 hours per day.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

"Big Bill" Nickell of Co. F-329 won the Division Middleweight Championship in September of 1945 defeating Chet Koleman of the 331st Regiment on a decision.

Bill now resides in Michigan City, Indiana and comes to the reunion every year with his wife and two children.

**MAKE YOUR PLANS
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THE
ANNUAL REUNION**

Following is a list of Association paid up membership according to units:

Co. F-329	46
Co. G-331	35
Div. Hqtrs.	26
324 Field Artillery	26
Medics	25
308 Engineers	24
Co. F-330	20
908 Field Artillery	20
323 Field Artillery	19
322 Field Artillery	17
Co. A-331	17
Regt. Hqtrs.-329	16
Regt. Hqtrs.-330	16
Co. I-329	14
Co. M-330	14
Co. B-331	14
Co. K-331	14
Co. B-330	12
Co. B-329	11
Co. D-330	11
Co. H-330	11
Regt. Hqtrs.-331	11
Hqtrs. 1st Bn.-331	11
83rd Signal	11
Co. E-329	10
Co. C-331	10
Co. C-330	9
Co. K-330	9
Co. L-330	9
Co. D-331	9
Co. E-331	9
Hqtrs. 3rd Bn.-331	9
Co. H-329	8
Co. G-330	8
Q'Master	8
Co. A-329	7
Co. G-329	7
Co. A-330	7
Co. F-331	7
Co. H-331	7
Co. D-329	6
Hqtrs. 3rd Bn.-329	6
Cannon Co.-329	6
Service Co.-329	6
Hqtrs. 1st Bn.-330	6
Cannon Co.-330	6
Service Co.-331	6
Co. M-331	5
Co. C-329	4
Co. E-330	4
Hqtrs. 3rd Bn.-330	4
Hqtrs. 3rd Bn.-331	4
783rd Ordnance	4
Hqtrs. 2nd Bn.	3
Co. K-329	3
Co. M-329	3
Anti-Tank-329	3
Co. I-329	3
Anti-Tank-330	3
Co. I-331	3
Co. L-331	3
Anti-Tank-331	3
83rd Recon	3
Hqtrs. 1st Bn.-329	2
Cannon Co.-331	2
Hqtrs. 2nd Bn.-330	1

Service Co.-330	1
Special Troops	1
Unknown	1

Co. G-331 Reports

By Lee Titus

To all men from G Company this will be the last reminder to make your plans for a real vacation and attend our annual convention in Providence, R. I.

We are sorry to report that in response to our request for a list of those planning to attend this year, only two of our buddies bothered to answer, so at the present time if you want to know for sure just who will be there, Bob Piette and Edward Murphy will be the welcoming committee. From letters received throughout the year we should expect at least 15 men there so why not sit down right away and write to all your friends and let them know for sure that you will meet them in Providence. Don't be like some of the men who walk into the hotel and wonder where the hell all of their buddies are. Correspond with them now and encourage them to meet you. A word from you may help them to make the decision to go.

Items of Interest

Mike and Kay Mizerock are happy to report that a little three year old boy has joined their household. His name is Mike and needless to say the parents are very happy.

Change of Address

As of July 1, Beau and Birdie Titus will be living at 1491 Bradford Drive, Northfield, Ohio.

Well fellows, that's it for now. We hope to see you all at the convention in August. If for any reason you can't attend, be sure to send in your dues for 1965 early.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Planning to attend the reunion of the 83rd Thunderbolt Division, would appreciate being informed of details.

Very truly yours

Francis J. Clifford, M.D., F.A.C.S.

178 East Avenue
Lockport, New York
Co. C-308 Medics
331st Combat Team

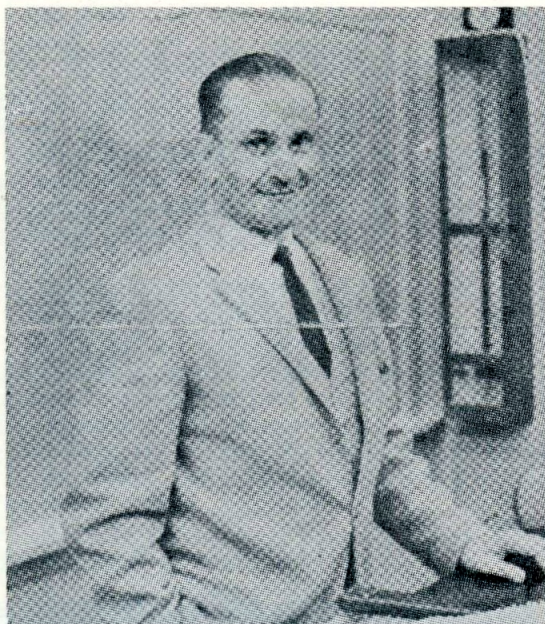
Dear Harry,

Saw a notice in the Portsmouth Herald that the 83rd was looking for former members.

I served with Co. E-329 from 1944 until August 1945. Would like very much to get in touch with some of the old gang if I knew where to look.

Robert C. Baxter
98 Madbury Road

Durham, New Hampshire-03824



Nuclear Weapons Testing Is Everybody's Business

Col. Wayne Bart, Dean of Boys and Instructor in Physics and Advanced Mathematics at The Leelanau Schools is helping to clear up the fog of mystery which enshrouds nuclear weapons testing. This is accomplished through speaking engagements at service clubs in the Grand Traverse area. Col. Bart's informal talk is said to be "lucid and accurate."

It should be, since Col. Bart, given to hiding his light under a bushel, is an authority on this crucial subject. As Executive Officer, Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, Weapons Effects and Tests, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, 1955-1959, he coordinated the activities in planning and supervising laboratory research and full-scale testing of nuclear weapons to determine their effects on equipment, structure, and personnel. He also supervised, coordinated, and participated in the preparation of manuals and textbooks on nuclear weapons effects. He was frequently called upon to present briefings to high level Defense Department and other government officials. When former Secretary of State Christian Herter was first appointed to that position, it was Col. Bart who prepared for him the briefing on nuclear weapons testing.

Col. Bart is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, class of 1942. During World War II he served as Rifle Company Commander and Battalions Operations Officer in the 83rd Infantry Division in the E.T.O. For distinguished gallantry and achievement in action during his participation in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, The Bulge, and Germany, he was award-

ed the Silver Star and Bronze Star. In 1959 Col. Bart was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work with nuclear weapons effects.

Col. Bart has been on the faculty of The Leelanau Schools for two years.

Warren, Ohio, Chapter News

By Mike Skovran

With convention time just around the corner final plans are being formulated by the Warren Chapter members to attend. Another full contingent of Warren Thunderbolts, headed by prexy, Dick Kelly, and wife Millie, are expected to make the trek to the annual Thunderbolt Reunion in Providence come August.

Among those also expecting to attend will be John and Olga Teringo, Charlie and Ann Tomazin, Joe and Dimps Minotti, George and Louise Bellay, Joe and Angie Phillipone, Charlie and Sophilka Russ plus yours truly and wife, "Liz".

On June 11 last, Joe and Dimps Minotti attended graduation exercises at Harvard University to witness their son, Joe, Jr., receive a much deserved and coveted Harvard diploma, Bachelor of Arts degree.

On June 20, Joe Jr. departed from Warren for Venezuela to begin a 15 month tour of duty with ACCION, an organization similar to the Peace Corps but financed by private American industry.

With the weather being on the cool side the summer activities in Warren have been held to a minimum. However, with a little luck and better weather, we might still have that get together with the Cleveland and Detroit Chapters.

This concludes the report from Warren except to say "We'll be seeing you in Providence, so please be there, we'll be looking for you."

The Boston Chapter will hold a family picnic on July 26 with the Chapter donating most of the food. A good crowd is expected and we'd like to see you all there to eat up the food, drink up the drink and talk up the talk.

For further information get in touch with Pat DiGiammerino at 36 East Border Road in Malden, Mass.

Cleveland Chapter News

By Ray Voracek, Hq. Btry.-324 FA

The Cleveland Chapter helped commemorate Memorial Day by paying tribute to the dead of all wars. We were part of a veterans parade that is a yearly event in our section of town. The parade itself is quite large and covers a line of march of about five miles. We all showed nicely in our 83rd shirts and caps and not a man had to fall out of line of march to ride in the following ambulances. Not too old yet, are we fellows?

George Krupika and Rose made up for missing the march by dancing after the parade at the clubrooms. Casey Szubski and Eleanor were unable to make it due to the fact that they were enjoying the sunshine in Florida at the time. Casey still has a week's vacation coming and will be in Providence. Bob Uher still trying to arrange his vacation to make the reunion.

I'm happy to report that Ed. Glinka is back at work after having some shrapnel removed from his hand.

Casey Kowalec has sold his business and is now an insurance man. He also got tired of waiting for somebody to plant his grass at his new home and had it done. However, the big event was that Casey and Laura are now proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. Casey's buttons are still popping and little sister Mary Frances has to calm down.

As of this day Cleveland will have a fine turnout at the reunion and are looking forward to a fine time with their old buddies.

See you all in August.



Dear Harry,

Thanks for your prompt reply and for the copy of Thunderbolt; sure brought back a lot of memories.

I kept a day by day diary overseas which is filled with a great many pictures of Division Staff officers, M. P.'s, some Signal Men, places, events, visitors, etc., and my wife kept all my letters. I

could write a book.

Have two pictures of Charles Kabbler,

M. P.'s, taken on a trip to Paris.

Enclosed is a picture of giving the "high sign" to Crown Prince Felix of Luxembourg with the Division Commander, General Robert C. Macon coming through the doorway. This was taken at the Division C. P. outside Luxembourg City.

Have kept up with Police work; am Chief of Auxiliary Police in my town.

Enclosed are my dues along with enough to cover the cost of a Tie Tack, set of Cuff Links and a couple of decals.

Sorry I can't make the reunion but will be looking forward to attending some future years. Have a good time.

William Kent O'Connell

183 Acre Lane

Hicksville, Long Island, N. Y.



Mrs. Alice Costello and son, Joseph. Mrs. Costello is the widow of Tech. Sgt. Jerry Costello, Hq. Btry. 323 FA., killed in action during the Battle of the Rhine. Mrs. Costello would like very much to hear from any of the men who served with Jerry. Her address is 117 Thompson Ave., East Liverpool, Ohio.

OBITUARY

The following obituary was sent in by Russell Davy of Zoar, Ohio, who cut it out of a local paper.

John A. Lab, 51, of 46 2nd St. S.W., died yesterday (date unknown) noon in Massillon City Hospital.

Born near Bolivar, he served with the 83rd Infantry Division in European Theater in World War II.

(Ed. Note: John was not on the association roster and we don't know what outfit he was with. If anyone remembers John I'm sure his widow, Helen, would appreciate a word or two of condolence.)

The following men have joined the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt.

Pat Dandola-182 High Street, West Orange, New Jersey- Co. A-329.

LeRoy McManaway-50 East Tallulah Drive, Greenville, South Carolina- Co. M-329.

Chester O. Bull, Box 190, R D 1, Ashland, Ohio-44805- Co. D-330.

George E. Relyea-6839 Riverdale Road, Maryland-20840-Co. G-330.

Dale A. Fuller-1902 Lucas Hunt Road, St. Louis, 21, Missouri-Hq. 1st Bn-331.

Thomas E. Rothschild-308 West Buena Vista Road, Evansville, Indiana-Co. A-331.

Carmi Lockhart-Box 63, Junction City, Kentucky-Co. B-331.

Joseph Romano-6142 Blue Hill, Detroit, Michigan-48224-Co. F-331.

Wilbur N. Whipp-12018 Auth Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland-Co. G-331.

Anson H. Willard-Box 387, Derby Line, Vermont-Co. H-331.

Alton C. Nogle-780 South 22nd St., Columbus, Ohio-Co. F-329.

Sebastian Negro-7 Ryan Ave., Bristol, Rhode Island-Co. F-329.

Roy Arnfield-Route 1, Homestead, Penna.-Co. F-329.

George Berlingmair-Corydon, Iowa-Co. F-329.

John L. Boyd-497 Lincoln way, Chambersburg, Penna.-Co. F-329.

James W. Stepan-Clarkson, Nebraska-Co. F-329.

Chester Wall-Route 1, Gibson, Georgia-Co. F-329.

William K. O'Connell-183 Acre Lane, Hicksville, New York-11801.

Letters to the Editor

Gentlemen:

Am a former member of the Division and Association. Due to working overseas for awhile then moving from New Jersey to Washington, D. C. and Maryland I got out of touch, even lost your address.

My son found a clipping in a Tallahassee, Florida, paper and sent it to me.

Unable to make the reunion this year but would like to be reinstated in the Association. Please send info and current cost of membership.

George E. Relyea
6839 Riverdale Road
Riverdale, Maryland-20840

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

In regard to the request in my local paper, I was a member of the 308th Engineers from the time I went into the army until the war ended.

Sure would like to be at the reunion as I haven't had a chance to do it be-

fore.

William L. Berndt, Jr.
M. R. Box 414
Chesterton, Indiana-46304

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Regarding Operation Manhunt, My brother, William A Hutcherson, Wickliffe, Kentucky was a member of Co. H-330th Regiment.

I'm sure he will not be able to come to this reunion but perhaps someday the reunion will be held near where he lives.

Thanking You

Mrs. Jane Hanley
290 Clifton Avenue
Staten Island, N. Y.-10305

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Re your article on search being made for former 83rd men. I was a member of the Cadre when Division was reactivated in Camp Atterbury. At that time I was platoon leader in Co. G-330. Served with the 330th throughout the war in Europe and, at the time of surrender, was assistant S-3 of the regiment. Came home with the 99th Division.

I plan to fly to New York with my family in August and will try to arrange it so I can attend the reunion. Please forward me any information about the reunion that you can. Would also like to join the Association.

Another former 83rd here is R. E. Jenson, Woonsocket, South Dakota. He was Sergeant in Hqtrs. Co. 1st Bn.-329.

Very Truly Yours

Tom Brisbine
Sanborn County Bank
Woonsocket, South Dakota-57385

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Read an ad in the paper about the 83rd. This ad, no less, was in the letters to the Editor column of the Washington Daily News. It sure hit my eye.

I was S-4 of third Battalion, 329. Joined the 83rd before it was formed at Camp Atterbury upon graduation from OCS. Remained with the 329th during the five campaigns in Europe and know a lot of the bunch.

Am originally from Newport, R. I., and my wife is from Providence, so if nothing happens we certainly hope to be at the reunion.

Was recalled back in 1951 to serve in Korea. Got out after 18 months. Am with Sears-Roebuck here in Washington, D. C.

Very Truly yours
Joseph Norman Harpin (Capt.)
12810 Kernel Circle
Bowie, Maryland

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