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Your President's Corner

By J. C. Boyles
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Dear Buddies of the 83rd:

To each of you across the miles, I send a warm HELLO as your new President. I would like to convey to you my heartfelt thanks for the great honor you have bestowed upon me in electing me to the high office of our Association. This is one of the most wonderful things to ever happen to me in my lifetime and will be cherished forever in my memory.



I face the coming year with mixed emotions. I want to be a good president, I want to see our Association grow to new heights, I want to see many, many new members added to our rolls and I want to see our Association gain bigger and better stature in this land of ours. I would like to tell the whole world about the warm friendships, the feeling of belonging, of being a part of something based solely on comradeship born during the life and death struggle of nation against nation and man's inhumanity to man, on memories of buddies who paid the supreme sacrifice so that we and others might live and enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In fact, I want so much that I feel like shouting from the

rooftops.

To do all these things I will need your help, your prayers and some of your time. I would like to ask each of you to contact a former member of the 83rd Infantry Division, and/or a former member of our Association and let's get at least 1,000 members paid up by reunion time in 1965.

Buddies, please let's keep the torch of friendship aglow, the torch which was passed on to us by our comrades, as the flame of their lives was extinguished. Let's make our Association bigger and better if for no other reason than to honor them and bring us closer together as we travel down the road of life into the sunset years knowing that we can still put our trust in each other to get the job done. I would like to hear from each of you and know that you are doing well.

GOD bless you and keep you will be included in my every prayer.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Buddies of our
great 83rd Div. Assn.:

From time to time one joys in recalling incidents that occurred during the years as we grew up. This, of course, includes our experiences while serving in the U. S. Army, with the highlight perhaps at one of our 83rd Div. Assn. reunions.

The recollection that I want to recite to you is one that occurred on Sunday evenings some 24 years ago while I was employed in Dover, Delaware. Each Sunday evening I attended at 6:00 a Youth Fellowship Hour at the Peoples Congregational Church there. The fireplace was lit as well as the candles with the usual Youth Fellowship getting under way. At the stated moment we'd all rise and in all solemnity we repeated from our Holy Bible, Psalm 121, which goes like this:

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

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Your Secretary's Report On The Reunion

The reunion, held in Providence, R.I. on August 20, 21 and 22, was a well planned and well executed one and the



men and women of the Fall River Chapter can feel that they did themselves proud.

The little band of Bebe and his boys were the hit of the show and they really got a lot of music, good music out of those stringed instruments they played.

The Boat Ride was another highlight of the reunion and, although a bit cool, you were warmed by the amount of drink you consumed and the music played by Bebe whose repertoire seemed to be endless, from the waltz for the benefit of us oldsters to the Twist and far out Bop, Polka and any other kind for those who still can shake a mean leg.

The cocktail party, which is our get acquainted function, left nothing to be desired, many new members were present, many new friends were made and much drink was consumed. Which is about par for the course.

The memorial service in the early afternoon was very well put on and well attended with very few dry eyes in the place and with our Chaplains "Bill" Shuman and Hubert Edwards doing their usually magnificent job.

We had our usual supply of regulars in attendance, a number of new comers and, of course, our share of free loaders.

The regulars we look for each year and really miss those who do not attend, the new comers are those who either come for the first time or who haven't attended in a number of years and finally can make it again and the free loaders are those who don't register, don't pay their dues and wait until the door to the various functions is unguarded and come in looking for a friend or buddy and proceed to drink their fill, dance with any lady willing and have a thoroughly wonderful time at the expense of those who paid their way. They don't even throw a dollar into the hospitality bar, send in a dollar booster for the program journal or pay their dues which, in many cases, they haven't done in years. Believe me, if they don't get a copy of Thunderbolt they are the first ones to complain.

It has been that way for a long time but your luck may run out fellows if a plan we have in mind can be put in effect next year.

All in all I thought it was an exceptionally good reunion. We had no principle speaker, those who had something to say did so as quickly as possible and dancing started promptly when it was supposed to.

That, along with a delicious pot roast dinner, which was served promptly on time, all played a part in a thoroughly delightful get-together and our 18th annual reunion was a tremendous success.

On occasion I have referred to the reunion as an "Alcohol Social" and that is exactly what this one was and for those who like to imbibe freely if you didn't get your fill at this one we can offer this one suggestion, BRING IT WITH YOU NEXT TIME.

This is my report on the 18th Annual Reunion, at least from my observation. In other parts of Thunderbolt you will read other articles about it but no matter what I, or anyone else says, if you enjoyed it that's all that matters.

Harry W. Lockwood
Secretary-Treasurer

330th Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Once again the 330th Regimental Unit had a very fine representation at the Reunion. I think that we had as good if not better turnout this year than the 331st Regimental Unit, which used to be the largest represented unit at a reunion. I sincerely hope that we can continue to grow in our attendance.

We once again held our Regimental luncheon on Saturday and had a very nice attendance, although there were quite a few men at the reunion who did not take part in this luncheon. We hope that next year we will have a 100 percent attendance at it.

At our luncheon, we conducted our little business session and the same officers were re-elected this year. We also took up a dues collection there and obtained \$1.00 per man to help us in our mailing expenses. I promised the men that I would make up a 330th Regimental roster from the rosters that I have at home and mail one to each man whose name appears on them. There are several who have moved that I know of, and many more that I don't know of. I am working on this roster now and it will be several weeks before I will have it ready for mailing.

For any 330th information, drop me a line and I will try to help you.

Larry Redmond
President
330th Regimental Unit

Fall River Chapter News

by Manny Pacheco
Co. L-331

THANK YOU THUNDERBOLTS for your wonderful support and attendance at the 18th Annual Reunion in Providence and we sincerely hope you had a grand time. Our aim was to please and I do hope we succeeded.



As you know running a reunion is a tremendous job, concerns much planning and a lot of hard work and, speaking for myself, I enjoyed every minute of it. Had planned to take a

lot of pictures but was much too busy but I've sent in those that I did take of the gang at the dinner on Wednesday night.

One reason our reunion was such a success is because you, the people of the Association made it so. Without the cooperation and attendance from all Thunderbolts this reunion or no other reunion could ever be successful.

Manny Martin's dream came true and I've never seen a prouder man than he. He deserves to be proud. This reunion was planned by him and we assisted in every way possible to make his dream come true. We are equally proud that we did what had to be done and, I believe, we did it well. Thanks to a grand bunch of guys in our chapter.

As for the ladies of the chapter, they are the greatest and deserve a million thanks for the wonderful support they have given us at all our affairs, including the reunion. GOD love and bless them all.

Congratulations and best of luck to the newly elected officers and success during your term of office.

Congratulations also to our newly formed Metropolitan Chicago Chapter. Best of luck and success to you.

Plans are being formulated by our chapter to attend the 19th reunion in South Carolina and, if all goes well, we hope to come in full strength and we're looking for a fine reunion from the gang from Dixie.

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 12. We expect an early sell-out and a grand time will be had by all.

Many of you who know Freddy Costa perhaps noticed the absence of his wife, Louise, at the reunion. She was missed very much by my wife, Dot, because these two gals are very close friends and have been for many years.

She could not attend this reunion due to the serious illness of her father and she was taking care of him at that time. Her father, Manuel I. Martin, passed away on Sept. 3, 1964 and the members of the Fall River Chapter extend to Louise and her bereaved family our deepest sympathy and condolences.

The slate of officers of our chapter are as follows: President, Manuel C. Martin; vice president, Joseph Correia; secretary-treasurer, Manuel F. Pacheco; chaplain, Pierre Barthelemy; and sergeant-at-arms, John Bernard, Jr.

Good luck and good health to all fellow Thunderbolts.



Dinner at the Blue Bird Restaurant in Fall River Wednesday night, before the reunion. Look carefully if you were there.

Fall River Chapter, We Salute You You Were Tops

by Dave Rosenberg
331st Inf.

Dear Manny Martin:

It has been my privilege to attend many 83rd Division Association reunions, but your reunion at Providence, was one of the finest I have ever attended and the opinion of everyone I have spoken to agrees with mine. Your convention can be called the reunion that was "continuous everything".

From the moment we arrived at the hotel, we were assured of "continuous" pleasure. Already, although it was Wednesday evening, many Thunderbolts had arrived. So "commander" Martin took over and a dinner was arranged at a Fall River eatery. A bus was chartered and more than 40 sauntered off to enjoy a "feast". My dear wife, Ann, will never be the same after taking Manny Martin's advice and having a Fall River specialty "clam boil". Never again, yet everyone had a wonderful time on Wednesday night.

More and more Thunderbolts marched into Providence in time to have four bus loads, board and take off for one of the greatest tours ever taken by a reunion group. Thursday's tour of Newport's Ocean Drive and trip through the Vanderbilt palatial mansion, "The Breakers", was most excellent. Everyone called this trip the greatest. The memory of this tour through the "Breakers" will remain with everyone who took it. This was one we all enjoyed.

Never at any 83rd reunion was there more liquid refreshments served than at the Thursday evening cocktail party. The band was the greatest, their music was out of this world. The dancers enjoyed every minute. What everyone asked for, the orchestra played on and on. No stops just continuous enjoyment and fun.

And then came August 21, a Friday that seemed to be made for the Thunderbolters. Sunny, warm, a delightful breeze and a delightful program for all. A trip through the Calart Flowers, a trip through the Gorham Silver Company, and for the men a visit through the mechanized automated Post Office. And that evening came the "piece de resistance", a moonlight sail and dance aboard a "luxurious" liner. This excursion was an unforgettable experience only because of "The Tops", a string ensemble that will never be topped. Their music was really the tops. They played everything in a manner that made everyone sit up and notice. The

Tops continued their music at the conclusion of the sail and dance. Oh yes, the liquid refreshments were served from the moment we boarded the boat until 4 o'clock in the morning. The "Tops" combo played until 4 a.m. And no one left. This was a memorable event, everyone stood until the last note was played and the refreshments were served and served and served. Oh where and oh where, Manny Martin, did all that liquor and beer come from???

Our Saturday business meeting proceeded nicely and approval was granted to hold our 19th annual reunion at Myrtle Beach, S.C. For those who have not visited this beautiful resort we can assure you that this coming reunion will be a great one, too. Myrtle Beach, S.C. is a friendly resort that Anne and I visit very often.

Chaplain Bill Shuman and Chaplain Hubert Edwards cooperated in presenting a most solemn and beautiful memorial service, as they usually do. And then came the famous 83rd banquet and dance. Absolutely nothing lacking, good food, fine drinks and the famous music of Buddy Morrow. Such music, such wonderful tunes, a fine female soloist. What more could one ask? And yet there was more. When Buddy Morrow played his last tune at one o'clock, the exquisite "The Tops" made their appearance and the crowd stayed on and on to dance and listen to the finest ensemble ever presented by the 83rd. Yes, Manny Martin, this reunion was great. A vote of thanks must be given to the wonderful Fall River Chapter. Their friendly cooperation, their outstanding display of good comraderie will never be surpassed. This reunion is a splendid tribute to Manny Martin and his fellow Thunderbolts of Fall River. They were perfect hosts.

The Fall River Chapter has given every chapter that will play host to succeeding reunions, a wonderful mark to aim at. The Fall River Chapter is to be commended for an excellent reunion. Again, many thanks to Manny Martin.

**Make Your
Plans
For
Myrtle Beach,
South Carolina
In 1965**

Past President's Corner

Buddies and Friends,

I sincerely hope that those of you who were able to attend, thoroughly enjoyed your reunion in Providence. I can assure you, that we in



the Fall River Chapter, concentrated our entire efforts, on making your stay in Providence a very pleasant one. I hope that we succeeded. We thank you very graciously for coming. We were delighted to act as your hosts. To those of you who were unable to be with us, we can only say

that we missed you and are sorry that you couldn't make it.

A great deal of hard work for the past three years went into the preparation of this reunion, and I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank sincerely, the very fine group of people who worked so hard for so long without complaint, to make the reunion possible, I am of course, speaking of our Fall River Chapter. This is without question one of the finest group of people that I have ever been associated with. Thanks again guys and dolls.

The past three years have been happy ones for me personally, having been honored first, by your selection of me, to serve as an executive board member, and then the fine tribute that you paid me last year when you elected me your president. I have always felt that one who offers himself, or is called to the service of this fine Association needs no special commendation for his endeavors, sufficient is the reward, that conscience bestows upon deeds and duties earnestly and sincerely performed, but I would not be human did I not acknowledge a sense of pride in your warm expression of regard and esteem for me.

At times the tasks seemed to be burdensome and the problems many, but I was encouraged because of the wholehearted assistance that was so generously given by the entire staff of officers, and each and every member in this organization. I was truly proud of you, and, indeed expressed that pride many times in my conversations with many heads and members of other veterans' organizations.

If I may quote a passage from the work called "Utopia", this is a particular passage that I have tried to adhere to during my tenure in office, and one that I really enjoy. I quote: "Strive to the best of your power to handle all well, and what you can not turn to good, you

must make as little bad as you can, for it is impossible that all should be well, unless all men are good, which I do not expect for a great many years to come".

I would like at this time to offer my very grateful thanks to the officers who served with me in this past year, a fine dedicated group of men, without whom my tasks would have seemed much more strenuous.

You have chosen a new president, I pray and hope that all of you will present to him the same wonderful support that you gave to me.

In conclusion, may I state, that I have had many honors and distinctions conferred upon me over the years, but may I say with all sincerity, that no distinction has been greater than the privilege of having been associated with you during these past three years, and no honor greater than having been our president.

Manuel C. Martin
Co. F-329



One of our perennial couples, year after year, Polly and Hubert Edwards.

Little News

From Lester Hauck

CO. C-308 ENGINEERS

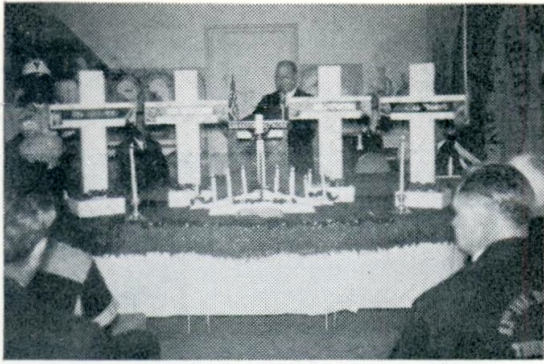
Another reunion has come and gone and what a wonderful reunion it was. Wonderful in many ways and wonderful, more so, because I met two of my old buddies whom I hadn't seen since 1945 — Albert Middleton and Alfonso Ornato.

This year we had 8 men come to the reunion which is a fair turnout but which could be better and we'll get to work on that.

We were all astonished and shocked to hear of the death of Lou Meyer's wife. Such a wonderful person and our deepest sympathy goes to Lou at this time.

Another sad note; Cecil Walters wife's sister is in very poor health and her four children are being cared for by Cecil and his family at present.

Hope to see some more new faces next year in South Carolina.



Our solemn memorial service by Chaplains "Bill" Shuman and Hubert Edwards.



Your past president, Manny Martin, officiated.

"Frankly Speaking"

Dear Buddies:

Here we are back home again, after our 18th annual reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. A lot of credit should be given the members of the Fall River Chapter for offering us such a fine affair.



I would like to at this time to express my sincere thanks to all the men that attended for the wonderful cooperation they showed the officers at this year's reunion. The members who attended all acted like a group of grown men at the meetings. The meetings were held in a very orderly manner, and we accomplished a lot without any bickering or arguing. A vote of thanks should also be extended to our Secretary-Treasurer for the very fine job that he did this past year, and also for the very fine treasurer's report that he gave at the reunion. While we are giving pats on the back, I think that a well deserved one should be given to Victor Landis for the superb job he did as our national publicity man. Vic has gotten



And a goodly crowd was there.



Big Bill Bogacz receiving the charter for the newly formed Metropolitan Chicago Chapter.

publicity for our Association, from coast to coast, and from this our membership has increased to a little over 700 paid-up members.

How about getting a new member? Each of us must have the name and address of a buddy. Try to sell him on becoming a member; or better still, how about a gift membership? This can be done by sending his name and address along with a check in the amount of \$5 and his membership card will be sent to him with your compliments.

I would like to make a personal appeal to each of you, to put forth a little effort and try getting some new members. Remember, if we each get one new member this year, we can once again double our membership and make another step up that long ladder of success.

Sincerely yours, **Frank McGrogan**
Co. D-330

Indiana Chapter News

by John Robinette
Co. C-308 Eng.

Buddies, another fine reunion is over and as usual I and most of you are looking forward to the one next year and starting to make plans even at this early date.



What we can do, of course, is try to keep in touch with other until then and one way for us to do it is to send our Secretary - treasurer all the news about your chapter, yourself and your families. Also perhaps, you know some buddies who do not belong to our great Association who might join with a little persuasion on your part. Or if you send their names and addresses to our Secretary he will write to them and perhaps he can get them to join. In any case, let's try to build our Association up to greater heights so that one day we may reach the 1,000 we have been striving for all these years.

Let them know, through Thundrebolt, that we want to hear from them and would like to see them at our reunions. Send in pictures to Thunderbolt so they can see what has transpired with you all these years and also what a wonderful time we have at our reunions. I'm sure that if we keep in touch with each other we'll realize our goal of 1,000 members before many more years go by. Incidentally, all pictures sent to Thunderbolt will be returned to the sender. All material for the journal is sent to Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey 07306.

One other thing, all revenue to operate our association comes from membership dues so if you haven't sent in your dues by now do so as soon as possible.

At this time I would like to thank our Fall River Chapter buddies and their wives for the fine reunion they put on for us in Providence in August. My wife and I enjoyed it very much and we are sure that everyone else did for if you did not enjoy that one you're just too hard to please. Myrtle Beach we're looking forward to seeing you and all our Dixie Chapter buddies and friends in 1965.

Also I wish to thank the Executive Board for submitting my name to the membership for election to the board

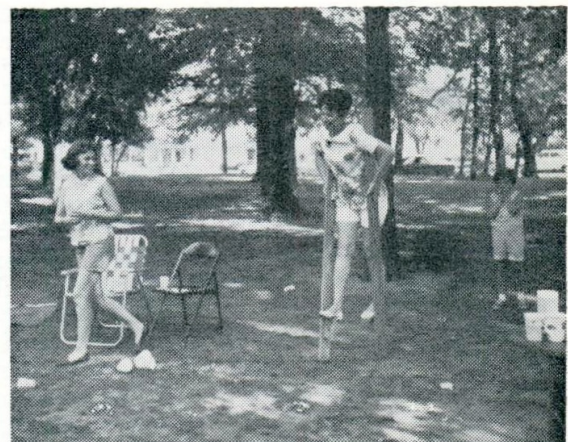
for the next five years. I feel that this is a great honor to serve you and I will do my best in every way to please all of you and do a good job.



Indiana Chapter picnic held in Garfield Park last June 28.



Betty Hockensmith, Susie Jones, Dorothy Soroko and Gaynelle Robinette relaxing after a tough day.



Dorothy Soroko on stilts. Easy, easy gal; that's it, you're doing fine.

We, of the Indiana Chapter, had our election of officers and our new President is Matthew Brumbach. We still have our meetings at the 40 & 8 Chateau the second Friday of each month and there is always room and a warm welcome for anyone in the vicinity to join us.

As we neglected to send in news for the last issue of Thunderbolt I'll try to go back that far hoping I can think of all and not leave anyone out.

The sad news, of course, is that our past president Louis Meyer's wife died on May 31, last, after a long illness. Mickey, as she was affectionately called by all who knew and loved her couldn't join us very often but she was willing to help when she could regardless of how she felt. There isn't much anyone can do or say at a time like this except to say we send our deepest sympathy to Lou Meyer in his bereavement.

We've also had our share of illness out here. Our President's wife, Judy Brumbach, had an operation; Clarence Hockensmith was at the Veterans Hospital for several weeks and, while there, his wife had an eye injury. Bill Ledger had an operation in the Vet's hospital and Frank Pope was also in the Vet's Hospital for an eye operation. Thankfully, all are recovering nicely.

On June 28 we had our Chapter picnic at Garfield Park and, as you can see by the pictures accompanying this article, everyone had a good time.

Gay (my wife) and I stopped off in New York after we left Providence, and attended the World's Fair. In New York We stayed at the Hotel Roosevelt, which brought back many memories of our reunion there in 1957.

That's it for now. See you in the next issue. In the meantime, get in your dues and news and GOD bless you all.



Some of the F-329 gang at the reunion L to r: Hank Golembiewski, Arlene, Glen, Bill and Joan Nickell and Vic Landis.

Hello Buddies:

Here we are back home once again from one of the finest Reunions we have ever had the pleasure of attending. Our



hats are off to the boys from Fall River Chapter for the wonderful time they showed us. I am sure that all who attended this Reunion feel every bit as proud of them as I do. I know that each and every Chapter that has put on a Reunion so far has gone out of their way to give us the best they

could offer, so what I say about this Reunion doesn't mean that we haven't enjoyed the Reunions of the past. I am sure that the boys from the Dixie Chapter will do all in their power to give us a fine Reunion also, as will the Great Philadelphia Chapter in 1966.

Enough pats on the back to the Fall River Chapter members and their great leader, past President Manny Martin. Now to get down to some serious work. As you know, last year our membership reached a high of slightly over 700 members. Beside these 700, there were about 150 men who were paid-up members the year before, but failed to pay dues for 1964. Give this some serious thought, are you one of those 150? If so, how about sitting down today and making out a check or money order to cover your dues, so we can not ask you this same question next year. Just the other day I sat down and sent out over 100 letters to men in the Greater Philadelphia Chapter area, some are paid-up members in the Association and some are not. I sent a membership application to each and every one of them, hoping that those who are not paid-up will pay up, and those who are paid-up, I sincerely hope that they will sign up an old buddy. This is your Association, help keep it growing. Let us all start a personal membership drive. I am sure that the Association could offer a prize to the man who obtains the most paid up members this year. Let's start a contest.

Sincerely,
Larry Redmond
Co. H-330

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

ATTENTION ALL THUNDERBOLTS

Following is a letter sent to me by John D. Raikos, formerly communications officer of Regt. Hq.-329.

I trust that you enjoy it as much as I and so I'm printing it in its entirety.

Many, many thanks to former Capt. John D. Raikos for representing the 83rd Division, on such an auspicious occasion, and at his own expense.

I'm sure John will be happy to give us a complete report on this trip at the next reunion.

Your Editor.

Dear Harry:

At our recent reunion in Providence, we received a telephone call from the Mayor of Tours, France, asking that a few of us who participated in the liberation of Tours, France, return there for the 20th Anniversary of their liberation scheduled for September 1, 1964. You will recall that I mentioned to you that the City of Tours was willing to pay the expenses of several of our buddies, after they once got to Paris. We went to work and made contact with the State Department and talked to the Director of Western Europe and the Director of France, who informed us that such a visit to France was definitely in the best interest of the United States but that there just wasn't enough funds in the State Department budget to pay for the travel of anyone.

Senator Birch Bayh's office (Indiana) worked very hard and virtually arranged for the Secretary of the Army to schedule Colonel James C. Bagley, (formerly S-3, 329th Infantry) to be placed on military orders to attend. I understand that arrangements were made for the Air Force to fly us over, but because of rules concerning competition with commercial air lines, this idea had to be abandoned. At any rate, after returning to Indianapolis and nearly giving up the idea, after three long distance calls from the Mayor of Tours, I was persuaded to go. The liberation ceremony was an important event for the people of Tours, and as a delegate representing the 83rd Infantry Division, I decided the expense would justify the trip.

After some difficulty getting a passport from the State Department, TWA finally flew me to Paris, where I boarded a train for Tours. The reception I received at Tours was heartwarming and gave assurance that the friendship between the Americans and the French still continues. To you, Harry, and the others who could not come to share this

honor bestowed upon the 83rd Division, I would like to say that the French people still remember the 83rd and pulled out all the stops to show their hospitality and friendship.

To begin with, had you accompanied me as a member of the division, you would have received a 20-gun salute as you boarded the jeep and made the historic drive around the Esplanade to the City Hall, where you would have been greeted by the Mayor of Tours.

On hand, there were a French and American band, together with crack drill troops from the French Navy, French Army and French Air Force who later passed in review. There were dignitaries also present, including an emissary from General DeGaulle, who carries the rank of a 4-star General. There were also two American Colonels representing the Communications Zone. The parade was graced by an Archbishop and after trooping the colors", the Mayor of Tours presented a citation and medal conferring us the rights of an honorary citizen of Tours, France, which later was attested by signature in the Golden Book reserved for such occasions. Following the ceremony, the French demonstrated their hospitality in their itinerary which they had previously prepared including fancy dinners, shows, opera, champagne, more champagne, more champagne, etc.

We were invited to stay as long as we liked and I did for approximately three days.

The Mayor and all of the people of Tours, France, requested that I express their best wishes to all of the members of the 83rd Infantry Division and to inform them that they are always welcome to the City of Tours.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,
John D. Raikos
Regt. Hq.-329

**Make Your
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For
Myrtle Beach,
South Carolina
In 1965**



The "Yacht" we chartered for the Moonlight sail.



Lessie Riddle is well prepared with her life jacket.



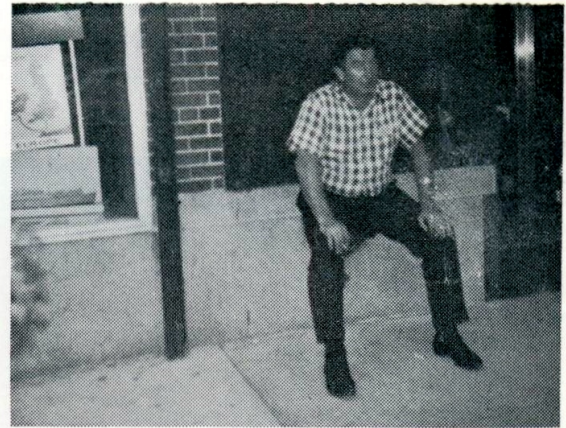
The bar on board. (Notice the familiar faces?)

National Publicity Director Hospitalized

At the time this Thunderbolt went to press your National Publicity Director, Victor E. Landis, was in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton, Ohio undergoing surgery on his leg.

In his letter to Thunderbolt, Vic was vague about what is wrong or just how serious it is. He did say, though, that it is something he has known about for quite some time and has put off until it could not be put off any longer.

Vic will be convalescing for a long time and if any of you would like to drop him a card or so just send it to: Victor E. Landis, 124 Potomac Street, Dayton, Ohio.



Ray Voracek: What's the matter Ray, beginning to feel the strain? Oh, well, it's all over now. I'm sure you've recuperated.

Chaplain's Corner

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The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all
evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time forth,
and even for ever more."

These were my finer moments, a grand recollection and one I shall never forget and with me it shall linger forever and forever. These finer moments have had a great influence on our make up and our future. I know that you can recall similar moments — with God. Do keep it up — it is essential to our spiritual well-being. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
William O. "Bill" Shuman
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.



L to R: standing, William C. Schaub, Melvin Hulse, John Di Nicola; sitting, Tom Brisbine, Tom Broadfoot, O. L. Cook, Paul Steele. All of Co. F-330, except Tom Brisbine.



Broadfoot, Brisbine and Frederick B. Cook.



L to R: Col. Norman A. Campbell, Tom Brisbine and Tom Broadfoot.



O. L. Cook, Paul and Eileen Steele.



Dorothy and Tom Broadfoot, O. L. Cook, Clair and John Di Nicola and Camilla Hulse.



A fine body of men: Lloyd Welsh, Lester Hauck, John Robinette, Bernie Mendelsohn, Cliff Wooldridge, Arthur Middleton and Henry Miller. (Ed. note—Gentlemen, long may that banner wave.)

G Company 331 Reporting

by E. J. "Spud" Murphy

Well men, by the time this column is published, we sincerely hope that all, who were fortunate enough to attend our reunion in Providence, have dried out and recovered sufficiently to assume their normal duties. We, who were fortunate enough to make the scene, enjoyed ourselves no end. Among those attending were the following men: Rutstein, Schwartz, Gaynor, Teringo, Mace, Piette, Carriere, Gabriel, Bruce, Murphy, Phillipcne, Bogazc, Kuzma and Gene Constanzo. Also in attendance were the mesdames Teringo, Bruce and Phillipone. Teddy and Cootsie Teringo were on hand, and appeared to be enjoying themselves, as well as anyone. Don Schwartz brought his rapidly growing son along for the festivities, enjoyed the proceedings.

Tom Gabriel and Bill Carriere were along as our first timers. Gabe was a hit with everybody, with whom he came in contact. He is eager to join us again in the near future, but this time with Mrs. Gabriel along. We feel sure, that if Tom's Mrs. observed our ladies, so thoroughly enjoying themselves, she would be more than anxious to join us.

The old first soldier, Mort Gaynor, and Bill Carriere, had a great confab, rehashing the old days.

We regret that our old and dear buddy, Lee Titus, was unable to attend. However, we realize that if it had been humanly possible to do so, he would have been on hand. How did you manage to live with him for that weekend, "Birdie"?

The boys from G Co. did manage to present an attractive desk set to Lee in absentia. This presentation was made to Lee in recognition of his contributions in behalf of all of us for all these many years. We salute him as the glue, that has held our tight, not so little group together over the years.

"Ravid Robert" Piette was returned to office as president of our 331st unit. A fitting climax to a long and arduous campaign, eh Bob? Bob is also now in possession of our regimental colors, which were presented to him at our unit luncheon.

Our old CO and buddy sent us an open letter at the hotel, but for reasons unknown to this reporter, it was never delivered to me. Lee Titus's letter met the same fate. At any rate, both regretted being unable to attend with us in Providence. The old CO, Joe Mac, promised to be with us in convention in the near future. Joe is anxious to have Mrs. Mac-aluso join us too, as many 83rd men were processed through the 110 Evac. Hospital, at which she was stationed

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Co. F. 329 News & Side Lights

by Vic Landis

Another reunion has gone by the boards and I might add, one of the greatest we ever had. Manny Martin and his cohorts really put on a show. They all have the heartfelt thanks of the gang from F 329.

While F 329 did not have a great turnout in Providence, it was mainly due to the fact that most of the old gang could not co-ordinate their vacation, nor could they get the time off. However, we led in paid up membership with an all-time record of 46 paid up members. That is really something to shout about.

It was really good to see Bill Ferguson, for the one night he spent with us, but it was really sad to find out about his wonderful wife, Margaret. She has lost the use of one of her arms and Fergy thought he should be at home with her, and rightly so. We all wish her a speedy recovery and the best of everything.

It was good to see Hervey Ward, after an absence of the past two years. Hervey has had business troubles and could only spend one night with us. We called Ike Boyer, our former executive officer, who lives in Rochester, New Hampshire. Could not get him to come to Providence, as he has a department store to run and could not get away. However, we did a bit of reminiscing and Ike remembers the time, one Vic Landis, shot out the lights with a Belgium Brownie, in a blacked out basement in Luxemburg in the town of Echternach. The only trouble was the fact that George Kittrell and Joe Barle were sleeping in the room above and the bullets ripped through the floor and their beds. They yelled and raised hell. Ike said they were not supposed to be sleeping up there. So they went back to bed in the basement.

It was really nice to have good old Hank Golembiewski as my guest for the three days at the annual conclave. Hank has never missed a reunion. Ed Zerucha was there with bells on and he is one of the old F 329 regulars. Bill Nickell, his wife Arlene, daughter Joan and son Glen, were there for the umteenth time and they really deserve a big hand.

F 329 is waiting for next year at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and we hope for a big turnout. That's it.

**Myrtle Beach,
South Carolina
In 1965**

A Brief Recap of My Trip Overseas

by Harry W. Lockwood

On August 3rd I left Kennedy Airport at about 8:30 p.m. with 8 couples and a bachelor from the 30th Infantry Division Association who were making the trip to Europe as an advance party for a possible larger group going over next year or in the near future.

After about six hours flying time we landed at London Airport where a bus met us and took us to the Hotel St. Ermins.

For the next four days we toured London and its vicinity, with a wonderful guide and on the fifth day went to Winchester and stayed overnight.

The next morning we were driven to Southampton where we boarded a boat for a five hour trip across the Channel, arriving at Cherbourg where a bus was waiting for us and which was our mode of transportation for the rest of the time and until we left Brussels, Belgium on the 16th of August.

We toured the French countryside of Normandy visiting some of the scenes of combat in World War II. Stopped off at Omaha Beach, Carentan, St. Mere Eglise, St. Lo and other places that were obstinately fought for at that time. A short visit to the American cemetery not far from Omaha proved very interesting.

As far as Omaha Beach is concerned the only things left pertaining to the war are a German Pill Box with an 88 protruding from it, a couple of quonset huts which were used as Headquarters and a wide stone stairway leading up to a memorial plaque. Today, many of the French people, from neighboring towns, pitch tents there to get out of the city and enjoy the balmy breezes of the seashore.

One of the highlights of the trip was in Mortain, which was liberated by the 30th Division in 1944. We were guests at a luncheon officiated over by the Mayor's representative, the priest who was rector of the church at that time of liberation and the priest who is the present rector of the church. It was a wonderful three hour luncheon with a brief memorial service topped off by a visit to Hill 314, the scene of a very tough session of combat by the 30th Division and a visit to La Petit Chapelle, the Small Chapel on the Hill. We were finally guided to the Rue de la 30th Infantry Division, a street named in honor of the outfit that liberated the town, from whence we proceeded on our way.

After leaving France we toured some of the combat areas of Belgium with stops at Malmedy, Leige and other places. We found that Liege, the for-

mer Allied Ammunition Center, which was buzz bombed every five minutes during part of the war, has been completely restored and is today a thriving Metropolis with the only evidence of the war being pock marks in some of the old buildings, scars left there as a reminder. We also found this in other places, too, where towns had been almost completely destroyed; they have been rebuilt in a modern motif with here and there that same reminder of a never to be forgotten past.

On to Brussels and, after sampling some of its night life after a tour around the city, and spending two days there we went on to Maastricht, Holland where we were guests of the Burgomeister (Mayor), and other city fathers, at a cocktail party and dinner given in our honor. Again a wonderful evening was spent and we sure got the red carpet treatment.

We paid a visit to the American cemetery outside Maastricht and were very impressed with the way it is kept. (I noticed crosses with the names of quite a number of 83rd Division men and, although I did not recognize any of the names it brought back some unpleasant memories.)

Next morning we returned to Brussels where the group split up, some of them flying to Switzerland and some to Rome and I, myself to Paris for a day and a half.

Being stationed about 40 miles or so outside Paris while waiting to come home in 1945, I spent most of my weekends in Paris and was more familiar with that city than any of the other places so my observation of Paris is: If you can afford to go to the Lido it is still one of the finest shows in the world. The Folies Bergere is still nothing but glorified burlesque with the girls having little talent (but with their other attributes talent is of secondary importance); Pigalle is still Pigalle and for those of you who may remember it, it has changed very little and the morals



The group from the 30th Division Association, and your truly, aboard the boat taking us to Cherbourg, France, to start the trip through Normandy.

of the French girl has increased tremendously. Today, if you try to strike up a conversation with a French doll, as you did in 1944 by saying, "allo mam-selle, vous le vous promenade avec moi", don't be at all surprised if she looks you in the eye and in perfect English says, "Drop dead".

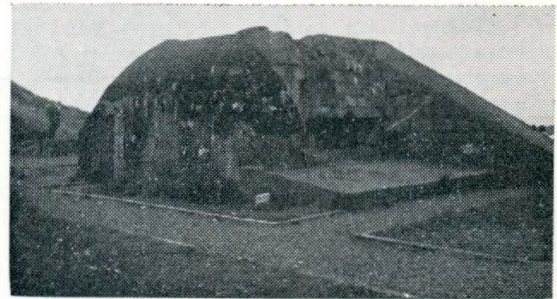
This is a brief recap of my trip to Europe, or at least to those parts of Europe with which some of you may be familiar. I hope you have enjoyed reading about it and I have about 200 slides that will bring back many pleasant moments some cold evening.

It was truly a most wonderful trip but I think the most interesting aspect of the whole two weeks was that it was spent with 17 really nice and truly wonderful people from the 30th Infantry Division Association and more so in the fact that most of them had met each other for the first time as I was meeting them for the first time.

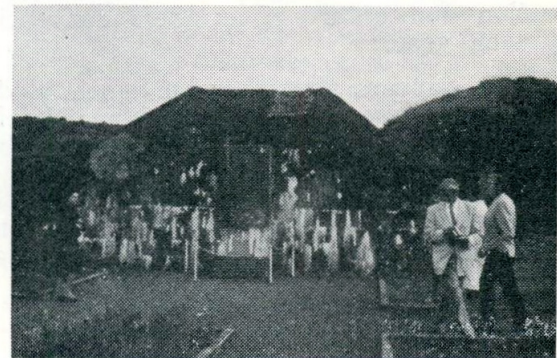
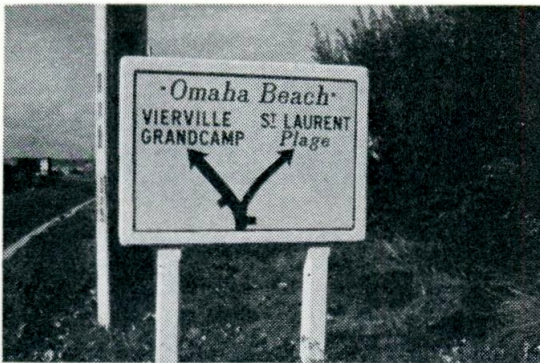
To each of them I will send a copy of this issue of Thunderbolt and, I trust they enjoy reading this article as much as I enjoy writing it.



The hedgerows are still the hedgerows, 8 feet high and about ten feet thick of intertwined growth.



Old German Pillbox.



The monument to the 82nd and 101st Airborne at St. Mere Eglise.



Omaha Beach as it is today.

New Jersey Chapter News

by Harry Lockwood
Regt. Hq. - 329

The New Jersey Chapter would like to extend their congratulations to Manny Martin, and the members of the Fall River Chapter for putting on one of the finest reunions it has been our good fortune to attend. Well planned, well executed and very well done.

Of the 14 members in our chapter nine were present at the reunion some of whom had their wives and families with them for those three wonderful days and nights.

At our last meeting, held on Friday evening, September 18, last, we had our usually good turnout. To top off the evening Stan Bielen brought his set of slides with him that he took on his trip overseas earlier in the year. The slides covered his trip to France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and England and were thoroughly enjoyable.

After the slide show we were entertained by a quartette, of which Jim Bird, a member of our chapter, is a member of. They gave forth with some very enjoyable singing and their harmony was surprisingly good. They are all members of the Barbershop Association and entertain at their convention each year.

It appears that there is much hidden talent connected with our 83rd Division Association and every once in a while it comes to the surface.

I might also mention that if Jim Bird is ever incapacitated that he is not available he can always call on Sam Galati, our thrush from Brooklyn, to fill in for him and I know Sam will do a commendable job.

At the next meeting yours truly will show some of the slides he took on his trip back to the scenes of our old combat areas early in August, prints from some of which appear in this issue of Thunderbolt.

That's it for now. See you next time around and any of you who may care to attend a meeting of the New Jersey Chapter on the third Friday of any month are more than welcome. Just come to the V.F.W. Post on Belmont and Chestnut Aves. in Garfield, New Jersey. I think you'll enjoy a nice evening.

**Myrtle Beach,
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G Company 331 Reporting

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during the war. Joe informs me that he visited with Mrs. William E. Waters at Carlisle, Pa. this past summer, and is happy to report that she is bearing up well.

Next year we will convene at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Plans for the program are fluid, and incomplete at this time, but a gala time is assured, inasmuch as the location is one of the foremost resort areas in the world. Start formulating your plans now, and urge your buddies from Dixie to join you there.

Finally, we should like to doff our collective fedoras to the Fall River Chapter and its auxiliary, for their graciousness and the excellent reunion they assembled for us in Providence, R.I.

This will be all for this sitting, gang. I enjoyed and appreciated being in your company once more at the reunion. If any of you have any newsy items concerning our old buddies, kindly forward it to us, and we will see that they reach this column.

Let's get old G Co. off and winging this year. Please remit your dues now, so that we might concentrate on finding new members.

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

by Vic Landis

The past year was the best, publicity-wise, we have ever had. However, I do not mean we had the best results. That is in the laps of the gods; as people have to read it the day that it is published, have to listen to the radio, the time it is broadcast and happen to be looking, when it is flashed on the television screen.

Every year, old veteran newspaper campaigner that I am, I learn something new in regards to publicity and during the past year, I have learned a few things that I really believe will secure 10 times the publicity we have ever had before.

I really hate to reiterate, but we have the best publicity in our membership, if everyone of our members would write all their buddies, several times per year. **AT LEAST 90% OF ALL MEMBERS DO NOT WRITE.**

So, come on you slackers, take pen in hand and give it a try. The results would be amazing.

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NOW**



Warren, Ohio Chapter

by Mike Skovran
Hq. 1st Bn. - 331

Another successful and most enjoyable reunion is now history. We believe that if we were to live long enough for a hundred more reunions, none would be able to top this most recent reunion staged by the Fall River Chapter and Manny Martin. Our deepest and only regret is that we cannot personally thank all of the Fall River group, so Manny would do the honors from the Warren Chapter.

The Warren Chapter was very fortunate to have a fine representation at the Providence reunion in spite of the 650 miles separating us. George and Kay Dubois arrived in Providence the Sunday prior to the start of the reunion, but were forced, because of illness, to return home before the official activities began. Joe and Angie Philipone were so anxious to get to Providence that they graciously presented the Connecticut Turnpike Patrol a monetary gift for letting them "speed" through Connecticut in order to arrive at the reunion sooner. The Charlie Tomazins and George Bellays drove all of Wednesday night to attend. Also present from Warren Chapter were the Joe Minottis, John Teringos and Mike Skrovans. And a good time was had by all.

Another forward step toward the preservation and perpetuation of the 83rd Association was taken with the presentation of a Charter by Harry W. Lockwood to Bill Bogacz and the Chicago Chapter at the Saturday night banquet. The Warren Chapter, the number one Chapter, wishes to extend congratulations and sincere good wishes to the Chicago Chapter, our newest and latest chapter.

More congratulations and good wishes to Julius Boyles, our new Association President, and his whole slate of officers. To you, Mr. President, the Warren Chapter presents their wholehearted support.

The annual election of officers was held this month by the Warren Chapter with Dick Kelly being re-elected president and Joe Nuzzi, secretary-treasurer. Johnny Teringo was elected vice-president in charge of Health and Welfare; Charlie Tomazin, entertainment; George Dubos, athletic director; Joe Minotti, chapter co-ordinator; Babe Gauthi, chaplain; George Bellay and Leroy Titus, sergeant-at-arms. Also, Joe Philipone, law enforcement liaison and Mike Skrovran, chapter reporter.

This is about all there is to say from around Warren way except to say, "Let's hit the beach, Myrtle Beach that is, in 1965."

Attention All 83rders

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

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

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

WELCOME

Following is a list of 83rd men who either attended their first reunion or attended again after an absence of a few years.

We welcome these men who helped make the 18th Annual Reunion the huge success it was and trust that they thoroughly enjoyed being with us and that we can look for them at many of our future reunions.

We also hope they enjoy their membership in the Association as much as we enjoy having them as members.

Quite a number of them brought their lovely wives with them and they, too, we bid welcome.

Dennis J. Lamos, Long Lake, New York—Co. M-331.

Thomas F. Eagan, South Road, Harwinton, Conn.—83rd Signal.

Loren A. Whitted, 1 William St., Beacon, New York—Co. B-330.

James F. Brennan, 136 Phillips Ave., Warwick, Rhode Island—83rd Signal.

Liberato C. Russo, 25 Beverly Street, Cranston 9, Rhode Island—Anti-tank-329.

Nicholas J. Panaro, 60 Adams Ave., Stamford, Conn.—Canno Co.-330.

Edward Cox, 1447 East Sprague Rd., Seven Hills, Ohio—Co. H-329.

Arthur J. Rock, Jr., 100 South Street, Burlington, Vermont—Regt. Hq.-329.

Arthur Middleton, 29 Horicon Ave., Warrensburg, New York—Co. C-308 Engineers.

Hartley Hastings, 50 Spooner Ave., Warwick, Rhode Island—Co. A-329.

Robert G. Peck, 322 Worthington Rd., Towson, Maryland—Co. H-331.

Frank Q. Gillett, 170 Burgess Ave., East Providence, Rhode Island—Battery A-323 FA.

Frederick C. Sylvia, Jr., 39 Norman Street, New Bedford, Mass.—Co. L-329.

Al Rinaldi, 89 Kamm Ave., South River, New Jersey—Co. K-329.

Frederick B. Cook, 16 Terre Haute Road, Danbury, Conn.—Regt. Hq.-330.

Edgar J. Cormier, 3 Nashua Street, Ayer, Mass.—Co. A-331.

Tom Brisbane, Woonsocket, South Dakota—Regt. Hq.-330.

Walter A. Welsh, Douglasville, Pa.—Co. K-331.

Edgar D. Russell, 421 Windsor Road, River Edge, New Jersey—Co. C-330.

Edward Kilbride, 91 Elm St., Woburn, Mass.—Co. H-330.

Willard Plant, 43 Brunswick Avenue, Fort Fairfield, Maine—1st Bn. Hq.-329.

David J. Boisseau, 111 Cote Avenue, Woonsocket, Rhode Island—Battery B, 908 FA.

Charles F. Stoudt, 2709 West Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina—Regt. Hq.-331.

Burton H. Simons, 365 Still Hill Road, Mt. Carmel, Hamden, Conn.—Co. I-329.

Anson H. Willard, Box 337, Derbyline, Vermont—Co. H-331.

Carmi Lockhart, Junction City, Kentucky—Co. B-331.

William Crowther, 9 Capron St., West Warwick, Rhode Island—Co. A-330.

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

Emory Bruce, R.D. 1, Winfield, Pa.—Co. G-331.

Robert P. Allard, 19 Quinebaugh Ave., Putnam, Conn.—Co. M-329.

Stanley Sliski, 166 Main St., New York Mills, New York—Co. C-330.

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

Thomas Broadfoot, 60 Hilltop Drive, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910—Co. F-330.

John F. Cleary, Jr., 17 Barnum Street, Taunton, Mass.—Service Co.-329.

David Chin, 11 Fort George Hill, New York, N. Y.—Div. Hqtrs.

Peter McNamara, 35 Elton Road, West Yarmouth, Mass.—Btry. C-324 FA.

Eldon S. Brissman, 118 Blossom St., Leominster, Mass.—Hq. 3rd Bn.-329.

George S. Apsokardu, R.D. 1, Sinking Spring, Pa.—Co. F-331.

William J. Murray, 1138 Harper Ave., Woodlyn, Pa.—Div. Hqtrs.

Carroll B. Brown, 1202 Peachtree St., Sweetwater, Tennessee—Co. E-329.

Howard Palmatier, R.D. 1, Hancock, New York 13783—Co. E-331.

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

Edgar J. Bowen, 134 Main St., Nantucket, Mass.—Co. H-330.

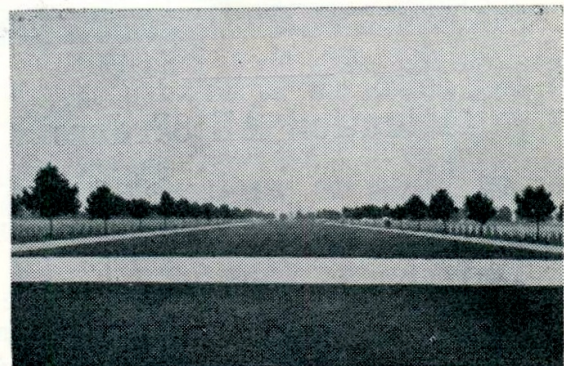
Stephen Smithrich, 122 Newark Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey—Co. F-330.

Arthur J. Hebert, 11 Revere Avenue, West Warwick, Rhode Island—Regt. Hq.-329.

Joseph C. Fournier, 121 Sylvan Ave., Leominster, Mass.—322 FA.

Raymond H. Peloquin, 204 Gaulin Ave., Woonsocket, Rhode Island—Hq. 3rd Bn.-329.

Robert Cenate, 10 Summer St., Belows Falls, Vermont—Co. C-331.



Margraten Cemetery just outside Maastricht, Holland.

Greater Boston Chapter News

by Nick Francullo
Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.-330

Well fellows, the reunion is all over and we would like to thank the men and women of the Fall River Chapter for putting on such a wonderful show.



The Boston Chapter gave a very good account of itself and was very well represented. I just wish that all could have made it but where was Silvio Allard & Irene, what gives?

A thousand thanks to Mary and Art DelPadre for what they did for the

Boston Chapter at the reunion. It will never be forgotten.

Congratulations are in order to El. "Spud" Murphy for being elected service officer again and to our new President, J. C. Boyles and his slate of officers for the coming year. Good luck to all.

We enjoyed the company of Col. Campbell at our C.P. but regret that he had to leave so soon as Pat DiGiammerino was going to present him a brick left over from the house he just built. Will give it to you next time, Colonel.

Our good buddy, Jiggs Elie, was taking pictures like it was going out of style but after he had used up all his flash bulbs he discovered that he had forgotten to put film in his camera. Better luck next time, Jiggs.

Many thanks are also in order to Mike and Vera Caprio for the nice luncheon they put on for Pat, Ginny, Del and Mary, and my wife and me on Sunday after the reunion.

They tell me that Joe Petrucci carried a towel around with him because when he told a joke he would laugh so hard he would cry.

Plans are being made for a get together at "Bedcheck" Bjork's house in Tewksbury, Mass. in the very near future.

That's about it until the next time. I would like to write about all Boston Chapter members but unless they send in news it is hard to write about them. We can't be everywhere at once and a lot of good laughs are lost and stories are missed so please send your news and stories to me fellows and I'll see if we can have them printed.

See you in the next issue.



The Boston Chapter was very well represented.

Philadelphia Scrapple

by Dave Rosenberg
331st Inf. Co. "B" "F"

The Providence reunion found the Philadelphia Chapter prominent by their numbers. We were the first to arrive and the last to leave.



Many, many of our group arrived in Providence on Monday. By Wednesday we were all there. The Philadelphia Chapter women are the most beautiful, the finest dressed, the most socialable and the warmest. These compliments were told to me by more than one Thunderbolt, who must admit that the Philadelphia Chapter women are the greatest. No one can fail to see the warmth and feel the feeling our woman-folk of Philadelphia Chapter lend to the reunion. It would be a hard task for me to mention the women-folk of the Philadelphia Chapter who made this reunion a merry, merry one for everyone. There was Lucy Volpi, Mary Redmond, Ann Belvedere, Carol Hoolan, Ruth Paulino, Ann Rosenberg, Mary McGrogan, Virginia Pugh, Olive Ponzi, Vi Aiello, Lucy Buffano, Helen Rugenius and many others.

You can't beat our Philadelphia women for charm and fun. Ask the Thunderbolts who met them.

We want to assure Frank McGrogan that his lovely wife, Mary, was well taken care of by Ed Paulino and myself. I hope Mary don't expect Frank to give up politicking at future conventions and pay more attention to Mary? Because the Philadelphia Chapter men count Mary McGrogan as our special girl and we will always take good care of her.

Have you ever eaten a Fall River "clam boil"? Take our advice and don't ever order a "clam boil". Wow! Wow! What delicious garbage.

We must all admit that the Philadelphia Chapter are excellent hosts, so make plans to attend the 20th annual reunion in Philadelphia in 1966.

Before we sign off again many, many thanks to Manny Martin and the Fall River Chapter. They are great people and made the Providence reunion a great one.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Would appreciate it if you can find room for the following three prints in the next issue of Thunderbolt. They are Mousie and Co. H-329 buddies at the 18th Reunion.

Hope everyone enjoyed the reunion as much as I did.

August Farias
30 Allen Street
New Bedford, Mass.



The gang doing what comes naturally.

An Open Letter To All Units Of The 83rd

by Vic Landis

Since our first reunion, at the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Lee Titus (the old goat) took over G 331st and one Vic Landis did the same with F 329th. Result for years, we have led all units in paid up memberships. During the past year, our two units had 81 paid up members; over 12 per cent of the entire paid up membership. I am happy that Div. Hqtrs. the 308th Engineers and a few others have really come on, but most of the units have really fallen on their tail.

Now — what I am really getting around to, is this very pertinent fact: too much talk at the reunion meetings and very little done in regards to UNIT

MEMBERSHIP.

Usually there is at least one fellow from just about every unit in the 83rd. At the next reunion, let the man, or men come forward and I know Harry Lockwood will give him the mailing list, of his unit, that he has at his command. This man, or men, could be checked for the list of addresses he possesses and be designated to take charge of his, or their respective unit. Just another idea, any member who reads these lines, from a unit, that has very little representation at the annual affair, or just a few paid up members, let him come forward and drop a line to Harry Lockwood and I am sure he will give you a helping hand. But, you, as an individual, will have to give your cooperation and write to all your buddies, whose addresses you happen to possess.

Most of the fellows in any organization just say "Let Joe do it". Well, Joe gets damn tired of carrying the load, and if Joe gives up - WE ARE DEAD.

Now, here is a promise, not a threat, to any member of a lost unit who pays for one of his unit's member membership, I will pay for TWO of F 329.

I know of some 40 or 50 regular members of the old 83rd that could well afford to pay for members of their respective units. These men know of whom I speak.

In closing, may I say if all units had half the paid up members that G 331 and F 329, the results would be fantastic. Let's give it the old college try.

— Just A Reminder —
**DUES IS DUE
NOW !!**

Cleveland Chapter News

by Ray Voracek

Hq. Btry.-324 FA

Our final picnic and meeting were held the third Sunday in September and final plans were made for our big anniversary banquet. Don't forget the date, October 17, 1964, and anyone who can make it will be guaranteed a wonderful time. The party is being held at the Karlin Club which is at East 53rd and Fleet Avenue. The best bet for anyone coming is to contact one of the Cleveland Chapter members. But if you are coming direct to the hall, it is about 15 miles from exit 12 on the Ohio Turnpike. Fleet Avenue runs off Route 21 going to downtown Cleveland. I hope many of our 83rd buddies can make the affair.

I would like to congratulate the Fall River Chapter for a very wonderful reunion. The work and planning that went into it paid off with a well organized affair. All who attended had a wonderful time and Manny Martin and all the men and wives earned a well deserved thanks from all of us.

Another person who deserves our thanks is Leroy Titus. Lee for many years worked hard for the Association and the last five years as a member of the Executive Board. His labor with his own Company G-331 has had them with the largest attendance at every reunion year in and year out. He has helped Vic Landis with publicity over the years, and the work of these two men has helped make our Association what it is today. Thanks for a job well done, Lee.

Signal Musings

Well, I missed another big reunion. Time will come when I'll be there with the gang. Until that time the search for members goes forward — at a slower pace than ever. As the result of a friend, who spent the summer going to school in Seattle, Wash., I have located another former World War II buddy. I first got to know him when we transferred to the 144th Armored Signal Co. As I recall he was with message center. This recollection could be in error but I am positive of the former 83rd Division membership. He is W. E. Bostick, 4455 51st Southwest, Seattle, Washington. Any of you fellows from that area give him a call to the 83rd Division Association. My friend called his home and he was on duty at some reserve encampment in California so he must still be tied to the service.

Aside from this I have no other news for this time. Mail has been slow from the old members as well as the new found members. How about some information, fellows??

Don Hinz
83rd Signal

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find check for membership dues. Thanks very much for the copies of Thunderbolt. Enjoyed reading them very much.

I came to the 83rd as a replacement around July 6 and was assigned to the A & P Platoon. Stayed with them through France and Luxembourg then was with the Communications Platoon until time to come home.

My only contact with Atterbury was that I received my discharge there.

Sent along two pictures, perhaps you can use them. One taken on V.E. Day and the other around Christmas, 1963.

Carlos A. Crouse
804 South Boots St.
Marion, Indiana 46952
Hq. 3rd Bn. - 331



Dear Sir,

As a veteran of the 323rd F. A. Battalion I would appreciate having my name put on your mailing list.

Will be unable to attend this year's reunion but have hopes of being there one year pretty soon.

Sincerely

Jack Knight
2219 S. E. 70th Ave.,
Portland, Oregon

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Contacting you as per your request in the Warren Times-Mirror.

I served with the 83rd from its activation until the end of hostilities. Most of my service was with Co. L-330. Later transferred into Hqtrs., 3rd Battalion. Was wounded twice and after hospitalization in England, returned to my original company.

Will not be able to attend this year's reunion but please keep me posted it would be interesting to attend sometime.

Very Truly Yours

Willard B. Knupp
613 Water St.,
Warren, Penna.-16365

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

I joined Co. C-329 in July 1944 in France and served until wounded in October 1944 in Luxembourg.

I plan to attend the reunion in Providence. Please send more information:

Clarence W. Brooks
Frisco City,
Alabama

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Heard a spot radio announcement requesting former members of the 83rd to get in touch with you. Was in California at the time.

I was forward observer with Cannon Co.-329 both in U. S. and full time overseas.

Please send information concerning the Association and advise concerning membership. ?

Sincerely

Sam Butturff
Butturff Ins. Agency,
2116 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Read in the local paper that the 83rd was interested in contacting former members. Served with Battery A-323rd F. A. from the time of activation until March 1945.

Interested in the reunion, hope to hear from you soon.

Arthur P. Gincheheu
13 Noyes St.
Methuen, Mass.

OBITUARY

We were surprised and shocked to hear of the sudden death of Frank W. Cann of 3442 Behymer Road, Cincinnati on August 5, last.

Frank served with Co. E-329 during World War II and attended many of our reunions. He will be missed by his old buddies and our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends in their bereavement.

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We were informed, at the past reunion of the death of Joseph Magazine in August 1963. Joe was formerly a member of Co. C-308 Engineers.

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We also were informed of the death, on August 3, last, of Joseph Skubon, formerly of Co. B-308 Engineers. Joe also served in Korea in 1950.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the families and friends of these two former 83rdrs.

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To Lou Meyers, of Indianapolis and formerly Co. C-308 Engineers, on behalf of all his friends and buddies in the Association, the deepest sympathy is extended in the death of his wife and we trust that the void in his heart can be healed by time. We also trust that those left behind can bear up under the strain of their bereavement.

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McGONAGLE DIES AFTER AUTO CRASH

Robert F. McGonagle, 1829 North Star Road, Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Division Headquarters, 83rd Infantry Division, died Thursday, September 17, last, of injuries suffered in an auto accident about two and a half hours earlier.

McGonagle, under the DiSalle administration, was chief of the Commodities Division, Ohio State Welfare Department.

Entering World War II as a private he advanced to the rank of Major during service in the European campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardenes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

At the time of his death McGonagle was commander of the 2nd Brigade, 83rd Infantry Division Army Reserves.

Bob was a member of the 83rd Division Association for many years and will indeed be missed by his many friends and those who knew him well.

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Just received a note from Mrs. Ward Hobbs stating that Ward passed away on March 26, 1964.

Ward Hobbs was formerly a member of Co. A-308 Medics and a member of the Association having joined at the reunion in Indianapolis in 1963.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to

Mrs. Hobbs in the loss of her husband and our comrade. Mrs. Hobbs address is RR No. 2, Waynesville, Ohio.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

The Snodgrass family met for a family picnic at Spring Mill State Park, near Bedford, Indiana, on May 30 and it was such a huge success that we hope to have one each year.

Some of those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harding, James and J. C., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Snodgrass, Benita and Kent.

Willie Snodgrass
Hill & Lafayette Sts.
Beaver Dam, Kentucky
Hq. Btry. - 323 FA

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed find check for dues for this year.

My wife and I are truly sorry we could not make the reunion in Providence. I'm sure we missed a grand time. Looking forward to next year, though, that should be a real good one.

Al and Eleanor Klugewicz, from Erie, Pa., wrote and told us about the reunion and sent us a brochure of South Carolina. From their description of the Providence reunion, hats off to the Fall River Chapter which put it on. It killed us to miss it.

See you in South Carolina. Seems a long way off but it's here before you realize it.

Look forward to each issue of Thunderbolt. Read it from end to end.

Regards to all.

Ted Gurgol
Co. D-330

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Sept. 2, 1964

Harry Lockwood, Sec.-Treas.
83rd Infantry Div. Assn.
43 Oakland Avenue
Jersey City 6, New Jersey
Dear Harry:

The 18th annual reunion at Providence was all and more than I expected it to be. The Fall River Chapter is to be congratulated on the fine manner they put the reunion on. Will you express my appreciation to them.

I renewed several old acquaintances but would like to have seen more of the people from the 330th there.

I doubt that I will make the convention at Myrtle Beach next year but if you ever get it out in the midwest again you can count on my being there.

Sincerely yours,
Tom Brisbine
Regt. Hq. - 330

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