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President's Corner

Hello Buddies,

I hope this finds each of you in the best of health and spirits and enjoying life to the fullest measure.



I hope that you, like myself, are glad that the election is over and done with, and that you are ready to close ranks and go forward with the choice of the people, whether you voted that way or not. The important thing we must remember is that we did have a choice and I hope each of you used your voice

in the election by casting your ballot. Let's all hope and pray that we will always have the right to disagree with anyone in power and make known our wishes in free elections.

Buddies, Harry Lockwood, our very good and capable secretary, tells me that our Association is about the same this year as last in paid-up members. I would like to urge each of you to try and get one other member for the Association. Just think what this would mean; we could double our membership overnight and we would be doing these fellows a very big favor in getting them into the fellowship that we enjoy so much. Please make a note to try and contact some member of the 83rd and get them into our Association.

Buddies, with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, we should pause and count our many blessings. I know that all of us at times get discouraged and think things are going wrong for us, but we should look around and find someone who is in worse shape than we are and give them a lift; then we would feel so much better and be more thankful for the things which we possess. The best way to feel better is to help someone who feels worse than yourself. Try it!

The Dixie Chapter is working hard planning for the reunion in '65. We are appointing committees on fund raising projects and getting chairmen lined up for jobs at the reunion so that we will be able to show you what Southern hospitality really is. If you have any ideas on this, we surely would like to hear from you. We in the Dixie Chapter want to have a reunion that you will remember for a long while and with the help of you, the members, I'm certain we will succeed.

Buddies, I will close for now, with a special, warm and friendly howdy to your wives and children, and may God bless and keep each of us under his special care and give us that peace in our hearts that passes all understanding.

Your President,
J. C. Boyles

Top Ten

Following is a list of the TOP TEN units in paid up membership as of November 23, 1964:

Is your outfit among them? If not, perhaps you'd like to help by sending in your dues.

Co. G-331	25
Div. Hqtrs.	25
Co. F-329	23
308 Eng.	20
322 FA	17
323 FA	17
324 FA	17
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The cover design for this issue of Thunderbolt was done by John Noe of Philadelphia, formerly a member of Division Artillery.

Many, many thanks to John for his originality, good taste and the courtesy extended to the Association whenever he is called on to help put out a Thunderbolt.

Your Editor

**PLEASE PAY DUES
NOW !!**

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Buddies:

On the eve of another Thanksgiving, the Christmas Holiday and the closing of another year, we should bow down



and give thanks to our Maker for the many bountiful blessings he has bestowed upon us as His people.

Yes, buddies, prayer changeth things. We should do it more often. Perhaps a little guide to prayer may be helpful to print at this time and I do hope that all of you will use it from

time to time. Try it and God bless you.

A GUIDE TO PRAYER

1. Pray for your local church:
for the pastor and his ministry in the community
for the church school, the teachers and pupils, children, youth and adults
for the young people of the church and community
for the adults
for the shut-ins, also those who cannot be with us regularly
for individuals who may be your concern, that there may be a spirit of unity and understanding.
2. Pray for those with whom you work; our friends; our neighbors
3. Pray for the Christian forces in your home town;
for those who minister
for the council of church women
for the officials of your community, your school board members, etc.
4. Pray for the President and the leaders of our nation in these crucial times:
for racial understanding and equality for people in the "trouble spots" of our world (list them)
5. Pray for the church around the world:
our mission pastors
our teachers
our medical personnel, office staffs
all others on the mission fields
the work to be done there
6. Pray for ourselves:
bringing our own problems to God
searching our hearts so that each of us may be worthy in our service and witness
7. Pray for the sick, the needy and the afflicted
pray your own little prayer
"BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

FILL ME WITH LIFE ANEW.
THAT I MAY LOVE WHAT THOU
DOST LOVE,
AND DO WHAT THOU WOULDST
DO.

Amen."

William O. "Bill" Shuman
Divarty
Chaplain

Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood, Regt. Hq.-329

Since the last issue of Thunderbolt things have gone very well with your Association. The latter part of September and the first three weeks in October the paid up membership increased to over the 500 mark the earliest it has ever reached that figure.



Then it tapered off to a trickle and now I'm afraid, I'll have to send out another dues are due notice to try and keep the ball rolling as there are still

more than 300 of last year's members not paid yet for this year.

It would save a lot of time, work and postage costs if you would look at your last membership card and, if it expired in 1964 or earlier, send in your check, money order or \$5.00 in cash and save me the trouble of sending out another notice.

Also I get back a surprising number of Thunderbolts due to a change of address. Thunderbolt goes via third class mail and is not forwarded but returned to me along with the new address. That takes about three weeks by the time I get it back. Then I have to send out another one via 2nd class mail for 4 cents plus the 8 cents it costs to have the original one returned to me plus the cost of sending it out the first time for a total of almost 14 cents. Gentlemen, if it cost 14 cents to send out every Thunderbolt we printed we'd go broke in a very short period of time.

Try to help us by checking on your membership card and if you should change your address please keep us informed.

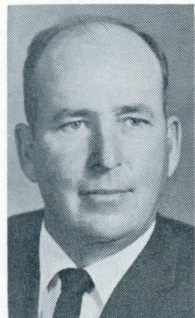
Also if you have any information that may be of interest to the Association in general or the membership in particular please send it to THUNDERBOLT EDITOR, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07306.

Thanks very much for your cooperation and hope to see you in the next issue.

Convention Chairman's Corner

By Bernard O. "Dick" Riddle
Hq. 3rd Bn.-329

The Riddles, along with the Bob Martins, J. C. Boyles and Hubert Edwards spent a weekend at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, shortly after the last reunion getting things lined up for the reunion to be held there, at the Ocean Forest Hotel on August 19, 20 and 21, 1965.



attend.

We urge you to do everything in your power to attend the reunion, we are sure you will be more than glad you came and we are also sure that you will not be disappointed with our southern hospitality.

As time goes by, in each issue of Thunderbolt, you will be kept up to date on how things are progressing and plans are materializing. We suggest that you read the Convention Chairman's Corner in each Thunderbolt thoroughly to keep abreast of the program.

The following pictures were taken at the reunion in Providence, R. I. last August and to say we had a wonderful time is a gross understatement, we had a fabulous time as the pictures indicate.





As we are again approaching the holiday season I think all of us are a little guilty of getting so wrapped up in everyday living that we just don't seem to count our blessings and take time to enjoy them. Let us pause just a few minutes each day and let the LORD know we do thank Him for all He has bestowed upon us and pray that our actions will be pleasing to HIM.

We have been working hard on getting the reunion in order so everything will be ready to "swing" by reunion time. Have made several trips to Myrtle Beach and it has been a pleasure working with the people there. We promise you will have a real ball at the next reunion and hope you are planning to attend.

The program is scheduled tentatively thus: On Thursday night we plan a COUNTRY HOEDOWN. Will have a square dance band and folk singers for this. Since this is our first southern reunion we want to bring out some of the things the south is noted for and love so much.

On Friday, A.M. we have a tour of Brookgreen Gardens. These gardens have a unique combination of old south plantation setting and the world's largest outdoor collection of American statuary. This famed attraction abounds with moss laden oak trees, 300 units of American statuary and sculpture, a well equipped area and a large zoo.

Hope to have some Fred Astaire dancers to put on an exhibition during the banquet Saturday night. This, we feel, will be very entertaining and something everyone will enjoy.

There are still more plans in the making and we'll do our best to keep you informed as to what we are doing. Our aim is to give you all three days in Myrtle Beach which you will enjoy and never forget.

Now from my family and myself and fellow Dixie Chapter members, and their families, sincere wishes for the happiest and safest of holiday seasons and may all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Fall River Chapter News

By Dorothy (Dot) Pacheco

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thought I'd do a little pinch hitting for Manny Pacheco, my husband and your Thunderbolt reporter, who has been incapacitated since shortly after the last reunion and in the hospital all that while.

He has been undergoing a series of tests which, in most cases, have proved to be on the negative side, for which we are all very thankful. He expects to be home very soon and should be his old self again with a little rest and care.

Manny wishes to thank you all, each and every one, for your concern and for your visits to the hospital and wants you all to know that he thinks you are just a wonderful group of people.

I might mention, at this time, that the Fall River Chapter will hold its annual Christmas party on December 12 at the Miguel Corte Real Club in Fall River, Mass. This event is always one of the highlights of the year and a turn away crowd is expected.

We, of the Fall River Chapter, wish to thank all you Thunderbolts for the wonderful things you have been and are still saying about the reunion held in Providence last August. With such wonderful response to our efforts the only thing we can say is we were delighted to be your host and were rewarded by the fact that most of you had such a really wonderful time. Thank you and God bless you all for coming.

And now, with the approach of the holiday season, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all Thunderbolts, and their families, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FRONT LINE - CHORUS

I would appreciate help from you signalmen in identifying the following hep-cats. The gentleman hanging on to the "mike", from fright, schnapps, "guts" or for whatever reason is Eddie Klenck, Ohio area I believe. If you can give me an assist I would surely appreciate it. Send to Don Hinz, 219 11th Ave., Worthington, Minnesota. H E L P.



Philadelphia Chapter Participates in Memorial Services

Following are three pictures taken at the Memorial Service, in Narberth, Pa. on Saturday, November 7, 1964.

The Firing Squad, l to r: Lou Volpi, Frank McGrogan, Al Belvedere, John Piscitelli and Larry Redmond. (Ed. note: They actually did fire the rifles; no casualties, happy to report.)



Front row l to r: Larry Redmond, Frank McGrogan and Al Belvedere; back row; John Piscitelli, Lucy and Lou Volpi.



Front row l to r: John Piscitelli, Frank McGrogan, Al Belvedere, rear; Larry Redmond, Senator Bob Johnson and Lou Volpi.

(Ed. note: Looking at our boys from the front they don't look too bad but if any of them had to line up in right dress formation each would have to take a step backward. Twenty years have brought some changes.)

One bit of news that came into your Thunderbolt is that one of the confirmed bachelors of the Philadelphia Chapter is getting married on Thanksgiving Day. On that day Anthony J. (Tony) Adelizzi will take unto himself a charming wife and those who know Tony offer their congratulations and wish him well in his big step from bachelor to benedict. To the Bride and Groom, may you both live happily ever after.

Hello Thunderbolts,

We are at the end of this year and I am sure a lot of you 83rd boys have not looked at your membership card. I know Harry Lockwood would be glad to mail out your membership card for Christmas and I can't think of a better way to spend \$5 for your own Christmas present and at the same time help our great Thunderbolt stick together.

The Indiana Chapter is holding its annual Christmas party in the Officers Club at Fort Harrison thanks to John Raikos, on Saturday, December 5. Many couples plan to attend.

We hold our regular monthly meetings at the 40 - 8-619 N. Penna. St. on the second Friday of each month.

I am glad to report that Mrs. Joseph Lowry is feeling better since her operation. Also, Dick Ammon is ready to go back to work after three weeks with an eye injury.

Many of us here are planning to go south to Dixieland come next August. I know it will be a great vacation for all who can make the reunion.

The Indiana Chapter takes this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you and your families the warmest and sincerest greetings for the holiday season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all.

John W. Robinette
916 N. DeQuincy St.
Indianapolis 1, Indiana
Co. C - 308th Eng. Bn.

Dear Harry,

Although I have been unable to attend the last few reunions, my interest in our Association remains strong. The enclosed dues will maintain my charter membership.

Being in the Medical Detachment I didn't have much to do with winning the war but everyone knows the 331st Regiment, to which I was attached, did win the war.

I send all my friends in that outfit my best personal regards.

Charles P. Snyder, M.D.
Medics-331

•The following article and print was sent in by Vic Landis:

Harry,
The following is a release I received from CHA CHA RECORDS of Chicago. Dennis Nickell, on the drums, is the son of Bill and Arlene Nickell of F-329. Dennis weighs 225 pounds and is one hell of a football player.
B I O: The OUTSIDERS are the newest talent to be released on CHA CHA records of Chicago.

The story behind this group is, so far, a short one. The group was formed to fulfill the ambition of its leader, Jim Messina. The time was last spring. After a few changes, the group assumed its present staff and sound. Acceptance in their home area of Michigan City, Indiana, has been quite enthusiastic. This set the stage for a wild idea. "Why not cut a record?" Next in line was in need for a "Hit Type Song". Meeting the need of the situation, Fred Boese (Bo Zee) penned "Go Go Ferrari".

The members of the band are widely divided in their current endeavors. Their common ground and bond is music. Jim Messina, leader and lead guitar, is an engineer in industry. Dan Steere, rhythm guitar, is a medical student. Fred Boese, bass guitar, is a senior at Indiana University. Dennis Nickell, drums, finds himself the youngest of the Outsiders. He is a senior at Elston High and one of this year's most promising football stars.

Yours,
CHA CHA RECORDS



Left to right: Danny Steers, Jim Messina, Fred Boese and Dennis Nickell.

Dear Harry,

Sorry to miss the reunion in Providence but worked seven days that week and couldn't get off.

Hope to see some of my old buddies at a future reunion. In the meantime, best regards to all and enclosed are my dues for this year

Louis W. Comparone
4 Bernice Ave.
Terryville, Conn.
Co. B-330

Co. F. 329th News & Sidelights

By Vic Landis

First, I would like to welcome a new member for the initial time — Donald Susong of Chicago. This came as a result of the recent forming of the Chicago Chapter. They are to be congratulated on the powerful outfit they have formed and they have really done the old 83rd a world of good.

We are all just as strong as the bonds that hold us together and the chapters and UNITS are the lifelines that keep us together. May all carry on.

Now that we are holding an annual conclave in the cotton pickin' and hominy section of the country, I really expect all the rebels of F-329 to show for real. Have already secured a dozen promises to attend. Hope they know the Civil War is over.

Have not heard from the old goat (Lee Titus) for quite a spell and will take this opportunity to inform my big buddy, his beloved G-331 will again run second to good old F-329 in paid-up memberships. That's all.

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis—F-329

At the present time, am off and running, as some 900 daily papers have published a release, in regards to the search for all our missing members — and also the information about next year's reunion at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. During the next month, every daily paper in the country will have published an article, along with United Press releases on wire services.

Next in line will be the radio and television stations, and believe me, they will be covered in full. The complete coverage will be all through Canada and many foreign nations, as we have quite a few of our young former members, serving in other nations.

Harry Lockwood informs me he is kept quite busy, answering inquiries from the newspaper articles, and that is a very good sign. He is receiving many more inquiries than in any prior year.

In closing, old buddies, don't forget the pen is mightier than the sword — DAMN IT, WRITE TO YOUR BUDDIES.

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Detroit Chapter News

by Jack Daugherty—Co. L-329

Hello Buddies,

Well, here we are again entering the holiday season and we truly hope that everyone has a real good Christmas.

I received a letter from Walter Marks, the other day and was sure glad to hear that Barbara Marks is getting along so much better and we want her to know we are all pulling for her. Walter stated that the newly formed Chicago Chapter is coming along just fine and that, too was nice to hear.

We sure wish the Detroit Chapter was as active as it used to be and hope that someday, soon, we can get back in the swing of things.

Hankie and I, Marion Muoio and his wife, Josephine, took in the annual party held by the Cleveland Chapter each year and I want that that gang in Cleveland really knows how to show you a real fine time. At the party it was nice to see Joe and Dimps Minotti, Ray and Dorothy Voracek, Mike and Liz Skovran and so many more of those wonderful people from the Buckeye state, far too numerous to mention.

Bill Palazzolo's father had a bad fall and is in the hospital and we all hope that he is getting along better by now.

By the time this issue is out the annual football game between the Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Browns will be over and I'm telling Ray Voracek the Lions are really going to take those Browns like they usually do and Ray will have reason to cry in his beer.

That's it for now, hope to with you in the next issue.

Chicago Chapter News

There will be a meeting of the Metropolitan Chicago Chapter on Wednesday evening, December 16, 1964 at the Como Inn, 546 North Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago.

This will be a joint dinner and business meeting and we extend an invitation to everyone, their wives and sweethearts to attend.

We ask that you put this date on your calendar and remember it.

You received your announcement and reservation blank around the first of December and we hope you have made your reservations and from this much advance notice we hope to receive a reservation from each and everyone entitled to membership in our association so that it will be a gala affair.

Ed Poninski, Secretary
Chicago Chapter



Sylvia and Nick Barbu, Ed Zerucha, Manny Martin and Hankie Daugherty.



Left to right around table: Liz, Hankie, Mike, Joe, Johnny and Olga. Standing: Dimps and Bill.



Hankie Daugherty, Bill Palazzolo, Sylvia and Nick Barbu.

Attention All Men From the Pittsburgh Area

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, which was disbanded quite a number of years ago, is now trying to reorganize and would like to hear from all you old 83rders from that area who may be interested in its reorganization.

To date they have had two meetings, with another scheduled very shortly, and the response has been reasonably good.

Those in attendance were: Sam Klippa, Paul Diethrich, Joe Setticase, John Marek, Emil Becker, Charles Altomari, Joe Deluca, Francis Beerhalter, Adam Hassick, George Komlos, Al Sues, Alfred Gruber, Gene Costanzo, Lawrence Leonardi, John Gallo, Charles Navish, George Pastirik, John Guzik, Hank Golembiewski, Walt Poland, which is not a bad start. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Pres. Sam Klippa, Vice Pres. Gene Costanzo, Secretary Paul Diethrich and Treasurer Alfred Gruber.



The following picture was taken at the first meeting held at the home of Gene Costanzo and those in attendance are l to r: sitting, Sam Klippa, Paul Diethrich, Henry Golembiewski, Charlie Navish, John Marek, and John Gallo. On the right side l to r: Alfred Gruber, Lawrence Leonardi, John Guzik, Emil Becker and J. Stefancin. Standing on the left is Charles Altomari and standing in the rear by the refrigerator (where else) Gene Costanzo.

They intend to appoint someone to take over the publicity and many of you may be hearing from them soon but in the meantime why not get in touch with the Secretary, Paul Diethrich, at 207 Lawrence Ave., Pittsburgh, Penna. 15238 and get all information on how things are progressing and when their meetings are held. I'm sure you'll enjoy their company, they are a pretty nice

bunch of guys. (As are all Thunderbolts.)

If any name have been left out of the attendance list please don't hold it against us we'll try to do better next time.

One short bit of news is that Walt Poland's wife, Rita, underwent surgery a few weeks ago and, according to all reports, is doing fine and on the way to being her old self again.

Your Editor

Hello Buddies:

Here it is over three months since we came from that grand reunion in Providence, Rhode Island. To some of us, there has been a lot of water over the dam. To others, we just go on living from day to day. Since reunion time, I know that there were some of us who have taken the time out to write to our buddies and tell them of the great time that they missed, and have tried to pass on to them the word that our next reunion will be held in South Carolina, at the resort town of Myrtle Beach.

In my last communication with our Secretary-Treasurer, I have learned that once again our membership has slowed up. I see no reason why this should happen. I am sure that all of you, like myself, are proud to be a member of this Association. I cannot see any reason why any man who saw service with the 83rd Infantry Division would not feel the same way. This is not just a veterans organization. This is something different, it is an organization of men who lived together as a great big family, who shared the same horrors along with the same good times. Any man who saw service in the Armed Forces of these United States can be a member of the American Legion, and any man who saw foreign service can be a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but not every man can be a member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

How about each and every one of us doing something extra right now. Let us all sit down and write a letter to a former buddy that we know or knew, and try to sell him a membership in this Association. If we can't sell him on the idea of joining, let us make him a present of a membership in it. I am sure that once he starts getting the "THUNDERBOLT" or learns about the great times that we have at a reunion, that he will be more than anxious to join us.

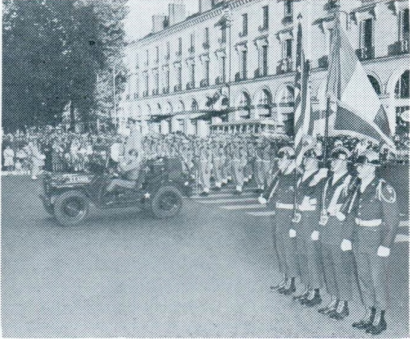
This is your Association, let's help make it grow to be the largest and best Division Association in the country.

Sincerely,
Larry Redmond

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In the last issue of Thunderbolt there was a letter that had been sent in by John D. Raikos regarding his trip to Tours, France, where he represented the 83rd Division at an auspicious occasion commemorating the 20th anniversary of the liberation of that city by the 83rd Infantry Division.

The following prints came too late to be printed with the letter so we are printing them at this time with many thanks to John D. Raikos, former communications officer, Regt. Hq.-329.



Dear Harry,

Enclosed are my dues for '65, sorry to be late but just got back from a much needed vacation after a very busy summer.

Got a thrill out of seeing 4 prints sent in by Phil Poso in July-August of Thunderbolt, one happened to have me in it. I also have some pictures in my possession.

If any of the boys ever come to California make it a point to see Catalina Island and stop in to see me at Hurricane Cove which I have owned since 1961.

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

William Caruso
P.O. Box D-1
Avalon, Catalina Island
California

About the 83rd Infantry Division

The following article appeared in STARS AND STRIPES - NATIONAL TRIBUNE on October 29, 1964. We thought it to be a brief, but very well written article, and we're passing it on to you. Hope you enjoy it.

Your Editor

There was a colonel at the fortress of St. Malo — the one they called the "Mad Colonel" — who didn't want to surrender, and to the east there were 20,000 armed German soldiers of every rank who didn't want to surrender, either. That is, they didn't want to until the 83rd Division came along. Then they had to. Colonel Von Aulock was the defiant commander, who, in the fall of 1944, decided to hold out, and it looked as if he might for an indefinite time until the "Thunderbolt" Division laid siege to his stronghold and caused him to think better of his initial decision. A few weeks later, when the Division captured 20,000 Germans at one swoop in France, while covering the right flank of the Third Army in the Loire River Valley, the Thunderbolts set a record for the number of prisoners taken by the Allies up to that time on the European continent.

The 83rd hoped to get into the battle of Normandy right at the start, but rough weather kept it out in the English Channel for a week, and it finally hit the beaches on D-plus 12. Plunging into the hedgerows, it moved inland to the swamps of Carentan, to relieve the 101st Airborne Division which had jumped just before H-hour on D-day. On the Fourth of July, the 83rd launched its first big offensive. With the Ninth and 90th Infantry Divisions, it broke through to the St. Lo - Countance highway, moved early in August by truck to Avranches, and then headed west to take care of the stubborn residents of St. Malo, which fell on August 17.

Operating in the Loire Valley from August 22 to September 20, the 83rd covered a 200-mile line from St. Nazaire to Auxerre, made a junction with the Seventh Army, and delivered its celebrated haul of 20,000 Supermen to the Allies. Late in September the division, as part of the Third Army, swung northeastward for the drive through France and Luxembourg. In Luxembourg, relieving the Fifth Armored and 28th Infantry Divisions, the 83rd made a lasting impression on the civilians with its lively dance band. It didn't have much time, however, for rest or frivolity. Early in December it was moved into the Hurtgen Forest to relieve the Fourth Infantry Division, and from there it fought its way to the western bank of the Roer, near Duren. And then came the Ardennes

counteroffensive.

Ordered to Rochefort, the 83rd found itself fighting in waist-high snow. Morphine syrettes froze, automatic weapons would not function, and the soldiers of the Division suffered from the bitter cold. They stuck to their guns—sometimes literally—and helped turn back the enemy assault. A month later they were assigned to the Ninth Army and, on March 1, approached the Rhine and took Neuss, just outside of Dusseldorf. They were credited with being the first American division to reach the lower Rhine, and, after patrols had made several crossings of the river to probe the enemy defenses on the other side, the whole Division swept cross on March 30. Given the job of cleaning up pockets by-passed by the Second Armored, the Thunderbolts accomplished that mission and then did some by-passing of their own, slicing through the Ruhr Valley and driving for the transportation center of Hamm.

Marching virtually unopposed into the blasted Hamm railyards, the 83rd seized so many abandoned vehicles that it was able completely to motorize itself, and it raced east to the province of Brunswick, moving so fast with its borrowed transportation that at one point it outstripped the speedy Second Armored. Swinging southeast, the 83rd pushed 215 miles from the Rhine to the Elbe, which it reached at Barby, just south of the Second Armored's bridgehead. On its way, the 83rd in 14 days captured 24,000 Germans and liberated 75,000 Allied prisoners.

Most of the men of the 83rd, when it fought in Italy and France in 1918 had originally come from Ohio, and the Division's shoulder patch is a monogram of the letters of that state. In this war the Division's personnel had been drawn from all over, but the men still like the old patch, and they like to spell out the words for which the letters now stand — "One Hot Infantry Outfit."

Dear Harry,

Am now living in Fresno, California and my health has improved to the extent that I feel fine and, needless to say, it is beautiful out here.

I'd like to send my best regards to all my old buddies and anyone who may be in this vicinity is welcome to stop by and say hello.

The only club I belong to is the 83rd Infantry Division Association and, as I get older, it becomes more dear to me.

Sending my new address along with my dues and would appreciate it if you will put it in Thunderbolt so my buddies will know where I am.

Best regards and hope you are well.

Howie Edwards—Co. B-329
1118 Fulton Street
Fresno, California



330th Infantry Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Here I am once again; please believe me, I haven't forgotten you, it has just been that I have been so darned busy that I haven't been able to get caught up.



I was in hopes of having a roster out to you before this, but for some reason I have misplaced the roster that I had two years ago and have to get a new complete one made up. This constitutes a lot of work. I had asked a woman to help me make up

the stencil for it, and she had promised me that she would, but unfortunately she was taken sick and is unable to help me. I am trying to get another one to do it for me. I sincerely hope that in the near future that I can have this mission accomplished.

Well buddies, from checking the roster that has been sent me by our Secretary-Treasurer, it looks as if the 330th will give the entire Association a run for their money. The Association is badly in need of members. How about trying to do your part and start a little membership campaign. Let us all try hard to reach a former 330th buddy and sell him on the idea of joining, and make the rest of the Association know that we are in there fighting hard to have the largest group membership in the Association.

I had a letter from our Publicity Chairman today and he informed me that he has contacted newspapers, radio and television stations all over the country, some of them have already given us the publicity so well needed, others will be having it out in the very near future. This along with the personal contacts that you can make will help our Association tremendously. We are fighting a different type of battle than the one we fought in Europe, our enemy this time is not a foreign element, but it is a group of men who was a part of us during this war. We are now not fighting to destroy an enemy, but to take them into our midst and have them become a part of our Association.

After you finish reading this issue of "THE THUNDERBOLT" sit down and start writing to your former buddies, try to make them see what they are missing. Remember, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in 1965 and Philadelphia in

1966, if you can't travel South with us, start planning to join us at a reunion in 1966.

Larry Redmond
Co. H 330th Infantry

New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry W. Lockwood, Regt. Hq.-329

At the October meeting of the New Jersey Chapter we had quite a turnout with four of the members bringing their lovely wives along to add a bit of the feminine touch to an otherwise stag, run of the mill meeting.

We were especially happy to welcome David Chin and his most charming wife, Chiya.

David has been a member of the Association for the past four years. He and Chiya attended their first reunion in Providence, last August and are still talking about the really wonderful time they had and have decided that, if at all possible, they will be present at many more reunions in the future.

The reunion had a special interest for David as he met three of his old buddies from Division Headquarters whom he had not seen since 1945 and, needless to say, a large portion of the time was spent in pleasant reminiscing.

After a short Chapter meeting yours truly put on a slide show of about 150 slides taken last August on my trip back to some of the scenes of our old combat areas. From the response to the show a nostalgic couple of hours were spent by all.

The ladies present, Ann Galati, Vicki DePeri, Millie Benick and Chiya Chin asked many questions about some of the places shown on the slides with Chiya always seeming to have a question or comment ready.

This being David Chin's first chapter meeting he was not permitted to pay for a round of drinks and he must have gotten sore muscles pushing his money over the bar and pulling it back again when someone else's money was picked up. It will not always be that way, though, and he'd better come prepared one of these nights.

All in all we spent a very enjoyable evening which is always the case with the New Jersey Chapter. We do not put on a big splurge very often but enjoy each other's company with an occasional visit to someone's home or a Sunday picnic during the summer and, I think, everyone is satisfied with that arrangement.

Anyone interested in spending an enjoyable evening on the third Friday of any month stop by at the VFW Post at Belmont Ave. and Chestnut St. in Garfield, New Jersey. I'm sure you'll be glad you came.

See you next time around.



Indiana Chapter News

by Murray Therber—330 Medics

Here it is November, the leaves have fallen, a chill is in the air and we suddenly realize that about three months ago a reunion was taking place in Providence, R. I. and, according to some first hand la-de-da from some of those who were there, I'm awfully sorry to have missed it.



To top it off some included a trip to the World's Fair before or after. Imagine a reunion and World's Fair all in one week; how lucky

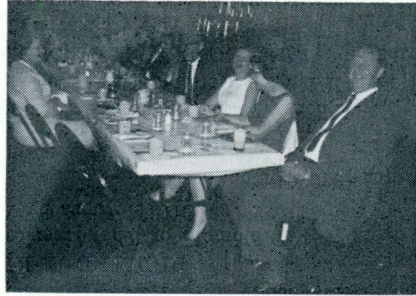
can one get?

Preparations are being made for the Fall and Winter program and big things are expected.

The annual chapter picnic at Garfield Park was well attended and several guests came for the first time. Each voiced an opinion and marvelled at the cooperation of the chapter and the Association in general.

Election of officers was held and thanks to the outgoing for a job well done and every wish for a successful year to the newly elected. This also applies to the national officers, they deserve a tip of the 83rd hat.

As the year draws to a close so does this article and to all Thunderbolts everywhere, and their families, the best of greetings for a Happy and Pleasant Holiday Season.



Following is a list of men who joined the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt. We welcome these men and hope they thoroughly enjoy membership in the Association.

Tommy A. Erwin, Box 1366, 633 Radar Road, Condon, Oregon—Co. E-329.

William Caruso, P.O. Box D-1, Avalon, Catalina Island, California—Co. B-331.

George Komlos, 978 Donner Avenue, Monessen, Penna.—Co. D-331.

Joseph Setticase, 1171 Ringold Ave., Pittsburgh, Penna. 15205—Co. D-331.

Otis Crawford, 12424 Barbara Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90066—Co. G-331.

Edward Pawlak, 2801 Rawle Street, Philadelphia, Penna.—Co. C-308 Engineers.

Francis J. Clifford, MD, 178 East Avenue, Lockport, New York—Co. C-308 Medics.

Allen W. Scurry, 5 Myrtle Street, Sumter, South Carolina—Regt. Hq.-329.

Wallace C. Stout, 523 Brenthaven Pl., Anaheim, California.

Frank Phillips, 7320 West Berwyn, Chicago, Illinois.

Raymond W. Barnes, 202 North College Ave., Albany, Missouri—Co. K-331.



Signal Musings

by Don Hinz—83rd Signal

Dear Harry,

I didn't have an article for this publication but after second-thought I decided to shoot along a picture for publication. The mail has been just too slow as of late. The only information I have received has been from you which has been much appreciated. I don't know how you want the picture put together but I'll send it along with some comments as to what I want. I have been so busy with the regular school teaching, plus trying to form a new State of Minn. Jr. College system (faculty association), plus forming up and pouring a new driveway, etc. It sure has been a hustle-bustle for the past couple of months.

I haven't contacted the other fellow from Worthington, the former member of the MP's. I have talked to him by phone but that's about all, haven't heard if he joined the association yet or not. I do know as a member of the local police he doesn't make a famous salary; we need more liberals on the city council.

Hope this arrives for the next issue, Sorry it is late. Best regards.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely,
Don Hinz

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to:

George N. Berlet, Jr., 110 Trinity Pl., Hillsdale, New Jersey who has just retired as Lt. Colonel, USAR after more than 20 years.

George served with Co. G-331 during hostilities and has been a member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association for many years.

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William O. "Bill" Shuman, chaplain of the Division Association (whose column and picture appear elsewhere in this issue) for his election to Assemblyman from the second district of Franklin County, Penna.

Shuman led in all but two voting precincts in his district which includes some 11. He carried all boroughs and townships and received an overwhelming endorsement from the voters of Greencastle and Antrim Townships. Shuman also served as treasurer of Franklin County a few years ago. (Ed. note: That's our Bill.)

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YOUR DUES
NOW**

Warren Chapter News

by Mike Skovran—Hq. 1st Bn.-331

Warren Chapter held its annual outdoor steak-fry at the home of Liz and Mike Skrovran on Saturday, October 10 last and, as usual, the chapter members were in full attendance. The steaks were done just right by chef John Teringo and the liquid refreshments were served by prexy Dick Kelly (who else?) If you haven't sat around a big outside fire in the wee hours of a frosty morning partaking of liquid lightning and spinning yarns you are in for a big surprise. All in all a grand time was held by all especially Charlie Tomazin.

On October 17th Dimps and Joe Minotti, Birdie and Lee Titus, Theresa and Babe Gautschi and Liz and Mike Skovran were privileged to attend the annual dinner dance of our neighboring Cleveland Chapter. The very good food and the abundance of liquid refreshment and good dancing music was exceeded only by the congeniality and friendliness of those wonderful men and women of the Cleveland Chapter.

The final event of the fall social season was held at the home of Theresa and Babe Gautschi in the form of a costumed Halloween party. Once again the usual solid and liquid refreshments were in plentiful abundance to insure a grand and wonderful time. Who won the prizes that were awarded for the various costumes will not be mentioned, at this time, except to say that Lee Titus won the LIFE OF THE PARTY award. Sometime ask Lee to tell you how to play CHOO CHOO TRAIN. Many, many thanks to Theresa and Babe for a fine time.

With the coming of the holiday season the truly wonderful ladies of the Warren Chapter Auxiliary will empty their treasury of hard earned funds to treat their "beloved" spouses to their annual steak dinner at the Astoria Cafe. This much looked forward to event is both a memorable one and one that is greatly appreciated.

While on the subject of memorable events the talk around the Warren Chapter members eventually drifts back to the recent reunion in Providence, Rhode Island last August. This reunion has to rank as the greatest reunion ever held and it was put on by a great bunch of guys and even a greater bunch of gals so, once again to Manny Martin and the Fall River Chapter CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS.

And now in closing the members of the Warren Chapter wish to extend to each and every Thunderbolt, and their families, the sincerest and warmest holiday greetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The following prints came a little too late to accompany the Warren Chapter in the last issue of Thunderbolt so we are printing them in this issue to give you an idea of the wonderful time that was enjoyed by all at the last reunion.

For those of you who have never been to a reunion try it sometime and you, too, will enjoy three wonderful days and nights of fun, frolic and gala festivities.

Many thanks to the Warren Chapter for the use of the prints.



“Frankly Speaking”

Dear Buddies;

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



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

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

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

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

Yours In Comradeship,
Frank McGrogan
 Co. “D” 330



Greater Boston Chapter News

Nick Francullo, Hq. 3rd Bn.-330
 Hello Buddies,
 As the cold weather starts to set in so do our activities. We are getting old, I guess, and do not like to go out after dark.



We have a get together coming up on Saturday, Nov. 21, with a good time for all at the Italian American Club in Malden, Mass. Of course, by the time you all get this Thunderbolt it will be over so we'll try to give you a report on it in the next issue of Thunderbolt.

That's about all from Boston, at this time. The pictures accompanying this article were taken at the past reunion in Providence.



Charlie "Chuck" Abdinoor, Nick Francullo, Mary Francullo, Lucius "Jiggs" Elie and Ginny DiGiammerino.



DiBattista, Del Padre and Al Russo;



Ed "Spud" Murphy and his hot rod.

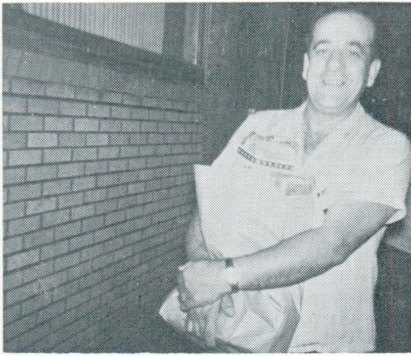


Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DelPadre and Col. Norman A. Campbell.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lavinsky and "The Lost Weekend" gang.





Boston Chapter Grocer, Pat DiGiamerino.



"The Big Wheels", Helen Petrucci and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tartaglia.

Co. G-331 Reporting

by E. J. "Spud" Murphy

First off, we wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest wishes, for the coming holiday season, to all our old buddies, and their families. We hope the coming New Year will treat all our friends in the Association kindly.

At this time of the year we would like to especially remember Bill Bogacz, and the newly formed Chicago Chapter. We are confident that if initiative and determination pay off Bill, and his cohorts, will engineer the chapter into one of the largest and strongest in the Association.

After many years of futile search we finally located our old buddy, Mike Ce-lentano. The efforts of Titus, Teringo, Piette and others finally reached fruition. John Teringo reached Mike, via telephone, on his way home from Providence. Mike wanted to be remembered to the old gang and promised John that he would get in touch with some of his old buddies. As this column goes to press I know no one has heard from him. Perhaps if one of you fellows, who has his address, would forward your Thunderbolt to him he would become more in-

terested in the welfare of his old cronies. Many of our old friends are not even aware of the fact that we have such a fine publication and when they see one and get to read about the familiar names, and now and then see a familiar face, they invariably become genuinely interested in the Association.

We understand that Mort Gaynor, and son, met with the Teringo family at the World's Fair and spent a few pleasant hours together. Incidentally Mort, that was a fast get away you made from Providence.

I'm happy to report that Vic Landis is working with his usual diligence again this year. Saw his release in the local paper publicizing our manhunt for 30,000 men who haven't been heard from since the cessation of hostilities.

There really isn't too much from this corner as we haven't heard from many people since the reunion. Remember, if you'd like to hear of news of your old buddy or buddies, you have to let us know about them. When you hear from a buddy let us know how he is getting along and we will let the rest of the gang know through this column. Just remember though, we cannot invent the news it has to come from you fellows out there.

When the holidays have come and gone we urge you delinquent members to remit your dues. We are supposed to be paid up members for the entire year not just the last few months and please remember, your Association cannot operate on good intentions.

We expect to be hearing soon about the program planned for us at Myrtle Beach. When the news reaches us we will convey it along to you. As you are all aware, time really does fly and, for this reason, it is not too early to start formulating your plans now for next summer.

One last thought; get those letters out to your friends and buddies and urge them to meet you on the beach, Myrtle Beach, that is.

Beg Your Pardon

My apologies to Louis W. Comparone, 4 Bernice Ave., Terryville, Conn., formerly of Co. B-330 for not acknowledging his membership in the Association at the time he joined. Louis has been a member since May 22, 1964 and we enjoy having him in our wonderful organization.

Also forgot to mention in the last issue of Thunderbolt that Joseph F. McLaughlin, 6210 Park Ave., Philadelphia 41, Pa. Co. H-331, has renewed his membership after an absence of a few years. We bid Joe welcome and hope we may be seeing him at future reunions.

Your Secretary



Philadelphia Scrapple

by Dave Rosenberg—Co. F-331

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter staged a rousing Veterans Day party at the McCall Post in Philadelphia, that drew a record crowd. Among the many guests was our secretary and treasurer of the national association, Harry Lockwood. The many guests were treated to a delicious spread catered by our own Lou Volpi and the sumptuous banquet that Lou and his wife Lucy prepared was simply great.

No one can prepare better spaghetti and meatballs and no one can top Lou in tossing an antipasto so it was no surprise to see the guests clamoring for seconds and thirds. The open bar, served beer, mixed drinks, and coffee.

We of the Philadelphia Chapter are blessed by having a group of men, who as a body, can not be beat for pitching in and helping. Every member and all the women folk attempted to carry the load and assist Lou Volpi in serving and all phases of the kitchen police duties. Never was there a better group of servers than the Philadelphia women.

To cap the evening display of fine cooking Mary McGrogan, Ruth Paulino, and Martha Tilsner prepared an excellent array of cakes, and Ann Rosenberg concocted a huge jello mold. All these goodies was swiftly attacked and dispatched with celebrity that only a group of chow hounds like the Thunderbolts can do.

Much thanks must be given to a group of men who came to the hall early in the morning to decorate and set up the tables and chairs. Frank McGrogan, Bill Murray, Al Belvedere and Larry Redmond must be praised for their devotion to duty. We will always be amazed by the display of enthusiasm evoked by our vice president, Bill Murray. In an unassuming and mild manner Bill has revealed leadership and a devotion to pitch in and help in every way. We are very proud of Bill Murray.

To try to account for everyone attending would be difficult. We were glad to meet up with Bill Litrenta, who has been under the weather for a while. Ed Paulino, with his aching back, all trussed up in a strait jacket, attempted to do his bit. We are assigning the job of "pearl diver" to Bill Pugh. Bill without a doubt can make the silverware clean

and dried faster than anyone we know. Speaking of KP help Frank McGrogan handled himself like a wraith. He served, he bartended, he washed dishes, he cleaned tables, he assisted in handling the finances with Al Belvedere, all in all, Frank deserves the plaudits of all for a job well done. But to attempt to thank and give credit for a job well done, would be impossible. In a way every one pitched in, the women were tremendous in their support. Ann Belvedere need never fear, everyone would want her a hostess. She did everything, to keep everyone happy. But all in all we can never ply Lou Volpi and Lucy Volpi with enough praise for their exceptional devotion above and beyond the call of duty. Their extra curricular work can never be extolled and paid for. Lou and Lucy Volpi have been workers for the Philadelphia Chapter for many, many years. It will never be possible to pay tribute for their devotion. They truly are the backbone of our organization. We hail their devotion and salute them for a job well done.

We must attempt to reveal the exceptional work performed by Mary Redmond. Mary despite that she had to carry on without Larry who was working last shift out, donned her apron and made as pretty a little waitress one could ask for. She did more than her share to make the Veterans Day social a memorable event. Although Larry had to work and was unable to attend the party, he was well represented. Larry had performed in his usual fine performance. His preliminary work in mailing out tickets and doing the ground work made the evening a wonderful financial success.

The drawing for the three prizes of transistor radios as secured by Frank McGrogan, Admirals, of course, was a huge success. Bill Litrenta won first prize on an assist by John Piscetelli who sold him the book of chances.

The balance of the evening was devoted to dancing, singing and story telling somehow the Thunderbolt "Bull Sessions" never grow old. Also through the courtesy of Lou Volpi many, many door prizes were given to the guests. Everyone walked away with a prize. All in all the Veterans Day social was a huge success. Thanks to all who aided and attended.

Dear Harry,

Sorry I missed the reunion but my heart was with you.

Looking forward to next issue of Thunderbolt and really appreciate the wonderful job you are doing.

Enclosed are my dues and hope to see you at the next reunion.

Matthew J. Pintar
Scenery Hill, Penna.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Tried to get news of the 83rd for years but just couldn't. Then I kept hearing parts of a radio broadcast but never could catch all of it. Then my daughter saw the piece in the paper and it was so nice to read about the old outfit.

Have sent a snapshot of myself and some of "Little Mac's" boys.

Planning to be at Myrtle Beach in 1965.

So glad to hear about and from the 83rd. Enclosed find check for dues.

Otis Crawford—Co. G-331
12427 Barbara Ave.
Los Angeles 66, Calif.



Dear Harry,

Glad the reunion was such a good one, wish we could have been there.

Been a rough summer but thank God the worst is over.

Jim is feeling a lot better but isn't over the hump yet.

For one who has been as active as Jim telling him he'll have to take things easy does not register very well, but he's learning.

Enclosed are Jim's dues for this year, hope you are well, best regards to all.

Trudy (Mrs. James Fowler)
Former 1st Sgt. Co. F-329

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Dear Harry,

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

I found Sam Butturff's name and address in the last issue and it made me very happy. Hope to be at Myrtle Beach in 1965.

Jack C. Pennington
Cannon Co.-329
724 Westgate Drive
Crestline, Ohio

Obituary

We were extremely sorry to hear of the death of former Lt. Col. Nelson H. O'Dell, 704 Opal St., Redondo Beach, California on May 20, last.

Col. O'Dell was with Regt. Medics-330 during the war.

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Mrs. O'Dell on the loss of her husband, and our former buddy, and needless to say we wish her well for the future.

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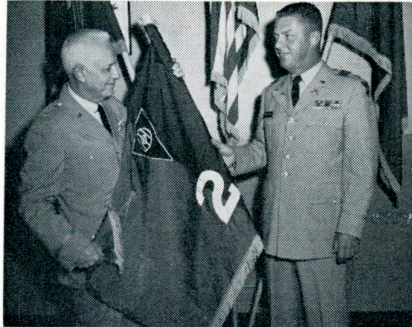
We regret to report that Frederick S. Wallace, Sr., father of one of our members, Frederick S. Wallace, Jr. of 4714 Ramona Ave., Philadelphia, Penna. died a short time ago.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Frederick and to his family and friends on their loss and, we trust, that time will help ease the void left in their hearts.

Fellow Thunderbolts

In the last issue of Thunderbolt there was an obituary on the death of Robert F. McGonagle who died from injuries received in an auto accident.

The following picture came in a little too late to be printed with the obituary so it is printed here so those of you who may remember "Mac" by name will surely remember him when you see this picture.



Maj. Gen. Harold F. Harding, CG 83rd Inf. Div. presents Brigade colors to Col. Robert F. McGonagle, CO 2nd Brigade.

Dear Harry,

Sorry to be late with my dues but due to the death of my mother, who died in her sleep with a heart attack, we here who are left are not quite ourselves.

Hope to see you all next year.

Edwin W. (Wayne) Sandkuhl
St. Marys, Ohio
Btry. C-322 FA

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The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Well here we are once again from the great City of Brotherly Love, extending our best wishes to you the members of this great Association.

We the members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter are hard at work planning our socials for the coming year. On Saturday, November 14 we had a spaghetti dinner, which was served by our master chef, Lou Volpi, assisted by several of our Chapter men and their very fine wives. One thing our Chapter can be proud of and that is the fine support that they receive from their wives. Each time we plan an affair, our wives are right on the job to help us make it a success. That is the type of spirit our Association needs.

Last Saturday afternoon, November 7, the Italian-American Social Club of Narberth held a memorial service, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the founding of their club. Along with this they dedicated a memorial to veterans of all wars. We had the grand pleasure to be invited to take part in this memorial service. Having been called on a very short notice, we were unable to contact all of our Chapter members, but did contact some of them close by and from the group contacted, we were able to get five men to participate. These men acted as a firing squad, believe me, it would have been worth your while to

see a group of old soldiers, trying to do what used to come naturally. I doubt if any of these men have had the chance to take part in such a service since coming home from the war. They were given rifles to fire and went through a short drill order prior to the memorial services. At first they were having trouble trying to co-ordinate their actions, but really when the time came to do the real thing, they looked like the 83rd men of old. I am sure that had you been there you would have been mighty proud of them.

The group that took part in this memorial service were, Frank McGrogan, Lou Volpi, Al Belvedere and John Piscitelli. They composed the firing squad. Larry Redmond acted as the commander of the squad and gave the firing orders. Photos were taken and we sincerely hope that they will be published in this issue of THE THUNDERBOLT. The one big thing in our favor is that we aren't called upon to wear our old 83rd uniforms. I am sure there are very few of us that would still fit them. I am sure that this is caused only by the wonderful meals that our wives serve us and not by the cold beers that we have consumed.

Well buddies, our Association is in need of members, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter is starting a membership drive, how about you joining in and doing your part to swell the membership in the Association.

Larry Redmond