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President's Corner

Hello Buddies,

As I sit here in my warm office and look out at the snow covered houses and trees, my mind takes me back in memory to another time and place when the white snow didn't look so pretty and keeping warm was a mighty big thing. Fighting the enemy and the elements was the order of the day for the men of the 83rd; we can all be thankful now for the many blessings that are ours, whatever our station in life might be. I am



also looking ahead to this coming August when we will all be together again at the beautiful beach and oceanside in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the most wonderful resort hotel in this part of the country, the Ocean Forest Hotel. We will have a ball, I'm sure.

Buddies, it looks like a banner year for the 83rd Inf. Div. Association, according to our good and faithful Secretary-treasurer, Harry Lockwood. We are approaching a record in membership this year. I hope that we can go over the 700 mark, and if we do it will be the efforts of men like Harry and others that we will owe a big debt of thanks. Let's all pitch in and give these fellows a helping hand in getting new members signed up and old members back in the fold.

I trust that each and everyone of you are well and getting along fine at this time, and I hope it will be the Lord's will that we can all meet at Myrtle Beach this coming August, for a grand time with our family and friends.

Your President,
J. C. Boyles
Hq. 3rd Bn.-329



Association Pres. J. C. Boyles and Hubert Edwards - Back row and Convention Chairman Dick Riddle and Bob Martin - front row at Ocean Forrest Hotel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



Polly and J. C. Boyles and Lucille Martin on patio of Ocean Forrest Hotel.

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Convention Chairman's Corner

By Dick Riddle

Well buddies by the time this column is published we sincerely hope each and everyone of you are planning on Myrtle Beach in August.



Elsewhere in this issue you will find the program we have set up so far. The Ocean Forrest Hotel will re-open March 15 for the summer season. There are other plans to be worked out but we did want to let you know just how things are progressing from this end.

There will be a recreation room open at all times for children. A baby sitter will be there. Also free juke box and refreshments. This will be near the pool. There will be a life guard on duty at pool also two on beach. Since our first thoughts are for our children we do want to welcome them to Myrtle Beach for a vacation and also give their parents a vacation too. They will enjoy amusement park on beach also.

Colonel Campbell met with us for our Christmas party and meeting in High Point. Was such a pleasure having him with us. He has been very helpful in getting reunion together.

I would like to suggest getting reser-

vations in early. We will have exclusive use of hotel. However, when all of rooms are taken, there may be someone unable to enjoy being with friends.

Room rates as quoted on contract:
Single \$8.00; Double \$12.00; Twin \$14.00; Parlor \$14.00; Roll-ways \$3.00.
No charge for cribs.

Limitation - 11 Singles

Aside to Harry Lockwood, Secretary-treasurer

Harry,

Hope the enclosed information will meet with your approval. As I told you on the phone we have been handicapped with the hotel being closed and Mr. Bauchner being gone. However, don't get upset, we have everything under control. Ha! We do wish you could come down before too much longer. We will keep in touch by phone and letter and try to keep you informed as to plans. Our one thought is to make everyone comfortable and try to see they enjoy their stay at Myrtle Beach. We don't have a program planned that will keep everyone busy trying to meet a schedule. There is so much to do close by and we felt each individual would enjoy just doing what they liked. We plan to have cars available to see that everyone will have transportation anywhere they want to go.

It is such a pleasure working with you and all information we have asked for has been real helpful, which we really appreciate. Come to see us.

Lessie and Dick



Dixie Chapter at High Point, N. C.

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

19th Annual Reunion Program

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1965

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Main Lobby
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Hospitality Room	Woodside Room
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Buffet - Country Style	Dining Room
8:00 P.M. to Midnite	"Country Hoedown"	Starlite Patio
	Folk Singers for Dance - Beer will be served	

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1965

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Hospitality Room & Registration	Main Lobby
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	Business Meeting	Ball Room
10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	Tour to Brookgreen Gardens	
Afternoon Free	Fishing - Golf - Shuffleboard Bridge - Beach and Pool, Amusement Park	
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Cocktail Party	Porch or Ball Room
9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.	Dance	Ball Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1965

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Main Lobby
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Hospitality Room	Woodside Room
9:30 A.M.	Business Meeting	Ball Room
Noon	Unit Luncheons	
2:00 P.M.	Memorial Services	Patio
6:30 P.M.	Famous 83rd Banquet	Crystal Dining Room
9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.	Dance	Ball Room

Note to Harry:

As I told you on the telephone this program may be changed just a little bit when we can get back in touch with Mr. Bauchner and Hotel. However we will have everything definite when we have the reunion programs printed.

Just another thought, the Hospitality Room will be closed during Memorial Services.

Chaplain's Corner

Love and Forgiveness

Dear Fellows:

Love expressed in service not only carries the pack one mile, but further.

The Cross, the forgiveness, and the perfect love of God is seen and understood only through service to others.



Think of the word, forgive. There is God's forgiveness for men, and there is forgiveness between men. The lack of forgiveness is sin. Paul suggests that sin pays wages. Wages are not kept in store but are dispensed periodically.

in the Bible we read, "... thou are a God ready to forgive ..."

(Dear Father God, I seek forgiveness for myself. I constantly must keep in touch with Thee or I am nothing. As I share life's experiences, may I feel only love and thoughtfulness for all others; knowing that their experiences are different from mine but just as difficult. Forgive my debts as I forgive my debtors. Amen.)

The story is told of a little boy who was not developing properly, for he could make no sounds. Under the doctor's care and supervision this youngster was given a puppy. This "something" for him to love and own perhaps would open the gates of tears and laughter. There was no change for a time, for the little boy seemed to both love and loath the puppy.

Then one day in a fit of anger, he beat the puppy with his heavy shoes until the little dog's mouth was swollen and his ears were bleeding. The boy left the dog and went to sit under the shade of a tree, but the puppy followed, his tail wagging with love. The puppy playfully reached up to lick the child's face. Then it was that the boy's flood gates of emotions opened with tears and love that could be expressed.

In this day of hurried living and huge strides in scientific knowledge, we are failing to give God His rightful place! What little time we give to the church! What little time we give to reading the Bible, or to praying. Have we forgotten that it is God who formed the earth and the world? ... And who has set our heart to a singing.

It is with these thoughts in mind that we enter into the attitude of prayer. God bless you all fellows until we meet again at Mrytle Beach in August.

Faithfully yours,
William O. "Bill" Shuman

Your Secretary's Report

Gentlemen,

My report in this issue of Thunderbolt will cover mostly the status of the Association, membership-wise, money-wise and prospects for the future.



Following this article is a list of your paid up membership, as of February 1, 1965 and as they appear according to their position in paid up membership.

When you figure that there are 70 units listed here and there are still others not listed, for which there is no recorded membership, if each of the outfits had just 20 members the total paid up membership in the 83rd Infantry Division would be one of the biggest of its kind in the country.

When you realize that in 1959 we had 334 paid up members and today, or as of July 31, 1964 we had a paid up total of 701 you can readily see that we have been doing very well these past few years.

Each year we gain quite a number of new members, both at the reunion, and throughout the year but each year there are also some 150 of last year members who do not respond for the current year and, consequently, get a free ride by a copy of Thunderbolt each time an issue is printed and, in fact, get a copy of each issue for two years and, of course, this is not fair to those who send in their dues religiously each year. Which means that the increase is not great enough to offset those who do not pay their dues for that year and I can't understand why.

In a few cases it may be a financial problem but in most cases they just put it off and when April or May rolls around they figure the year is almost over they might as well wait until next year but quite often next year they do the same thing.

Then, of course, there are those who pay dues only when they come to a reunion which happens to be in their neighborhood never realizing that we still have to go on whether the reunion is in your neighborhood and, with the increase in operating costs mounting each year we still need those 150 members no matter where we hold our reunion.

Your publicity director has done a truly wonderful job each year in getting us a million dollars worth of publicity, free of charge, and we have picked up a little momentum with some of the other

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men getting into the act. Men like Frank McGrogan, Larry Redmond, John Robi-
nette and a few others getting in touch
with their buddies, at their own expense
and this is one of the reasons why we
can boast a membership of 700 paid up
but 700 paid up members don't even pay
expenses and the few extra dollars we
make are realized from the sale of ma-
terial, tie tacks, lapel pins, etc. at the
reunion along with what reunion return
we get.

Quite often a letter or card from you,
rather than from me, will have more ef-
fect and offer a bit more persuasion in
a buddy becoming a member.

If my health holds out and the GOOD
LORD spares me I can and intend to re-
tire from business in just about five
years from now but before I do I would
like to see the total paid up membership
in the 83rd Infantry Division Associa-
tion reach the 1,000 mark.

This is not such a far fetched idea
when you consider that the potential of
an infantry division, it's attached units
and replacements reach a figure of 30,-
000 plus, the 700 or so total membership
plus about 150 last year members who
do not pay this 1000 membership we
have been striving for all these years
could very well become a reality within
the next few years with a little more
cooperation from each of you who were
proud to wear that black and yellow tri-
angle patch with the word OHIO as its
indicative identification and the nick-
name "THUNDERBOLT" as its combat
identification, you can also say that
OHIO means ONE HOT INFANTRY
OUTFIT.

I'll grant you there were outfits that
saw more combat than the 83rd, I'll
grant you that there were men of other
outfits who saw more combat action
than many 83rders and I'll grant you
that there were and are men who re-
ceived more decorations and awards than
many 83rders and I'm sure that a lot of
you can call many of these men your
friends and, no doubt, to you they are
wonderful people but, to me, the great-
est guy in the world is the guy who
wore that 83rd Division OHIO patch,
him I can call my buddy and him you
can call your buddy too and what better
way is there to show him you are proud
to have him as a buddy than to present
him with a membership in the 83rd In-
fantry Division Association or, at least,
let him know we exist and perhaps you
can sell him on the idea of joining the
Association on his own.

Give that some serious thought, men,
this is your Association, help make it
grow and the bigger we grow the longer
we'll stay together.

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The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

By Larry Redmond—Co. H-330

Hello Buddies:

Once again the Greater Philadelphia says hello to all 83rds everywhere. Here we are at the start of another great



year. We all sincerely hope that each and every one of you had a most joyous Holiday Season, and are ready to settle down now and help make this another great year for the 83rd Infantry Division Association. This is possible by your helping to build up our membership. There

are many of our former members who are delinquent in their dues; with your help we can get them back in the good graces of the Association.

Well Buddies, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter is hoping to make this another great year in the Chapter's history. Last Saturday night we tried something different in the way of a meeting. We held a combined meeting and social at the home of Larry Redmond, although it was a very bad night, we still had a nice turnout. We had Pete and Olga Bruzofsky, who drove all the way down from Schuylkill Haven, Pa., our old reliable, Frank and Mary McGrogan, Ed and Ruth Paulino, Lou and Lucy Volpi, Bill and Carol Hoolan, Bill Murray, Frank Loeb, Alan Tatham and Mary and Larry Redmond. We had a wonderful time and a very fine platter of food was served by our Maitre'd, Lou Volpi.

I was in hopes of being able to announce that Lou and Lucy Volpi were taking a two week cruise, but due to the unfortunate death of someone very close to them, they have cancelled it. This young man who met a very untimely death was close to both Lou and Lucy, and to those of us who knew him. He was a most wonderful person, a boy we could all be proud of knowing as if he were a son of our own. May God bless him

Well Buddies, there isn't much more that I can say right now except that at our meeting last Saturday, we voted to let Pittsburgh Chapter have the 1966 Reunion. They have once again reactivated and are doing a swell job. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter still stands by as the saviour chapter, if there is no city to take a reunion, we stand ready to take over, but, if another city wants it, we stand ready to relinquish it to them.

Signal Musings

By Don Hinz

This past Christmas period I sent out 57 newsletters to former Signal members whose addresses I have in my file. Only two of them were returned by the Post Office Department as the addressee had moved and left no forwarding address. The returnees were, Larry Burke, Buffalo, N. Y. and Claude Smith, Louisville, Ky. Any of you fellows have "recent" info on their change of addresses? Those of us who are now members of the National Association should make it a point to gain new national membership from the list I sent to you with the newsletter. How about it?

A number of Christmas cards came my direction as a result of the newsletters and were certainly much appreciated. Bud Baker, for example, is wasting away to a mere 206 pounds, what happened to that young man? Mike Kie-lion has had his problems as his wife has been hospitalized three times with two visits for operations. It is a pleasure to report she is now fine, best wishes for the future. Received a nice note from Bob Horning (144th Armd. Sig. and former 83rd member of B-330) stating all was well with him and his family, he should own KODAK in Rochester one of these years. Had a card picture of Joe and Rita Narducci's little one named Michael, dandy looking lad.

Two wonderful letters came from Bruce Winchell, Mich. and Nat Petty, High Point, North Carolina. Gentlemen, thank you very much for your kind words, and I do appreciate the addresses you fellows sent. Oh yes, Nat, thanks for the information you sent I'll keep it in mind in the future. Elsewhere in the THUNDERBOLT you guys will find a picture of a smiling foursome, have we aged that much??

Thanks for the news fellows and keep the mail coming even if it isn't Christmas or some other special season. Remember you're the ones that keep this column up to date. Best for the new year.



83rd Signal men Ned Foltz and Tom Duff in front and W. Robert Barber and Jim Erisman in rear. You guys sure look young, like to see this happy quartet at Myrtle Beach in August this year.

G. Co. 331 Reporting

by E. J. "Spud" Murphy

Never have all of the old saws, and maxims, concerning time in its flight, seemed as true; as they have this year. This issue of your Thunderbolt, marks the half way mark; for this year. Seems like only last month, we were planning for our reunion in Providence. Now it is time to start arranging for number nineteen, at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This will be an excellent occasion for you fellows, who have never attended a reunion, to break the ice. There is an abundance of good, wholesome recreation and entertainment at this renowned resort, for people of all ages. This affords you a fine opportunity, for a family vacation, as well as a chance to meet again with your old buddies.

Recently, I had a letter from Philip Wiggerhauser, our old communications sergeant. He had a pleasant luncheon visit with old reliable Bob Piette, on one of his business trips to Athol, Mass., where Bob resides. We are hopeful of getting old "Wiggy" to attend a convention in the foreseeable future. Once you recalcitrants attend one reunion, we promise you that you will be loath to miss the next one.

We wish to extend somewhat belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith of Santa Cruz, Calif., on the new addition to their household. Jake and the bride became the proud parents of an 8 pound baby girl on November 4. Word of this happy event did not reach us in time for the last edition of this column.

Jake is another former Thunderbolt who has migrated to California. The thought occurs to me that enough of you fellows are now located in sunny California, to form some sort of a social group. Who is going to make the first move and take the initiative towards this aim? Who knows? We may one day have a California chapter in the association. It is worth some thought.

G. Co. approached the mid-point of the year with 32 paid up members in the association. This is a respectable figure for this time of the year. It affords us an opportunity to surpass our previous records. There is no discernible reason why we can't reach the coveted 50 member plateau this year. However, in order to do so we must have the cooperation of you, who are delinquent as of this date. You fellows know who you are. You need not be constantly prodded by us to remit your dues.

Won't you help your old buddies attain their goals, by remitting the above mentioned dues now?

Drop a line to that guy with whom you used to buddy around, and instruct him to meet you at Myrtle Beach, come August. We have an opportunity this year

to meet some of our Dixieland buddies, whom we haven't seen since our Army days. We hope to see you there.

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis—F-329

By the end of 1964, every daily paper in the land had published a release in regards to the famed 83rd Division Association and their forthcoming reunion. Many of them ran it several times. Am now starting on the radio and television stations and when they are taken care of, will again send releases to all 1800 dailies in the nation.

I could keep this up for twenty years and we would reach hundreds of former members of the old 83rd who never heard of us having an Association, or holding an annual reunion. Harry Lockwood informs me this is the best response he has ever had from the publicity angle — **AND I AM AT THE HALF WAY MARK.** Look for greater things to come.

Membership is the highest, at this point, it has ever been and it looks like our greatest year, but we could really do much better, if all the regular old time members would "Get in there and dig." Contact your old buddies and let them know the old gang wants to see and greet them. Don't be a hitch hiker — get hep. Just think of the results, if all the old time regulars would pay for one of their units' members. The results would astound you. If a man can afford to attend the reunion, year after year, he can afford one five dollar bill to further the cause.

To each and every man who has been an 83rd Division regular, I am calling on you to sponsor a member and keep in touch with the guy, urging him to come to the affair at Myrtle Beach, come this August. If all the old guard would do this, 1000 members paid up, would be easy. Give it a try old buddies and if we break all records, you can pat yourself on the back and say, "I really helped put us over the top". It will give you a thrill when the final results are announced.

Come on you slackers — let's get behind the group, that year after year, stages the reunion and keeps this Group Association in operation. It is easy to just attend the reunion, have one hell of a good time and then wait until next year to do it again, not wondering how the organization is held together, or how hard the few work for the many. **LET'S ALL SHARE THE LOAD.**

**MOST OF YOU HAVE GOTTEN
THREE NOTICES THAT DUES ARE
DUE. PLEASE PAY IT NOW.**

Fall River Chapter News

by Manny Pacheco—Co. L-331

To begin with I'm happy to say I'm out of the hospital and feeling fine. No surgery was needed, thank God. During



my stay in the hospital my ever faithful wife pinch hit for me, in the last issue of Thunderbolt, and, I'm proud to say, did a splendid job.

Words cannot express how grateful I am to the members of the Fall River Chapter for their kind contributions toward the purchase of a wrist watch and an electric razor for me while I was hospitalized and I will be forever grateful to the grandest bunch of guys I have ever known.

For the many get-well cards that were sent to me by well wishers of the Association thank you very much for your kindness and consideration.

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 12, last, with a capacity crowd in attendance and it turned out to be a very successful affair indeed. A real good time was had by all, the food prepared by Manny Martin was delicious and mouth watering and a plentiful supply of liquor was on hand for those who cared to imbibe. (And show me an 83rder who doesn't.) But how some of the guests found their way through the fog that night we never will understand.

Music for our dancing pleasure was supplied by that wonderful little band who made such a hit with all Thunderbolts at the reunion in Providence — Bebe and his musical Tops. And how those boys really put out that night.

Exchange gifts were distributed by yours truly playing the part of a very slimmed down St. Nick.

Sincere thanks go to Manny Martin and the members and ladies of our chapter who took part in making the affair such a huge success.

The ladies of the chapter and the members presented Manny and Adeline Martin with a beautiful Hamilton Beach electric carving set.

The Fall River Chapter was honored by the presence of our National Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, and a very warm welcome was bestowed on him by all. But Harry didn't get by easily. He was called upon to pick out the numbers for the cash prizes that were awarded after which he wished all those present a Very Merry Christmas and health and prosperity in the New Year

on behalf of the 83rd Division Association and its 700 members.

Our ham, Chourico and Bean supper will be held on February 20, 1965 with dancing following and music, needless to say, supplied by Bebe and his Musical Tops. Refreshments will be served, of course, with tickets for the affair at \$1.50 per person. For tickets contact Manny Martin, 424 Freelove Street, or yours truly, Manny Pacheco, 243 Montaup Street, both in Fall River, Mass.

Manny and Adeline Martin departed on January 6 for a ten-day cruise to Nassau and the Bahamas aboard the Nieuw Amsterdam & Adeline took many pictures of the trip to be shown at the next meeting which we are all anxious to see. To celebrate their return home about 8 inches of snow dumped on Fall River the Saturday they arrived. But they didn't seem to mind it, they had their love to keep them warm and basking in the semi-tropical sun for over a week fortified them for anything the elements had to offer. It couldn't have happened to two nicer people.

Till you hear from me again, good luck, good health and the best of everything to all Thunderbolts and their families everywhere.

Sorry the pictures taken at the Christmas party did not turn out well, better luck next time.

Co. M-330 Members Get Together

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edwards and son from Hamilton, Ohio paid a visit to Bob Hedger and his family and after a swell dinner at a small town restaurant, a few drinks, and a lot of reminiscing, the children took their first airplane ride.

The Charlie Balmers drove down from Defiance, Ohio to pay the Hedgers a visit but found that they hadn't kept closely enough in touch and in the meantime the Hedgers had moved but they'll be looking for each other at Myrtle Beach, S. C., in August.

The Hedgers paid a visit to Del Rinehart and his family of Dayton, Ohio on several occasions this winter and when these two families get together a swell time is had by all.

Del Rinehart was formerly a member of Regt. Hq.-330. Here again is the same problem as with Co. M-330. Regt. Hq.-330 has 23 members on the books but only 13 paid up to date. So when you boys get together make this part of your conservation, it may help.

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO BE
AT THE REUNION IN MYRTLE
BEACH ON AUGUST 19, 20 and 21.**

Co. F. 329 News & Side Lights

By Vic Landis

It is getting to be an annual habit for good old F-329 to lead all the units in paid up members and we really expect to do the same, for years to come. I know my big buddy, Lee Titus, is putting forth a super human effort to bring G-331 back to the fore but the old goat will have to be satisfied with the runner up position.

We are all sorry to hear that Jim Fowler had another heart attack and that his wife Trudy will have to undergo surgery. They have really had their share of tough luck in recent years — but with it all, Jim keeps his dues paid up and they make all the reunions when their health allows it. Best of luck to two wonderful people and their family.

Just received a letter from George Kittrell and the shock left me speechless, as it was only the second one he has ever written, since the end of the war. His wife Becky keeps in constant touch with me and they are planning on being with us at Mrytle Beach, along with their lovely daughter Brenda. George and his brothers run a flourishing floor sanding company in Portsmouth, Virginia and at various times has brought his brothers, Haywood and Ernest to the reunion. Hope to see them at the affair at Mrtyle Beach.

We really hope to have quite a few of the rebels from the cotton pickin' states, attend this year's conclave — that have never been to one before. Warren Black take special notice. It would be nice to see the old red head once more. Maybe we could find out who did that business in the lister bag.

As per usual, the Landis suite and F-329th C.P. will be the focal point of extra-curricular entertainment and will function day and night. We welcome all visitors to come up and have a drink.

Am sending out my second round of letters to all members of F-329, with a form to pay their dues and urging them to attend the reunion to see their old buddies. Come on you units, try and catch us.

Here are my dues for '65 and glad to be back with the gang.

Guess you heard about the gang getting together here in Pittsburgh and I attended the meeting we had on Nov. 1, last at the V.F.W.

I think in the next Thunderbolt you should stress that the men should put the 83rd decals on their cars; it is good advertising and may help a lot of old 83rds get to know each other. (Editor's note: Thank you Al, here's your suggestion.)

Albert J. Suess, Co. G-331
2371 Shelly Street
Pittsburgh 3, Penna.

Boston Chapter News

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

Well, we got through 1964 in good shape and hope all of you did too and, right now, we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



Our last get together was our Thanksgiving party held at the Italian American Club in Malden, Mass. on November 21, last.

We had a very good turnout, the food was delicious and plentiful, thanks to Frank and Margaret DiGiammerino

who supervised the spread. And, of course, the liquor flowed freely.

We had the extreme pleasure of having our National Secretary-treasurer of the Association, Harry Lockwood, with us to whom went the honor of drawing the tickets for the liquor and turkey that were given as prizes.

First prize of one-half gallon of liquid cheer went to H. Milikan of 58 Arnold Ave., Cranston, R. I.; second prize of a big turkey was won by Bertha Rames, 86 Kimball Ave., Revere, Mass. and third prize of one quart of liquor went to Walter Churchill, 27 Timmons St., Lynn, Mass.

We missed Joe Petrucci, Al Tartaglia and the Del Padres who, I'm sure, were sorry they could not be with us. It was nice to see Ernest Smith and his wife from Lynn and, of course, Mike Amicone and his gang of big eaters who are always on hand.

We must apologize to Gerry Battista and his wife for running out of hot peppers.

Mr. and Mrs. Silvio Allard brought their newly wed son and daughter-in-law who really enjoyed the party.

Ray Bjork's wife made an 83rd cake which no one would dare cut.

Chuck and Bernice Abdinoor made this one. Chuck makes all of them and it was so nice to see Bernice again and we had the great surprise of having Edgar Cormier and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fournier. Both of these boys are new association members from the last reunion and seem to be taking an active part in things.

We trust that you all had a wonderful time and that we may be seeing most of you at many of our affairs again.

The following pictures are not very good but Jiggs Elie was not there to do the photography work, so please forgive us, we'll try to do better next time.

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MORE PRINTS OF THE LAST REUNION



Ed "Spud" Murphy, Co. G-331 reporter, with Olga Teringo and Jack Daugherty.



Frank Marsh, Emil Wehling, Stanley Bielen and Edgar Russell.



Regina and Ed. Russell with Stan and Fran Bielen.



Cavid and Chiya Chin. The gal with the solemn expression is Helen Rugienius.

We of the Indiana Chapter extend our thanks to John D. Raikos for the well planned Christmas party at the Fort Harrison Officers Club. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly. We are sorry, though that some of the members could not be present for various reasons.

Those in attendance were: John and Mary Raikos, John and Gay Robinette, Ned and Genie Smith, Clarence and Betty Hockensmith, Matt and Judy Brumbach, John and Dot Soroko, Joe and Helen Lowry, Dick and Lavern Ammon and guests Mr. and Mrs. Knopps, Larry and Virginia Edwards, Patricia Dillon, and P. E. Kuhn.

Sure glad to see the Pittsburgh gang back with us again. One of the best reunions I ever attended was at the William Penn Hotel back in the early 1950's. You did a great job and we are looking forward to another reunion in your bailiwick in the very near future.

We are looking forward to seeing some

Greater Indiana Chapter News

by John W. Robinette
Co. C-308 Eng.

Hello Buddies,

Although by the time you get your copy of Thunderbolt it will have become past history, the Indiana Chapter mid-winter get together Cocktail Dinner and Card Party was held at the Warren Hotel on February 12 and we'll let you know in the next issue how things turned out.



We are trying this type of activity every other month to stimulate a little more interest and I think it will work out.

More Of That Wonderful Boat Trip At The Last Reunion



Three of the Detroit crowd; Jack Daugherty, Nick Barbu and Ed. Zerucha.



of you at the executive board meeting in Pittsburgh this coming May.



All of us Hoosiers are getting ready for the big doings, Dixie Land style at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina next August and if the boys in Dixie need help they should feel free in asking for it, it's just possible that we might be able to offer help in some way.

Our regular meetings will be held in March, May and July at the 40 & 8 Chateau with a very short meeting at our Cocktail and Dinner parties the other months.

Our January meeting was very well attended and were happy to have our good member, Paul Jones, and his wife, Sue, there. Paul took ill just before Christmas and he and Sue couldn't attend the Christmas party.

Here's hoping good health prevails among the members this year so we can have our usually good turnout at the meetings and Cocktail and Dance parties.



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Dear Harry,

Thank you for the reminder concerning payment of my annual dues. This could have been easily overlooked in the upheaval resulting from the recent hospitalization of my wife for the removal of a ruptured vertebral disc.

I enjoyed the brief visit I had with you at the KODAK booth in Grand Central Station in New York last April when my wife and I were there prior to our departure for Europe. I was pleased to note in the last issue of the THUNDERBOLT that you, too, had made a trip to Europe, in spite of the fact that the tour you had previously under consideration had been called off.

We went over on a Norwegian freighter, the M-S Havlom of the Meyer Line, and arrived in Antwerp, Belgium, after nine days at sea. Food and accommodations on the ship were wonderful, the sea was calm, and we enjoyed the crossing very much. We returned by air from Prestwick, Scotland, and arrived back home and broke after an absence of two months.

We traveled on our own and not as members of a tour and visited many places with names familiar to those who served with the 83rd Division. Those who remember how Aachen and Duren, for instance, looked in December 1944, would be as surprised as I was to see that scarcely any trace of war damage remains. We were also in Passau and the village of Vilshofen, in the area along the Danube River where the Division spent the summer of 1945. The towns in that part of Germany show very little, if any, change in the years that have passed. Members of the division will remember the Oberhaus and the Niederhaus on the hill across the Danube from Passau, which were used by the 83rd as clubs and places of recreation for enlisted and officer personnel.

In France, we naturally spent some time in Paris. In the Omaha beach area we stayed in Bayeux at the Hotel Lion d'Or, a very quaint place. I found many graves of men from the 83rd in the cemetery at St. Laurent, but the only name familiar to me was that of Frank Fischer, a 1st Sgt. in the 329th, whom I had known for many years. Inquiry in the cemetery office concerning about a dozen of those killed in Normandy, whom I knew, disclosed that they were not buried there; that most likely their remains had been returned to the U.S.; that those buried there represented only about 40 percent of those killed in Normandy; that approximately 60 percent had been returned to the U.S. upon the request of relatives. I am certain that anyone who has visited any of our overseas military cemeteries has been very much impressed and deeply moved by

the experience.

While in England, we went to Stoke-on-Trent to look up a family I met in Hanley in 1944. We found them still among the living and still in the same house. You may be sure they were surprised to have me walk in unannounced after twenty years, and we really made a night of it. Those who remember Keele Hall near Newcastle-under-Lyme, will probably be surprised to know it is now the site of Keele University, an engineering school. All of the quonset huts are gone and in their place are permanent buildings. The only things familiar to me on the place were the manor house, which is used for the university offices, and the pond with its swans. My visit there brought back many memories, including that of the talk made by General Patton to the officers and NCO's of the division.

The biggest change I observed in Europe and England was the change in the people. I remembered them as being poorly fed and shabbily clothed, but now they all appear to be well-fed and prosperous. As an Austrian in Innsbruck told me, it never could have been accomplished without the help of the United States.

My best to you, Harry, and thank you again.

Joseph V. Lowry
Div. Hqtrs.
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

The following article was condensed from the Emporia Kansas Times of June 11, 1964. It's about Victor L. ImMasche, formerly of Co. A-330.

After twenty years Vic ImMasche reminisces about World War II. "It almost seems like I was never there. As I look back I wonder how I ever managed to go ahead.

My daughter, Ann (who graduated from Emporia State in May), was two years old when I received my induction notice. December 7 has a particular significance for me. I was inducted on December 7, 1943, wounded in the Hurtgen Forest, Germany, on Dec. 7, 1944, and started for home on December 7, 1945.

He wasn't supposed to keep a diary but he did and took from a desk drawer a small, well worn olive drab book.

Vic's diary shows that he shipped overseas on the Queen Elizabeth on June 6, 1944 and trained in Southern England.

He headed for Omaha Beach on July 26 at which time the harbor was still full of wrecked ships and landing craft and this was six or seven weeks after D-Day.

The area held by the Allies was small but the fighting went on and, out of

Vic's group of twelve, eight were casualties.

Soon after the Fortress of St. Malo surrendered Vic's group went into the Loire River Valley, their mission to block the Germans who were driven north.

Vic's group was told by the FFI that the Germans had pulled out of the small village of Fontevrault so he and two of his buddies crossed the river and liberated the town. They were the first Allied soldiers seen since the four years of German Occupation. Needless to say, the champagne and wine that had been buried for years flowed freely.

The 83rd went into Luxembourg after this and after a bitter fight for Stromberg Hill, Vic notes that his company losses were 68.

Into Germany on December 4 the miserable weather made things very unpleasant at the aid station bringing in dead and wounded.

Vic was wounded in the Hurtgen Forest on December 7 and, in a letter to a sister of a buddy killed in action he wrote, "Frankly, Hurtgen Forest was hell. We were under mortar and artillery fire constantly along with the danger of tree bursts, in the densely wooded evergreen forest. And the weather being what it was, frostbite was a big factor also.

Vic's wife, Bernice, recalls her most poignant moment of the war; a telegram stating, "Regret that your husband, Victor L. ImMasche was wounded in Germany on December 7, you will be advised as reports of condition are received.

Vic says those of us who lived and fought together those few months will never forget them and it is well for all of us to pause occasionally and say a prayer for those who did not make it. (Editor's note: You're so right, Vic.)

The three snapshots enclosed were taken along the Loire River in 1944.

Vic suggested that a copy of Thunderbolt be sent to the following men along with the suggestion that they join the Association and pay their dues if they have not already done so. Martin Kopit, 1200 Ballard, Silver Spring, Maryland; Joe Jeff Davis, c/o Davis Motors, Boonville, Missouri; Robert Kelm, 1105 Longbrook Road, Lutherville, Maryland; and Robert Fox, Trumbauerville, Penna. (Editor's note: It will be done Vic, and thanks for the tip.)

DUE TO LACK OF SPACE WE COULD NOT PRINT ALL THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. LOOK FOR THEM IN THE NEXT ISSUE.



Along the Loire River, 1944—2 Frenchmen, Vic ImMasche, of Emporia, Kansas: Jeff Davis, Boonville, Missouri, and Martin Kopit, Silver Spring, Maryland.



Liberating the village of Fontevrault, France, September, 1944.

OBITUARY

Just received notice from Frank Reichman, Oxford, New Jersey, formerly of Hq. 1st Bn.-331 that his father passed away last December 30.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Frank at this time and hope he is bearing up under the strain like a true 83rder.

Gentlemen: Everyone is not a photographer but we're trying to bring back a few moments of nostalgia. Hope you can recognize some of these men who perhaps some of you haven't seen since the end of hostilities.



Staff Sgt. Nick Francullo in Luxembourg



Harold Cleary, Bill Sutherland, Nick Francullo and Bill Pogels in the rear and John Cole and Burl Chronister in front.



Chow line in Luxembourg.



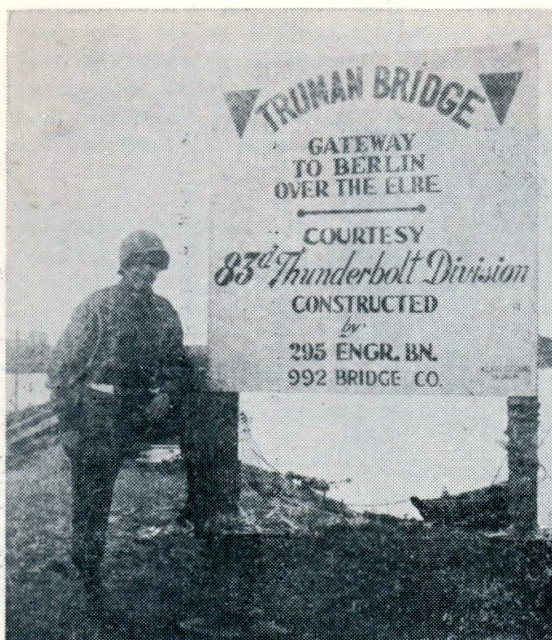
Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.-330 Anti-tank Platoon



This picture was taken in Paris in August or September, 1945. Among all of us there have been changes made, I'm sure, but you still may recognize yourself after all these years if you were there at that time.

It would be interesting to know just how many members of the Association are present in this picture and I'd appreciate it if you will let me know.

Harry W. Lockwood
Editor, Thunderbolt
43 Oakland Avenue
Jersey City, N. J. 07306



Landis at the Elbe in May, 1945.



Bernard Levin and Vic Landis and two Polish girls near the Rhine.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed money for \$7.50 for dues, tie tack and two decals.

Enjoy each copy of Thunderbolt and appreciate the time and effort you all put into it to keep our gang together.

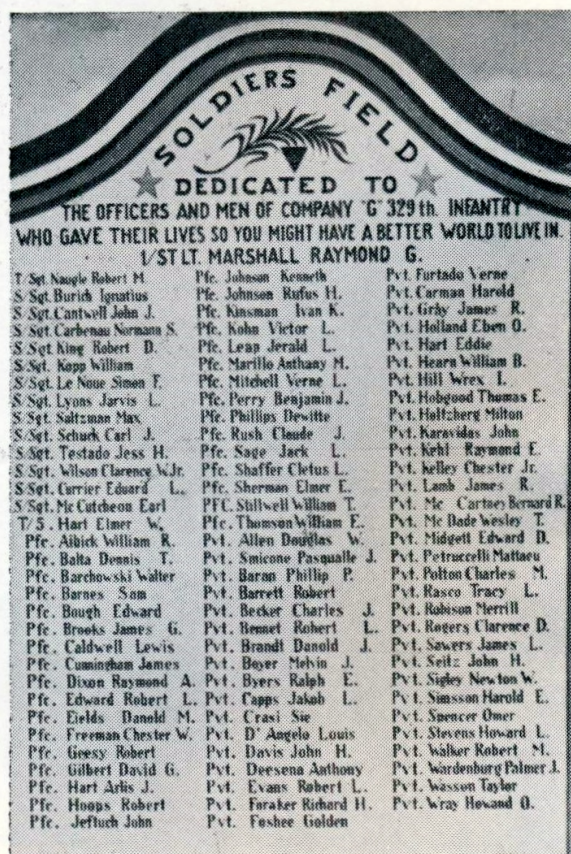
Have enclosed also a picture of a memorial somewhere in Germany. Would appreciate any information anyone may have on it as several of my buddies are on the list. I know quite a few of the men have made trips back to Europe and perhaps someone has seen it.

If so, please get in touch with me.

Chester C. Morgan, Co. G-329
108 Valley View Road
Ithaca, New York



Landis and Pete Kostomite in Neuss, Germany.



Memorial somewhere in Germany.

A Worth While Cause

Ladies and gentlemen of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, please read this in its entirety and then let your conscience be your guide.

It never has been, and is not now, the purpose of your Thunderbolt to solicit funds for charitable organizations of any kind and, if some of you feel that we are to be censured for what you read here please remember, this is something I am doing on my own and your censures will be directed at me, personally, and not the Association or the Thunderbolt.

As you know, the Thunderbolt is published for the purpose of printing news of, by and for all men who served with the 83rd Infantry, and its attached units, during World War II and also the families of those men.

Along those lines I have a true story to relate that could be of utmost importance to all of us and, in the fact that no one is immune to any disease or exempt from any affliction that can befall a human being, this story could be that much more important.

We hope, trust and pray to GOD ALMIGHTY, that he will spare us and keep us in good health but although we do not know what the future holds we do know who holds the future. And now for my story.

In 1939, a young woman became an army nurse after training and schooling in Brooklyn.

She eventually was sent to the Philippines from where she was evacuated on the last submarine that left there about 36 hours before the Philippines surrendered and seventeen days later she was in Australia and then came back to the U.S.A. for flight nurse training.

She was married in Fort Lewis, Wash. in 1943 and forced to retire in 1944 because of pregnancy. But this was a temporary retirement.

After the birth of a daughter, while her husband was overseas taking care of his duties with the 83rd Infantry Division she worked in V.A. hospitals ministering to the sick and wounded.

Things went well until three days after Christmas, 1950, when she was stricken with MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, a disease of the central nervous system for which there is no cure.

She was initially paralyzed from the chest down for seven months and eventually walked with a cane, but has been bedridden for the past seven years.

She was awarded many honors when she returned from the Philippines including sharing the "Woman of the Year Award". She refused promotion so she could continue nursing and finished five years as a second lieutenant.

Her main interest in life today although completely incapacitated for the

past seven years is her husband and three children, two girls and a boy and the opportunity to work for the purpose of carrying on the fight against the dread disease with which she has been afflicted these many years, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

She is also a life member in the D.A.V. and the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.

Honored as "Woman of the Year" for heroism under fire in the Phillipines she now has been honored as "Mother of the Year" for heroism while afflicted with the crippling disease of MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

I thought you may be interested in this article, this account of a very brave woman, Mrs. Helen Campbell, the wife of Col. Norman A. Campbell, retired, of the 330th Regiment of the 83rd Infantry Division. Col. Campbell served much of his time with Hq. 1st Bn. of the 330th.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have never met Mrs. Campbell and I trust that she does not get the impression that I am exploiting her. I'm just citing an example of a very courageous woman who, although stricken with an insidious affliction, while still in the prime of life, is still able to smile and not feel sorry for herself.

If you feel that what I have written is justification enough to help support such a worthy cause I'm sure that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be more than grateful for any contribution you may care to send and your contribution may help contribute to the saving of a human life some day.

You can make your contributions to your own local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to the Washington Chapter of the Society, 1028 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Thank you for your patience and indulgence.

Your Thunderbolt Editor
Harry W. Lockwood

OBITUARY

We have just been informed by Russell Davy, of Zoar, Ohio, that his good buddy, George Curran, 41 Park Street, Portland, Maine, passed away on June 13, 1964.

Georeg was formerly a member of Battery C-908 FA Bn.

George had had several heart attacks in the past few years.

Although we realize it is a little late our sympathies are extended to Mrs. George (Martha) Curran and we hope the GOOD LORD will give her the strength to bear up under her bereavement.

News About New And Old Members

CHARLIE LESSER, formerly of Co. B-331, honored by D.A.V. Charlie, a shop repairman at the Seattle House, has been named "Man of the Year" by the Disabled American Veterans in the State of Washington.

Himself a double amputee since the Battle of the Bulge, Chuck was nominated for the honor at the D.A.V. State convention as the most deserving man of the year for his untiring efforts and contributions in hospital and charity services for several organizations.

Chuck has overcome the loss of both legs to the extent that he dances, drives a car, bowls and has carried on normal employment for 13 years at the Seattle shop.

Since 1952 he has devoted much of his free time and effort to help others rehabilitate themselves.

(Editor's note): Chuck has also attended a number of reunions in all parts of the country and enjoys being with his buddies whenever possible. He and his mother usually fly from Seattle for the reunion and then go on to Boston and other places where they have relatives.

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Lt. Col. Paul C. Rapp was, at one time not too long ago, with the Pacific Stars and Stripes but lost contact with the Division Association these past few years.

It is a pleasure to welcome him back and at present he is with the Army Information Office in the Pentagon.

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Lt. Col. Lewis D. Overstreet is in the office of Chief of Information and also at the Pentagon.

Lt. Col. Joseph A. DeSantis and Col. Norman A. Campbell have a gimmick going where if Col. Campbell looks at his 330th Regt. list and finds that his old buddy DeSantis is not paid he sends in his dues and then sends him a note that DeSantis owes him \$5. So far it has worked and may be a gimmick for others to try.

Lt. Col. DeSantis was Capt. Joe D. to his boys when he was company commander of Co. B-330 and is now on a tour of duty at Fort Monroe, Virginia. A few years ago he and his family were sent to Taiwan (Nationalist China) and remained there for two years.

For the first 8 months he was Chief Advisor for an army corps in addition to being the team leader of an advisory team for a division maneuver area. The mission of the team in the maneuver area was to process a Chinese division at a time through a four-month training program. The program then culminated with a one week field training exercise. The remainder of his tour on Taiwan he served as Chief of Plans, Operations and Intelligence Division of the Army Section, MAAG, China.

A son, Scott Vincent DeSantis was born there on March 23, 1963, the 5th son born to Lt. Col. Joe D. and his wife. Their eldest son is in the service in Germany and expects to return home next summer and continue his college education.

Lt. Col. Joseph A. DeSantis or Skipper Joe D as he was affectionately called by the men of Co. B, wants it known that he expects to be at the reunion in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and would like to have as many of his old boys join him as can make it.

He sends a special and hearty hello to Sgt. Peers, Whitey Hardacker, Lts. Brown, Ramey, Frinder and Jordan. Although none of those men are members of the Division Association and I do not have them on any of my lists, perhaps some of you old Co. B-330 men may know of their whereabouts and pass the word along.

At present Skipper Joe D is living at Qtrs. T-513, Apt. 2, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

The following members have been reinstated after an absence of a number of years.

Francis G. Beerhalter, 201 Brookview Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237—Co. H-329.

Ezio F. Alicandri, 441 Parker Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205—Co. D-329.

Rocco J. Catalfamo, 7805 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh 37, Pa.—Co. C-330.

**MOST OF YOU HAVE GOTTEN
THREE NOTICES THAT DUES ARE
DUE. PLEASE PAY IT NOW.**

Gentlemen:

The following letter by Bill McCague, Co. K-331 who takes exception to part of the report printed in the last issue of Thunderbolt regarding the article, about the 83rd Infantry Division and its "virtually unopposed" march into the Hamm railroad area.

He is in perfect agreement with the rest of the article but the quotation "virtually unopposed" is not entirely true as the Third Battalion, 331st Infantry was awarded a Unit Citation for action, courage and bravery displayed in that area; a condensed version of the citation of which I've printed for your edification.

Your Editor.

Dear Harry,

Recently I read the Nov.-Dec. issue of Thunderbolt in which STARS AND STRIPES - NATIONAL TRIBUNE was quoted from an article of theirs of October 29, 1964. I repeat partially.

... "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 . . .", etc. Harry, I take exception to those words "virtually unopposed." I know, of course, that they aren't yours, but let's set the record straight . . . for the benefit of STARS AND STRIPES NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Attached are several copies of my unit citation, one for your interest, and one to be forwarded to STARS AND STRIPES NATIONAL TRIBUNE. They'd probably like to keep things accurate too.

I'm glad, Harry, that something aroused my ire enough to get me off the time to drop you a line. I think you've been doing a really great job of keeping interest alive in the 83rd. It's always a great pleasure to receive the THUNDERBOLT. I never recognize the names of any of the men mentioned in any of the articles, though I always have the feeling that perhaps I stood next to them in a chow line somewhere at some time, or maybe dived into a ditch alongside them somewhere. I think that is probably what keeps so many of us that don't actually attend meetings or the conventions sending our five dollars along every year . . . that feeling of having shared an intense common experience with the other ex-83rd members.

Would it be out of line for me to offer a suggestion in line with above, Harry? I don't know how the thinking of the other members go, but I wonder if you don't have a pretty good percent-

age of guys that subscribe to the magazine but don't go to meetings of conventions. Why not publish one really good group picture—say three or four guys—each issue, taken back in Europe. If you know who they are, give us a caption. If someone sends the picture in and wants to know who they are and what happened to them, put something to that effect under the picture. The pictures would absolutely have to be really good sharp half-tones. I know it would really stimulate interest. I always look at the pictures first, looking for a face I remember. The picture in the last issue captioned "FRONT LINE CHORUS" didn't ring a bell with me, but I'll bet this one little item created much more interest than a whole page of rehashing of a local meeting that the rest of us country-wise don't have any interest in. I enjoyed seeing the picture Otis Crawford sent in and you published last issue, also. It was a nice sharp half-tone, and I could make out the faces. Much, much more interesting to me than blurred Polaroid photos of a recent get-together where no one can possibly recognize a former acquaintance. If a face can't be seen clearly, I don't think it's doing anything circulation-wise except take up space. Give us more pictures where we can look for a familiar face. You'll get my five dollars if you publish the back of the telephone directory, but you might be losing some members because they're always looking but never seeing anything that brings back memories . . . and yet the 83rd THUNDERBOLT'S biggest appeal to most of us is in memories of the 40's more than in meetings of the 60's.

Actually, Harry, I think you do a fantastically good job of getting this magazine out. In my opinion, you're the corner stone of the whole thing, since it is an organization by mail-order in essence. Without you, and the enthusiasm you always show, there wouldn't be the pleasure that so many of us get when we open our mailboxes to find the new issue of THUNDERBOLT. Please give my thoughts on larger and clearer war time photos of members of the 83rd some consideration. The cost would be more than offset by less drop-outs in membership I feel certain. All the best to you in the coming year, and much continued success to you in your work as editor of this fine little magazine.

William T. McCague Co. K-331
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San Francisco, Calif. 94115

(Editor's note: Thanks very much, Bill McCague, on behalf of myself and my staff for the unsolicited compliments regarding our efforts in keeping the interest of the Fighting 83rd alive. I'm sure we all appreciate it and thanks also for your suggestions.

Gentlemen, I didn't print the entire Unit Citation but just what I thought important enough to set the records straight.

HEADQUARTERS
83rd INFANTRY DIVISION
A.P.O. 83, U.S. ARMY

23 November 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 227

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, and as approved by Commanding General, Third United States Army and Eastern Military District, the **Third Battalion, 331st Infantry** is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy from 1 April 1945 to 3 April 1945.

The Third Battalion, 331st Infantry Regiment is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy at Hamm, Germany. After having completed relief of the 2nd Armored Division. Third Battalion, 331st Infantry was assigned the mission of seizing crossings of the Lippe River intact. As the leading elements approached the bridges leading into Hamm from the north, the enemy succeeded in destroying the highway bridge but leading elements pushed over the 500-foot railroad bridge and cut the wires leading to the demolitions set under the bridge. The re-

mainder of the Battalion continued to cross and take up positions south of the river. Supplies were hand carried through almost continuous fire and casualties were evacuated over the same route. At 1100, 2 April the enemy launched the first of a series of counter attacks but all efforts to drive the men of Third Battalion out of the beachhead were repulsed by individual fighting at close range, maximum use of rocket launchers, mortars, artillery and all available weapons combined. Infiltrating enemy attacking after dark were driven back and the following day, cooks, ammunition carriers and other non-combat troops shouldered weapons to repulse the enemy and held their ground tenaciously in the face of bitter opposition.

During the three-day period the men of the Third Battalion, 331st Regiment exhibited unwavering courage and fighting determination without yielding a yard of ground, in establishing the bridgehead for future operations into the Ruhr Valley.—(Editor's note: As I said earlier this is slightly condensed but gives you an idea why exception to an article may be taken by a man who served with a unit whose courage was worthy of a Unit Citation.) This is just to straighten out the facts and not meant to start a controversy.



The gang at the food table. I'm sure you'll recognize them, they're all 83rders.



That gang from Ayer, Mass.



Big Mike Amicone and his chow hounds.
Some of the group.

New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry Lockwood—Regt. Hq.-329

The weather being what it is and has been it seems to be worse on the nights that we have held our meetings these past couple of months. This condition does not lend toward a good turnout and with the group in attendance being small we have had a social evening mostly.

The old faithfuls are there, of course, Emil Wehling, Stan Bielen, Bob Walsh, yours truly and at the last meeting we had the pleasure of having with us Edgar Russell of 421 Windsor Drive, River Edge, who attended his first reunion with his charming wife, last August in Providence. Ed is a former member of Co. C-330 and, like many other men, threatened to attend a reunion some year but each time something turned up. He and his wife finally made it last year and promised that they will do their best to make as many as they can in the future.

We've all been wondering what happened to our old buddy, Nick Esposito. For many years Nick never missed a meeting except on rare occasions when it was unavoidable but, for some reason, Nick has fallen by the wayside and we just cannot locate him. No answer on the phone, no letter, no response of any kind. Just a word to Nick. Old buddy, if this is something personal then it shall and will remain personal, it is none of our business but if it is something that has to do with the Association or the Chapter, in any way, shape or form, then we would like to know about it I'm sure it can be straightened out and we sure would like to see you at the meetings again.

We still meet on the third Friday of each month at the VFW Post in Garfield, Belmont Ave. and Chestnut St. and the hospitality of the New Jersey Chapter is open to all who care to attend. Like to see you there.

Fowlers Honored By Visitors From Libya

JIM FOWLER, formerly first sergeant from Co. F-329 and his wife, Trudy, were honored by a visit from their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Saleh M. Owen and their daughters, Jamileh Christine 2½ and Camilla Jan-
een, early in November. Due to pressing business Mr. Owen had to leave but Mrs. Owen and her daughters stayed until December 31.

Prior to coming to the Fowlers, who live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma the Owens spent two weeks in Egypt.

Needless to say, the Fowler residence is rather quiet without the two little tots around to make things interesting.

Detroit News

by Jack Daugherty—Co. L-329

Since the last issue of Thunderbolt things have been going about the same here except for the same atrocious weather that many other parts of the country have been getting.

I hope that all you Thunderbolts, and your families, had a real nice Christmas and New Year and this year brings you the best of everything.

Speaking of the new year let's all try a little harder to get some new members and make our Association one of the biggest of its kind in the country.

I see where Dick Riddle said in his last column that he and a few of the men, and their wives, paid a visit to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the site of this year's convention and that things are shaping up real good.

We all are aware of southern hospitality and I'm sure we all will have a truly wonderful time at Myrtle Beach.

Steve Benson, our past chapter president, sold his El Toro Bar and Lounge and now has a new place called the Mayfair Lounge. A short time ago a few of us went to see Steve's new place and were very much impressed.

Bill Palazzolo, Nick Barbu, Marion Muoio, Ed Zerucha and myself, and our wives spent a very nice evening together there. We left Steve's place and ended up at the Palazzolo's where we had the best pizza I've ever eaten.

I sure wish the Pittsburgh Chapter good luck on its reorganization and it must make Sam Klippa and Gene Costanzo feel good to know that getting the chapter together again is about to become a realization. It's something they've wanted for a long time. The best of everything to a nice bunch of guys.

That's about it for now; hope to see you in the next issue.

OBITUARY

Clinton Winkler, formerly a sergeant in Co. M-330, passed away right after Christmas, 1964.

Surviving are his wife, Loretta and daughters, Kaye and Ruth.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Clinton Winkler and request all who remember him and care to send a condolence card the address is: 955 South Kerens Ave., Elkins, West Virginia.

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We were extremely sorry to hear of the death of Ernest De Francesco's mother a very short time ago.

Ernie and his mother were very close and we're sure he will miss her very much. Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Ernie and his family in their bereavement.

More About the New 83rd

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Marking the 20th anniversary of the invasion of Europe, the 83rd Infantry Division has organized a public relations program to remind Ohioans of their stake in the struggle. The 83rd or Thunderbolt division, as it came to be known, returned to Reserve status with headquarters in Cleveland in 1946 following an active role in the battles after D-Day and the occupation of Germany.

Designed to related the World War II accomplishments of "strength in Reserve," the program points out the continued readiness of the Thunderbolt division as an Ohio-West Virginia USAR force.

Key to the coordinated public information program is a three-minute videotape prepared by the 83rd's information section with assistance from the Quartermaster School's television department at Fort Lee, Va. The television release features the division's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Robert C. Tyler, narrating in full battle gear and includes actual combat scenes from an Army film, "The 83rd Inf. Div. in Europe."

A letter describing the videotape and its commemorative intent was sent to each television station manager in the division area. Stations were invited to request the tape on a "first-come-first-served" basis. The top stations throughout Ohio have responded, attracted primarily by the sustained timeliness and local appeal. WAKR-TV in Akron, Ohio, used the documentary in five "prime" time slots on three successive days, more than \$500 of time if valued at their current commercial rates. KYW-TV, Cleveland, used the three-minute release as the noon "news feature." Stations in Columbus, Cincinnati, Toledo and Zanesville are scheduled to use the film-tape production.

Since the Thunderbolt division participated in many invasion battles, from Carentan to the Elbe River, each day from June 1964 to May 1965 marks a significant 20th anniversary and keeps the release timely. The television stations are invited to further localize the video release by coordinating the scheduling with local units of the 83rd, mentioning them in the program.

Col. John D. McLaughlin, a regular Army officer now assistant commandant of Fort Lee's Quartermaster School and division quartermaster during World War II, assisted in the production of the videotape.

Other elements of the complete PR program include troop information showings of the division's World War II movie to all division units, news stories planned to coincide with dates of the division units, dates of the division's

more historic combat accomplishments and a special statewide commemorative telecast and ceremony honoring the division veterans and saluting current Thunderbolt capabilities as a Reserve force.

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Tyler

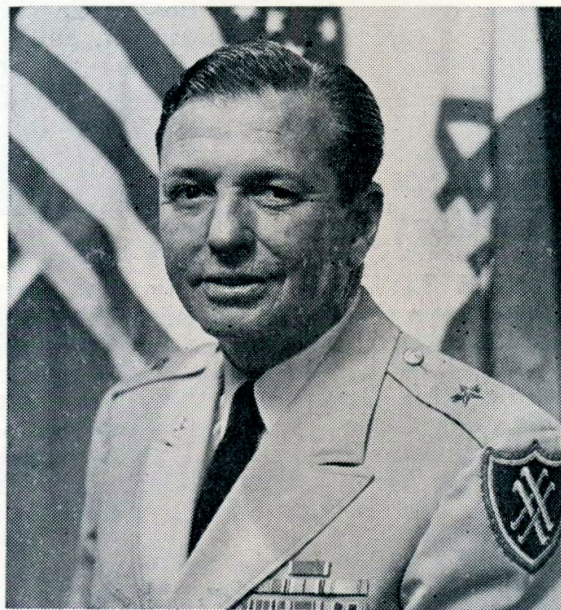
Brig. Gen. Robert C. Tyler has served as commanding general of the 83rd Infantry Division since June 8, 1964. In civilian life, the general is an attorney-at-law, senior partner in the Columbus, Ohio, firm of Tyler, Richards and Griesser.

General Tyler was born on September 30, 1909 in Columbus and received his schooling there. He was graduated from Ohio State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1930 and a law degree in 1932. In June of 1931, after completing ROTC at Ohio State, the general was commissioned a second lieutenant. His total military service, however, dates from a 1923 enlistment in the Ohio National Guard.

On active duty from 1941 to 1946, the general served as legal officer on real estate and as chief of legal and readjustment branches, Ohio River Division, Corps of Engineers.

Since then, the general has served in command positions with various USAR units in the Columbus area, including duty as the commandant of the 2076th USAR area service unit and as commanding general of the 415th Engineer Brigade. Before assuming command of the Thunderbolt division, General Tyler was mobilization designee as deputy chief, Army Reserve, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve and ROTC.

General Tyler holds the Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Medal.



Brig. Gen. Robert C. Tyler, present Commanding Officer of the new 83rd Division.

Warren, Ohio Chapter

By Mike Skovran—Hq. 1st Bn.-331

With another new year just getting under way, we in Warren are hoping that it will be the greatest in the history of our Association. First of all let's all get those new memberships coming in and send our membership list soaring to new records. Secondly, comes the convention in August. Another ideal site in Myrtle Beach has been selected and another fine group of people, the Dixie Chapter, awaits to host us. So let's get to planning to "hit the beach, Myrtle Beach" this coming August.

The men of the Warren Chapter were once again the recipients of an annual Christmas dinner treat from the ladies of the Warren Chapter Auxiliary. All year long these wonderful ladies earn their funds by selling cards, candies, holding bake sales, etc., in order that this yearly affair can be staged. For this we are very grateful. This year the dinner-dance was held in the Safari Room of the Rainbow Gardens. The committee in charge for this gala affair was Mrs. Dick Kelly and Mrs. Joe Minotti. Ladies, the food was very good, the booze plentiful, the dance music excellent, and oh yes, the women, most beautiful.

The monthly meetings of the Warren Chapter are still being held the third Wednesday of every month at Joe Minotti's Club 83. As usual and again, an invitation is extended to all Thunderbolts everywhere by Chapter President Dick Kelly, to drop in and spend an evening with us.

With the football season over and passing into basketball season, soon to be followed by Spring, we hope, it will be time to start planning golfing, picnicking and other Summer festivities. So come on neighboring Cleveland and Detroit, let's think collectively about a combined outing at some medial point this Summer. A sort of a prelude to the big one at Myrtle Beach this Fall.

This is about all there is to report from Warren for this time, but in the meantime, from all of us here, to all of you wherever you are, a very happy Easter to one and all.

Remember Sam Magill?

—Remember Sam Magill?

Twenty years ago today, a 24-year-old lieutenant with Ohio's 83rd Infantry Division coaxed 20,000 Germans to surrender at Beaugency Bridge in France. Not a shot was fired.

The lieutenant was Sam Magill of Ashtabula, Ohio, commander of a 24-man reconnaissance platoon.

Magill and his men, the first allies patrolling German-occupied territory

across the Loire River during the hottest battles of the invasion of Europe, convinced a column of Nazis 30 miles long to lay down its arms. Harrassing French guerillas and a flyover by the U.S. Air Force aided Magill in one of history's biggest bluffs.

Magill is in Germany today, a lieutenant colonel in the intelligence division of U.S. Army headquarters in Europe. The 83rd division has returned to its prewar status as a Reserve force with headquarters in Cleveland and units meeting throughout Ohio and West Virginia.

For a short time before the war, Magill lived in Cleveland, attending Fenn College and the First Methodist Church. Copy of letter from current commander of the 83rd Inf. Div. to Sam Magill. The division returned to Reserve status after World War II with headquarters at 7901 Lake Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

September 2, 1964

Lt. Col. Sam Magill
Intelligence Division
Headquarters, USAREUR
APO 403
New York, New York
Dear Colonel Magill:

Just 20 years ago, I believe Sept. 17 is the actual date, your accomplishment as commander of a reconnaissance platoon with the 83rd Inf. Div. greatly impressed the allied world. On behalf of the men of the 83rd Inf. Div., who to this day recall with pride your capture of 20,000 Germans and their surrender at Beaugency Bridge, I would like to thank you again.

Your resource and initiative in coaxing Maj. Gen. Erich Elster to surrender at the Loire River encourages those of us who believe in the 83rd Inf. Div. and its continuing status as a Reserve force. We believe contributions such as yours during World War II and the many others who fought with the division through Europe will not be forgotten. And we are confident that if the need should ever arise (we pray that it won't), the division will again perform to the standards set by you and your comrades.

I relay this appreciation of the division and Ohio as well as many other Americans for who the war may have been shortened. We haven't forgotten.

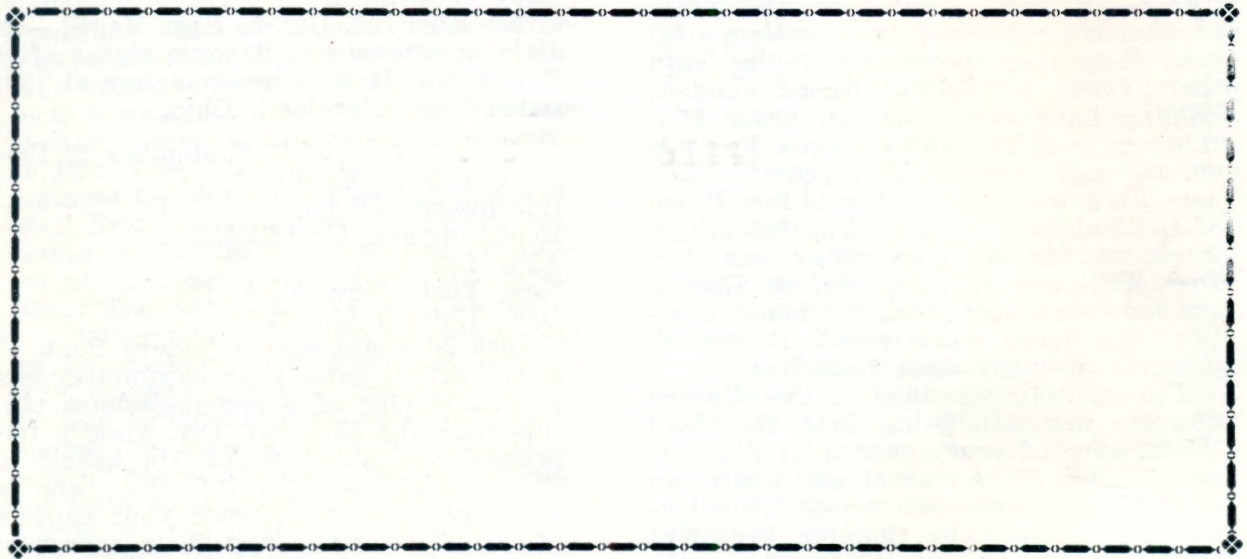
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Frankly Speaking

Dear Buddies:

All of us, who ever were a part of the 83rd Infantry Division have left with us a brand deep in our self conscious



soul, a strong memory. For you it may be one man, for others it is a group or unit. Whatever be your own particular feelings you can not deny that Thunderbolt brand. A portion of our lives was welded into a unit of the 83rd. We the more fortunate, "Saw It Through." Think back to a few of those "Rag Tag

Circus" days. Your buddies and mine are all scattered now. Many are still able to share and confirm our brand, yet others are no longer able to be with us.

Our outfit is reduced to a small group who want to "Remember" and carry on some traditions of those days. Yet our Association has a great problem to collect annual dues of five dollars. These dues are needed to pay mailing expenses. Just think we can't get the equivalent cost of "one bottle of liquor" from a few hundred men to enable us to have an "Annual Reunion."

Remember over 99 percent of your buddies would gladly pay five dollars just for one hour with you.

I remember that "chunk" out of my life, yet I want to "Remember We Saw It Through". Together we can enjoy a wonderful three days at the 19th Annual Reunion. Mail in your dues. You can't afford to DROP that Thunderbolt Brand. Make those old acquaintances again. Your Association is a non-profit organization, where there are NO paid employees. Let's keep it alive. DON'T YOU AGREE IT DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT?

Frank McGrogan
Co. D-330th

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

During the war our family became acquainted with a young man who subsequently became a member of the Thunderbolt Division.

We lost contact with him some time after the war and would like to contact him again.

Would appreciate any knowledge you or any of your members may have on PFC Patrick D. Ryan, Co. L-330, later attached to 3rd Battalion Medics Co. L-330 during the drive to the Elbe River.

Mr. Philip J. Faulkner, Jr.
24 School Street
Keene, New Hampshire

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

G. Glanton Barwick, Jr., Box 288, Mt. Olive, North Carolina—Co. D-331.

George O. Partanen, Heinos, Apartments, L'Anse, Michigan—Co. B-330.

Doyle W. Johnson, 808 Residence Ave., Albany, Georgia—Co. A-308 Engineers.

James W. Gray, 706 Shelly Lane, Rossville, Georgia—Co. M-330.

John Gruss, 334 River St., Plains, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.—Co. L-330.

Churchell B. Horton, North Lee Highway, Rt. 1, Box 185, Cleveland, Tenn.—Recon.

John Ruprecht, Beacon Road, Moon Run, Penna.—908 FA.

Andrew L. Shuble, 12 East Market St., Burgettstown, Penna.—Co. C-329.

George E. Miller, R.D. No. 2, Box 43, Hanover, Penna.—Co. G-331.

A. Blan Bell, 907 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, Texas—Div. Medical Inspector.

Joseph Camilo, 5439 Nevada Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20015—323 FA.

John Thomas Helms, P.O. Box 562, Drexel, North Carolina 28619—Co. F-331.

Roger W. Crampton, 505 Lamar, Wichita Falls, Texas—Co. B-330.

Joseph H. Lang, 1902 Rockingham Road, Davenport, Iowa—Co. B-329.

Homer W. Gill, P.O. Box 124, Forest City, North Carolina—Co. F-330.

Leo H. Griehs, 329 East Prospect, Jackson, Michigan 49203—Co. L-329.

Ira E. Fitch, 420 East "C" Street, Wellston, Ohio 45692—Co. F-331.

Hubert H. Dennis, 1610 Antler Drive, Owensboro, Kentucky—Co. I-330.

Andrew Shurpak, 2908 Pyramid Ave., Pittsburgh, Penna.—Co. D-331.

Ralph J. Baron, 211 Third St., Monessen, Penna.—Co. A-308 Engineers.

Joseph C. Stanisauskis, 821 Parkview Blvd., Pittsburgh, Penna. 15215 — 83rd Signal.

Robert W. Leach, 216 Vine St., Athol, Mass.—Btry. A-324 FA.

Albert L. Bensimon, 507 Goffle Hill Road, Hawthorne, N. J.—783rd Ordnance

Jay D. Bradford, 330 Southwind Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida — Hq. 1st Bn.-330.

Arlie B. Cullers, Middletown, Virginia—Co. B-329.

Thomas J. Cullen, P.O. Box 1604, Vallejo, California—Co. A-329.

Emory Culclasure, 47 Player St., Newberry, South Carolina—Co. E-329.

Lawrence E. Runion, P.O. Box 73, Dumfries, Virginia—Co. B-330.

Frank C. Malleo, 6601 W. Pleasant Valley Road, Parma 29, Ohio—Co. K-329.

Richard B. Scheck, 1407 Wilson Street, Great Bend, Kansas—Co. B-329.

Robert C. Walsh, 12001 East 25th Ave., Portage, Indiana 46368—Anti-tank 330.

Kenneth G. Hazzard, Alpha Ave., Winsted, Conn.—Med. Det.-324 FA.

John E. Ryan, 144 Greenbriar Drive, Pittsburgh 20, Penna.—Anti-tank-329.

James R. McDonald, 217-14 Francis Lewis Blvd., Cambria Heights, N. Y. 11411—Co. F-330.

Harold J. Burns, 219 Hewitt Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14215—Co. B-330.

James W. Parker, Ticonderoga Circle, R.D. No. 4, Hixson, Tenn.—Co. A-329.

Raymond A. Cote, 859 Woodworth Road, Jackson, Michigan — Anti-tank-330.

William M. Richardson, Box 137, R.R. No. 2, Covington, Indiana—1st Bn. Medics-330.

Needless to say, we welcome these new members and truly hope that they enjoy their association with us as we enjoy having them in the Association.

Robert R. Trimble, Country Club Rd. C.M.R. No. 9, Crawfordsville, Ind.—Co. A-331.

Ervin Slovacek, R.R. No. 1, Ponca City, Oklahoma—Co. A-331.

Gustave E. Zelmer, 4828 Roosevelt, N.E. Canton, Ohio 44705—Hq. Det., 308 Med.

Lt. Col. Lewis F. Overstreet, 203 Guthrie Ave., Alexandria, Va.—Hs. 1st Bn.-330.

Lt. Col. Paul C. Rapp, 212 Park Hill Place, Fairfax, Va.—Co. A-330.

William G. Herbstritt, 105 Edward Road, St. Marys, Penna. 15853—Co. F-330.

Russell E. Amerson, St. Charles, South Carolina—Hq. Co. 1st Bn.-330.

Dear Harry:

Enclosed find my check for 1965 dues and, believe me, it is a great pleasure to be back in the fold after all these years.

Unfortunately, I have just passed up being a member, not because I didn't want to be one, but because I just let it go. I've heard of the great things you and the officers of the Association have been doing, and wish at this time, to let you know if there is anything I can do to further the Association, please let me know.

My wife Phil and I wish to say "hello" to all our friends whom we have missed in the last few years, but want you to know we will be seeing all of you at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in August at the '65 reunion.

Rocco J. Catalfamo
Co. C-330
7805 McKnight Road
Pittsburgh 37, Penna.

**PLEASE PAY DUES
NOW !!**

330th Infantry Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Once again I wish to apologize to you for not having that Regimental Roster ready for you. I sincerely hope that within the next few weeks I can have it done. I have too many irons in the fire right now to do all the things I have committed myself for, but hope that within the next few weeks I can be back on my feet.

Well buddies, in checking the roster of paid up 330th men that I have received from Harry Lockwood, I am sorry to say that there are several of you missing from the paid up membership. How about sitting down now and doing your part to make the 330th the largest Regimental Unit. This is only possible with the help of you, the 330th men.

I owe an apology to some of you men who have sent me Christmas cards and did not receive one from me in return. I was very busy building a rumpus room in my basement and addressed quite a few cards and set them aside and forgot to mail them. I did manage to get about 200 of them in the mail, but some I have missed, and I sincerely hope that you will forgive me. I promise that next year this will not happen.

Well buddies, there isn't much more for me to say at this time except for each and every one of you to sit down right now and try contacting a former buddy and trying to sell him a membership in the greatest Infantry Division Association in the world.

Larry Redmond
Co. H-330

Hello Buddies:

Here we are starting another great year and we are hoping against hope that the year 1965 will be the largest and best year in the history of the Association. I am proud to say that after having talked to our Secretary-Treasurer, I have learned that our membership this year should reach a new high. At the present time, we are ahead of our membership for quite a few years. The only thing that doesn't seem right is that as of this date, there are well over 175 of our members who were paid up last year, that have not sent in their dues for this year as yet.

How about coming to the aid of our Association right now; let us all take out our wallets and look in there for our membership cards and see if it reads, "Expires, August 1965". If not, sit right down and make out a check in the amount of \$5.00 for your dues and get it in the mail at once. This is our Association, be proud to be a member of it. We the members of this Association hold

an honor that others may not hold, we have an Association, composed of men who lived together, trained together and fought together. There are many men who are envious of us, yet there are many of us who shirk in the duty of being a member of this Association. Let's not be one of those men.

Well buddies, once again I appeal to you, come on and join the gang, get on the bandwagon now. The only thing needed to be a member of this great Association is your check in the amount of \$5.00. Send it today, for tomorrow you may forget.

Larry Redmond
Co. H-330

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find dues. Sorry to make you wait so long.

Missed the gang very much and the Alcohol Social this past reunion. It must have been a dandy.

Our eldest son is in the navy and the young one, Johnny, is a navy reservist. Sort of looked forward to a visit from number one son in August, hence our absence from the reunion. To further complicate matters Johnny was supposed to go on his cruise in August so you can see we had a problem.

Our annual dinner and dance was a thing to behold and the food catered by R. J. Voracek was simply superb. The refreshments were plentiful, the music above par and our women looked like the queens they are.

The affair was attended by Al Klugiewicz and his sister and brother-in-law, Jack and Hanky Daugherty and a large contingent from Detroit and last, but far from least, the old Warren standby group. Don't remember the names of all those who attended but thank you, one and all for your thoughtfulness.

Hope to make the Myrtle Reach Reunion but should we not you will know our hearts are with you. However, it is still a long way off and things just may shape up for us.

Thanks for not holding back on my Thunderbolt as it is something I cherish very much.

Al Uridel—Cannon Co.-329
3784 East 53rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio
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Dear Harry,

Sorry to have missed the last reunion. Steve Chicos and I have been to most of them and have always enjoyed them. However, time did not permit.

Hope to see you all in Myrtle Beach, in the meantime, here are my dues.

Charles "Bubbles" Hathaway
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154 Englewood Road
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All Unit Members

Quite often we are asked by one or a few individuals, why isn't my outfit mentioned in Thunderbolt? I never see anything about it. The answer my friends is simply this; if we do not get the news we cannot print it.

We received a letter a few days ago asking why Co. M-330 was never mentioned and that they should be among the top ten in paid up membership.

Co. M-330 is mentioned only when Bob Hedger sends in something about the unit or some of its members. As for being in the top ten, this is far from the truth. Co. M-330 has listed on the files just 19 members only NINE of whom have paid dues for this year and six who haven't paid dues since 1959 or 1960. The members on file are: Charles Balmer, Wilmer Ryan, Adelard Larue, Stanley Kryven, Anthony W. Sobel, William H. Leader, Andrew W. McKenna, Robert A. Costello, Albert Salvador, Charles B. Hand, Howard Edwards, Henry S. Hine, John Paul Quinn, Harry Suman, Jr., Joe Ritterskamp, Chester Gray, David A. Glassock, Robert S. Hedger and James W. Gray.

These men know who, among them, have paid dues for this year and who have not paid dues in a number of years. It's not my intention to embarrass anyone but, I'm sure, if you write to each other and get each other to look at the expiration date on your last membership card it may increase your paid up membership but I doubt, if it ever will reach

the proportions of many of the other units.

Bob Hedger, Stanley Kryven, Charlie Balmer, Bob Costello, Wilmer Ryan, Bill Leader and one or two others attend the reunions whenever it is possible. Three notices have already been sent out, in most cases, to those of Co. M-330 and other units, to those who haven't paid dues for this year but if Co. M-330 or any other outfit has any desires to be in the top ten in paid up membership, someone had better get on the ball. Their your buddies and you know them better than I and we appreciate all the help you can give us in getting membership dues. That's our biggest means of survival.

Harry W. Lockwood
Secretary-treasurer



Front: Paul Sadlon, Manlius Goodridge, Russ Davy. Rear: Jim Prentice, 908 FA, H. Lockwood.