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To those we had to leave behind, we dedicate this day
To those whom GOD had chose to remain in lands so far away
To those who paid the sacrifice, whose hearts are forever still
These men we still remember and I'm sure we always will.

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The Chaplain's Corner

By William O. "Bill" Shuman, Divarty

Dear Buddies of the Great 83rd Division Assn.

A lot of things have occurred since Memorial Day, 1945, just 20 years ago. How well do I remember our schedule



of Memorial Day services held for the Artillery at the Tonbild-Lichtspiele Theater, Helmstedt, Germany (Now in the Russian Zone, I believe). I'll never forget the challenging memo issued by the late Brig. Gen. Robert M. Montague in preparation to the memorial. May I relate it to you below.

"Memorial Day is the day on which our country annually pays tribute to those noble men who gave their lives in the defense of our homeland. Once more our country is engaged in a war to defend nations against unjust aggressors, to assure people that true freedom will continue to reign and to bring lasting peace to a war-torn world.

Already we have come a great distance along the bloody road which will eventually bring us victory over these unjust aggressors and re-establish just laws and Christian conduct between nations. To make our past successes possible thousands of men have given their lives.

Brothers, relatives, friends, strangers—all have made the supreme sacrifice as we march on to ultimate victory, a victory which these valiant dead will neither celebrate nor enjoy. "Greater love hath no man than this—that he lay down his life for a friend".

Will you honor our country's dead? Will you pay tribute to our Division's dead? Will you say a prayer for our Artillery dead? Plan to attend a Memorial Day service in honor of our dead lest it be said: He forgot his friends who gave their life that he might live in happiness and in freedom."

Yes, that was from the pen of my boss who is no longer with us. Although written 20 years ago, it surely contains the message we want to repeat again this Memorial Day, 1965. May their souls rest in peace.

Oh, yes; even one of our battery members composed a poem for the occasion and our Chaplain read it as his dedicatory poem for the occasion. May I repeat the third and fifth verses for you to read:

"Today our hearts do voice tribute
For those of us forever mute
Today, recall departed friend
Whose sacrifice has no end
Goodbye, Farewell, is not the end
For them, the world is now their
friend

The blue on high will never hold
The debt we owe our warriors bold."

I pray that all of you within these words will attend a memorial service of your choosing.

May GOD richly bless you and yours on this, another Memorial Day.

Faithfully yours,
William O. "Bill" Shuman
Chaplain
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

The President's Corner

By Julius C. Boyles
Hq. Co. - 3rd Bn.-329

Fellow members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc.



That time is here again, it's Thunderbolt time once more and I can talk to all of you over the miles that separate us in miles but never in spirit.

I will always cherish the great honor bestowed on me and will eternally be grateful for the help and support I have received from everyone while

trying to serve you as your Association President.

Dear buddies the Easter Season has just passed, the season, a time of re-awakening, a time of rededication, a time when each of us should take stock of where we are now, where we wish to go and what we need to do to get out of life those things which we hold dear.

Things are going on in this world, in our own country and, in fact, even in our own communities which are far from being as they should but they should never discourage us to the point of giving up and throwing our hands up in despair. Instead let's all pitch in and call a Spade a Spade and when we know that something is wrong in the land we should never let it go by the boards and accept it just because it seems to be the thing at the moment and everyone else is doing it.

My good friends and buddies, what I am trying to say is that the time has come to stand up and be counted. We won the war for Democracy on the Battlefield, let's be careful that we don't lose it in our own back yards. Let's all get back to the American way of being individuals in our own thinking, in the things we do, and in the things we teach our children and allow them to do. Just because everyone else is doing something doesn't necessarily mean it is the right thing to do as some of our leaders would have us think. Buddies, let's start thinking of our own best interests, the best interest of our Nation, of our community and our fellowmen everywhere. And, as someone once said, "It is better to light just one little candle than to curse the darkness".

We hope you are making your plans to be with us this coming August at the reunion in Myrtle Beach; a wonderful program has been set by your Reunion Committee and, I'm sure, a reunion is in store for you that you will remember for a long time.

Till next time the best of everything to you and yours.

Your President
Julius C. Boyles.

The front cover for this issue of Thunderbolt was done by John Noe, of Philadelphia, Penna., formerly with Division Artillery. Poem by Harry Lockwood, Regt. Hq.-329.

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

Convention Chairman's Corner

By Dick Riddle, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.-329

We of the Dixie Chapter are all ready and looking forward to our 19th annual get-together at Myrtle Beach. Hope each of you are making plans now to attend.



The Ocean Forest re-opened on April 22. The Dixie Chapter had a meeting there on week-end of April 24. We have all details worked out and everyone who attends will have a most enjoyable time. In the last issue of Thunderbolt we had the Country Hoedown

on Thursday night. This has been changed to Friday night. It will be held in the outside patio, weather permitting. Other than this the program still stands as printed.

Have had lot sof inquiries from boys in this part of the country. So many didn't know the 83rd had an active organization. We are hoping for lots of new faces to blend in with the ones we always have and enjoy so much.

See you in Myrtle Beach!

Dick Riddle

Your Secretary's Report

Gentlemen:

On the credit side of the membership roster things look good and, thus far, this has been a good year. It has been a year in which we have signed up more new members than at any time in the history of the Association. At last count the new members totaled 150.



Perhaps you say to yourself: "What are they complaining about". Our only complaint, gentlemen, is on the debit side of the roster where there are still about 125 last year members not paid for this year as yet and I keep asking myself why?

I'm sure that, in all cases it is not a case of economic reasons. I'm also sure that, in all cases it is not a case of loss of interest so it must be a case of neglect or putting it off and forgetting about it and when you finally realize it, it is this late in the year and you decide

it is too late for this year and you'll wait until after August and send it in for next year but quite often the same thing happens next year.

I realize that paying dues in any organization is a voluntary obligation and you either do or you don't so all we can hope for is that those who do exceed those who don't.

You keep getting your copies of Thunderbolt and, in each copy, are dues reminders but they all go unheeded and, for all the good they do, the space can be used for something perhaps a little more interesting to all.

Looking through some old files I find men who were members of the Association for five, six and seven years and suddenly they just stop paying dues and we have lost them and, for some reason they have lost interest. I guess it will always be like that and we appreciate having had them for that time at least and we hope that, at some time in the future they will, once again become interested, and of course, we would welcome them back with us.

Harping on the same subject all the time becomes boring but it's part of the job of secretary and I'm trying to do the best I can and I just hope that it is good enough to satisfy the majority: to please all is impossible.

Looking through a copy of the journal sent to me by Roger Keith of the 94th Infantry Division Association, I was amazed to find that last year's paid up membership in that outfit was 1023 and in a journal sent me by Ed. Reed, secretary of the 6th Armored Division Association, their paid up membership last year was 950 and they are looking to break the 1000 mark this year. In all the years that we have been organized we have never realized a paid up membership of 800. Something to think about, isn't it?

The Association and the reunion mean this much to me and I'm sure that there are many others who share the same feeling: it is a feeling that cannot be described when a group like ours gets together once a year to renew old acquaintances, take stock of the changes that have taken place in us and live again the comradeship that was born at a time when we didn't know, from day to day, what the next minute would bring and we lived in the hope that the next bullet didn't have our name on it.

This is the Memorial Day issue of Thunderbolt and I trust you enjoy reading it and that you may find something of interest about an old buddy here and there. In this issue is a reservation card for the reunion at the Ocean Forest Ho-

tel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on August 19, 20 and 21. I might suggest that you use it to make your reservations as early as possible and, if for some reason, you cannot attend, you can always cancel the reservation.

There will be one more issue of Thunderbolt coming out in July which will be the convention issue and will cover any changes that may appear in the reunion program.

To all of you who have become members in the Association for the first time this year we thank you very much and we hope you enjoy us as much as we enjoy having you. To all you old regulars who have paid your dues diligently all these years we also extend our thanks and gratitude and to those of you who have not responded for this year we thank you for your past patronage and hope we may be hearing from you again real soon or in the not too distant future.

Harry W. Lockwood
Secretary-Treasurer

Life Is What You Make It

Life is what you make of it make of it
what you may

Today is the tomorrow that you spoke
of yesterday

You plan on doing this and that you're
always on the brink

But remember this old friend it might
be later than you think

You work, you slave, you worry just to
bring your kids up right

And in the interim there is many a
sleepless night

You send your boy to college and,
of course, it's just your luck

He frames his nice diploma then goes
out and drives a truck

You send your daughter off to school
for culture, charm and poise

But all that she has on her mind is
BOYS, BOYS, BOYS

Finally she settles down and you have
no fear at all

Then she makes this announcement,
"I'm being married in the fall"

Junior gets into a fight and really
gets his lumps

Johnnie gets the measles, Georgie
gets the mumps

You laugh it off and shake your head
and finally you say

Life is what you make of it, make
of it what you may.

Harry W. Lockwood
Regt. Hq.-329

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.	Cocktail Party	Porch or Ball Room
9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.	Dance	Ball Room

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.	Buffet - Country Style	Dining Room
8:00 P.M. to Midnite	"Country Hoedown"	Starlite Patio
	Folk Singers for Dance - Beer will be served	

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

You will notice a change in program. The Country Hoedown will be held on Friday and the Cocktail Party on Thursday.

Gentlemen:

There still are some 125 last year members who have not paid Association Dues for this year.

Look at your Membership Card, if it does not say "Expires August 1965" you are among that 125.

We urge you to please send in your Dues at once.

Your Secretary

**Harry W. Lockwood
43 Oakland Ave.
Jersey City, N. J.
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**Co. F 329th
News And Sidelights**

By Vic Landis

It does not seem possible that the reunion is only a few short months away. It cannot come too soon for all the tried and true Thunderbolts, as the coming event, is the highlight of the year. F-329 is ready, able and willing, to make this year's conclave the greatest in history.

Most of the rebels of our unit have designs on Myrtle Beach, come this August and I expect the greatest turn out we have had in years. Come on you cotton pickin' guys—don't let me down.

In regards to paid up members, dear old F-329 will again lead the pack, as I believe we will have some 45 paid up, by the time this goes to press and about 50, by reunion time. We intend to break our own record of 46, established last year. Let the other units challenge us and we will move out farther ahead.

Sorry that my BIG BUDDY, Lee Titus, has not been very active in the Association this year but Orchids to the guy for the job he has done with Co. G-331 in previous years and I hope that, sometime in the future, we will, once again, compete against each other for top honors in paid up membership.

**A Report From Your
National Publicity Director**

By Vic Landis — F-329

Harry Lockwood informs me, he has received the greatest number of inquiries, in our history, from the publicity angle and also, more paid up members from the same source, than in any other year.

I am well through, my second swing around the nation, of sending releases to all 1800 daily papers in the land — and there will be a third. Also wire releases have been sent out by the United Press, to papers and radio stations all over the land and the television stations will be well covered, although they are harder to come by.

Compliments are in order to the hard working Dixie Chapter for the pre-reunion phase of planning and I sincerely believe we will break all records for attendance, in this, our first visit to the southland.

A tip of the Lanis beret, is in order, to Julius Boyles, Bernard Riddle, Norman Campbell and all the rest. Let's all keep plugging, to make Myrtle Beach - THE GREATEST.

Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Al Uridel, Cannon Co.-329

At the February meeting held at the home of Walter and Mary Meczka a good crowd turned up and with a steak dinner and plenty of liquid refreshments; a wonderful time was had by all.



The ladies in their Sunday best and colorful corsages lent an air of charm and color to the proceedings. (It seems that we keep getting older and our wives keep getting younger.)

At the meeting an election of officers was held and the following men chosen to guide the destiny of the Cleveland Chapter for the ensuing year. Walter Meczka, president; William Herhuth, vice president; John Evans, recording secretary; Ted Gurgol, sergeant-at-arms; and to yours truly went the job of keeping you all informed as to the activities of the Chapter.

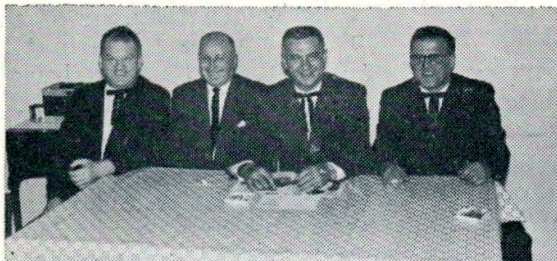
Casey and Laura Kowalec were happy to announce a new addition to their family, a son, John and a real cutie he is too. Congrats to the Kowalecs.

Ted Gurgol is walking around looking sharp with a new set of China Clippers. (They look real nice under his moustache.)

We are looking forward to a family picnic and reunion with the gang from the Warren Chapter this summer so how about it, Warren?

Many of the Cleveland bunch hope to "Make the Beach" this year but as for me things don't look too good at present. Johnny, my son, is supposed to leave in August and no date is set, as yet, for

The following pictures were taken at our Annual Election of Officers meeting after a steak dinner and refreshments at the home of Walter and Mary Meczka on February 14.



L. to r.: Al Uridel, staff reporter; John Evans, corresponding secretary; Walter Meczka, president; and William Herhuth, treasurer.

him and we're hoping it does not fall during reunion time.

Have talked to several former Association members pertaining to renewing their membership and have received some hope in signing them up again.

And to all you other delinquent members, dues are due now and have been due since last August so if you haven't sent it in Why Haven't You? Get at it right away.



rear: Bob Uher, Bill Herhuth, Walter Meczka and Al Uridel and in front George Krupicka, the only one who thinks it's funny.



front row: Herhuth, Meczka, Uridel, Uher and Krupicka; rear: Czech, Gurgol, Szubski, Voracek, Grobelny, Kowalec and Evans.



These charming ladies are l. to r., front row: Alma Herhuth, Eleanor Uridel, Joanne Uher, Eleanor Szubski, Stella Gurgol; back row: Dorothy Voracek, Mary Meczka, Laura Kowalec, Emily Czech, Bernie Grobelny and Jo Evans.

News From Below The Mason & Dixon Line

By Herbert T. Barber—Btry. B-323 FA

The Dixie Chapter met in High Point, North Carolina for our April meeting, with Julius and Polly Boyles as our host and hostess.

We enjoyed a delicious bar-b-cue dinner topped off with banana cream pie. (What a combination.)

After a good gabfest session we got right down to business which, of course, was mostly about the reunion.

Things seem to be shaping up very well and we are looking forward to going to Myrtle Beach and finalizing plans for the reunion. This is to come about shortly after Easter and, if we do not get it in this issue of Thunderbolt, changes in the program, if any, will appear in the issue printed before the reunion.

Dick Riddle's luck was riding high at the last meeting as he won the door prize.

For those of you who come to the reunion and intend to spend a lot of time at the beach, please don't forget to bring a lot of sun tan lotion as this sun down here really BURRRRRNS.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Myrtle Beach reunion and also to extending to you a brand of Southern hospitality that you will be talking about for a long time to come.

I might say in closing, if you haven't paid your Association dues yet do so immediately as these reunions are made possible only through the successful continuation of our wonderful Association.

Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo—Hq. 3rd Bn.-330

Hello Buddies:

Here we are with another Thunderbolt issue. It seems as though I just finished sending in the article for the last issue.

Don't have much to say in this issue. I've asked all chapter members to send me news but it seems that no one has anything to report.



We had a meeting at Pat DiGiannerino's house last month and had Joe Petrucci, Al Tartaglia, Mike (Post Office Mike) Caprio, Mike Amicone, Ray

Bjork, Amby Tynan, Larry Arrigo and Chuck Abdinoor.

Plans are for a dinner on May 22 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 442 Main Street,

Malden, Mass. topped off with dancing, of course. The dinner will consist of Macaroni, Italian Style, one-half roast chicken and the works. If you are in the neighborhood, at that time, come join us for an evening of food, fun and frolic.

Chuck Abdinoor tells me that Silvio Allard and his wife have opened up a family style restaurant and we wish these nice people good luck and much success on their venture.

Ray Bjork informs us that his daughter has gone to live in Hawaii as her husband, who is a sailor, is stationed there.

That's it for now, see you all in the next issue.

Attention All Men Of The 329th Regiment

Information Wanted

Dear Sir,

Noticed in the ARMY TIMES that the 83rd Infantry Division Association is having a convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on August 19, 20 and 21, 1965.

My reason for writing is in regards to one enlisted man, Pfc. Lawrence L. Cabucci, of the 329th Regiment, killed on July 26th, 1944.

The above enlisted man's mother has, for many years, tried to locate anyone who was with him when he was killed or anyone who may have information concerning how he died.

We have written to Army Times; no action. We also wrote to the Adjutant General in Washington, D. C. They wrote back and informed us that all they had in the files is that he was killed in action but this we already knew.

Our last hope is you and the members of your organization. Would it be possible to ask your veterans if anyone can give any information on the enlisted man stated above. If so, please write to the undersigned.

Mrs. Marvin Laubenstein is looking for information on the late Lawrence L. Cabucci who was killed in action on July 26, 1944.

At that time he was a member of the 329th Regiment but no other information is available as to the unit he served with.

Mrs. Laubenstein is looking for this information on behalf of Lawrence's mother and if any of you former Buckshots remember Lawrence and have any information regarding him or his death, Mrs. Laubenstein would appreciate if you will write to her at the following address:

SFC and Mrs. Marvin Laubenstein—
SVC BTRY. 2ND BN. 78TH ARTY.;
APO New York, N. Y.

Chicago Chapter Chatterings

By William M. Doty—323 FA

Gentlemen,

First let me apologize for our laxity by not being represented in the last two issues of Thunderbolt but it is not because we haven't been busy, here in Chicago. From here on in we will try our best to have a column in the journal to keep you posted on the activities of your Chicago Chapter.

Our chapter, newly formed, is slowly but surely taking shape. We have added a few new members recently and the attendance is not bad at all, when you consider that our members come from all parts of Chicago and other cities and towns in Illinois and from parts of Indiana and Wisconsin. We have not, as yet, established a permanent meeting place so each month our meetings have been held at various Veterans' Posts.

The January meeting was held at the Sgt. Edward Younger Post of the V.F.W. by invitation of Larry DiPrima, who is both a member of the post and a member of the Division Association. After a business meeting we welcomed a new member, John Bishop. We saw a film of the 83rd in action and, needless to say, this film brought back many memories to all of us. And, to top off the evening, Jim Burton entertained us with a few well chosen melodies.

The February meeting was held, by invitation of Gordon Berg, at Post 243 of the AMVETS. At this meeting, Joseph Franks was brought into the fold.

We are constantly searching for new members and extend an open invitation to all former 83rdrs who live in the Chicago area to join our ranks and, for those of you who are interested, get in touch with me: William M. Doty, 208 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois.

The main order of business discussed at all our meetings, presently, is the Division Association Reunion to be held in Chicago in 1967. We are busy forming committees and laying the plans for a great, big, warm midwest welcome to Chicago in 1967.

The March meeting was held at the Millionaires Club in Chicago and was a joint meeting (wives and sweethearts). Much was discussed and quite a bit accomplished and, as we go along we will be making reports, from time to time.

That's it for now. Best regards to all and don't forget all you fellow Chicago 83rdrs, join us for a short meeting, an evening of get together, something to eat, something to drink and a few hours of fun and comradeship. We cordially invite you.

The following pictures were taken during our January meeting.

Left, bottom to top: Irving Feferman, Gordon Berg, Al Nowak, Jim Burton and William M. Doty. Right, bottom to top: Ed Poninski, Donald Susong, John Bembenek, Walter Marks and Larry DiPrima.



Jim Burton entertaining.



Seated, l to r (those visible): Larry DiPrima, John Bishop, Jim Burton, Ed Poninski, Donald Susong; standing, l to r: John Bembenek, William Doty, Irv Feferman, Bill Bogacz.

Frankly Speaking

Dear Buddies:

In behalf of the members of the Executive Committee, I would like to extend our sincere



thanks to you, the members of our Association for the grand support that you have shown in our membership drive. At the time of my last letter in "The Thunderbolt" our membership was at about 650 paid up members. At the time of this letter, I learned that it is now over the 790 mark. This was made possible by

the support that you have shown by joining forces and contacting your buddies and getting them to join us. We have been most fortunate in having such fine men as J. C. Boyles and Harry Lockwood to lead us. These men have shown the fine qualities in them by their sincere efforts and hard work that they have put forth to make this a successful year. They, along with the fine publicity handled by none other than Vic Landis, have made this possible. Enough praise can't be given to Vic Landis for the very fine job that he has done in obtaining nation-wide publicity for our Association. His fine work is showing up every day in the letters that Harry Lockwood is receiving from all over the country from men who never heard of our Association before, but are learning of it from news clippings in newspapers and magazines all over the country.

The success of an organization such as ours is based primarily on its leaders but they, alone, can not do it themselves. They must have the support of each and every one of you. With the continued support of each and every one of you along with the fine publicity by Vic Landis, I am sure that we will reach a new high in paid up membership in our Association. Let's all keep trying to sell membership to a buddy, or give him that gift to remember, a paid up membership in our Association.

The memory of our "Buddies" who passed on is sacred to us. It is to their memory and devotion we pay homage on Memorial Day. Their personal sacrifice, their unselfish giving of themselves to bring peace to others, merits our unrelenting pursuit to keep our country free from forces who would seek to bind us to their hated ideologies.

In our organization we have the means to perpetuate our past friendships and keep the memories of our

"buddies" alive.

It is incumbent on all "Thunderbolts" to again gird their strength and help the national organization to flourish and grow. Our annual reunions should be a must to all. It should be considered as a pilgrimage to the shrine of the memories of all our fallen "Buddies".

On this Memorial Day 1965 every "Thunderbolt" should rededicate himself to carrying on and renewing friendship and comradeship anew.

Frank McGrogan—Co. "D" 330th



The following picture of Sgt. Ervin L. Hawk taken at the Elbe in 1945 was sent in by Don Hinz, formerly of the 83rd Signal Co. who lives at 219 11th Ave., Worthington, Minnesota. Don has tried to locate this former member of the Signal Co. since he has returned home without any success. He would appreciate anyone having information about him to get in touch with him at the above address.



The James L. Amiot family from Houston, Texas.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

83rd Infantry Division Assn. Inc.

Hello Buddies:

Here we are once again, another month closer to reunion time. The days are flying by so fast that before we know it, it will be time for us to be headed for Myrtle Beach, for another very wonderful reunion.



Well Buddies, getting back to Philadelphia Chapter, once again we are very busy here making plans for our Annual Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, May 29th. There are

plenty of tickets available, so if you care to join us at this affair, please contact me at once and I will see that tickets are sent to you. I do have to make definite commitments on or before May 15th.

The Philadelphia Chapter held a social about six weeks ago, a very fine time was had by all. The past couple of meetings, our attendance was very small, but that is due mostly to it being the Easter Season, we hope to have a nice turnout at our May meeting as we have to elect officers for the coming year.

The only thing that I can report on our Chapter members at this time is that our own, Lou Volpi of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, has just opened a new restaurant; it is a very fabulous place just outside of Philadelphia. To those of you who know Lou, I am sure that you, like all of us extend your best wishes to him.

Well, I guess that there is nothing more for me to report from the Greater Philadelphia Chapter. I will be hoping to see you all in Myrtle Beach.

Larry Redmond

ALL UNITS, CATEGORICALLY LISTED, ACCORDING TO THEIR PAID UP MEMBERSHIP.

Co. F-329	45
Co. G-331	35
Div. Hqtrs.	29
Co. F-330	24
324 FA	24
308 Eng.	24
328 FA	22
All Medics	22
Regt. Hq.-329	21
Co. A-331	21
908 FA.	20
322 FA.	19
Co. B-330	17

Regt. Hq.-330	16
Co. B-331	15
Co. K-331	15
Co. B-329	14
Co. D-331	14
Co. E-329	13
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Regt. Hq.-331	13
Co. F-331	13
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Co. A-329	12
Co. H-329	12
Co. L-329	12
Co. G-330	12
Co. H-331	12
Co. C-331	12
Co. M-330	11
Hq. 1st Bn.-331	11
Co. C-330	10
Co. M-331	10
Hq. 3rd Bn.-329	9
Co. A-330	9
Co. L-330	9
Co. E-331	9
Hq. 3rd Bn.-331	9
Co. C-329	8
Co. G-329	8
Hq. 1st Bn.-330	8
Co. K-330	8
Cannon Co.-330	8
Divarty	8
Co. D-329	8
Co. K-329	7
Service Co.-329	7
783rd Ord.	6
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We welcome back with us, Paul Diethrich, 207 Lawrence Ave., Pittsburgh, Cannon Co.-330, after an absence of about five years.

Paul is very active in the newly reorganized Pittsburgh Chapter and expects to be at the reunion in Myrtle Beach in August to say hello again to all his old buddies.

Nice to have you with us, Paul.

Pittsburgh "THUNDERBOLT" Chapter

By Sam Klippa—Co. D-331

Buddies,

Since our reunion in Providence, Rhode Island, last year, we, here in Pittsburgh have been working quite hard to get our Chapter rolling. Our meetings are getting bigger and better and it's a real pleasure to see new faces almost at every meeting.

Of course, there are a few disappointments too, but I guess it can't all be good.

We are getting started on some money making plans; there will soon be some parties coming up and the ladies will be forming their own group.

There are all sorts of complications in planning affairs and, for me, this is all new but I hope to improve as we progress.

The most important affair we are all looking forward to is the presentation of our new charter here in Pittsburgh on May 15th.

There has been much talk at our meetings about going to Myrtle Beach as a group but more about that later. At Myrtle Beach we hope to get the go ahead to hold the 1966 reunion in Pittsburgh. We've worked hard thus far getting information about hotels, tours, entertainment, etc. The Convention Bureau will supply us with the necessary brochures and folders of our beautiful city and we'll also have an invitation from the city to present to the troops. I'm hoping wholeheartedly that the members will agree with us because Pittsburgh has much more to offer now and a convention here would be a success.

Our meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month and we have been changing the place of each meeting to different parts of the Pittsburgh area to make it easier for some of the more distant boys to join us.

In March we went to Monessen where Charles Altomari is taking care of the publicity for us. He gets a lot of help there from fellows like Joe DeLuca, George Komlos, Adam Hassick and others. Walter Gliniski and John Ruprecht are handling the details west of Pittsburgh and Gene Costanzo and Rocco Catalfamo are taking care of the northern end of things.

I've been taking care of advertising in local papers and writing letters to members in and out of Pittsburgh. So many of them don't even know we have a reunion every year but you can be sure they will from here on in.

Until next time I'll just say "so long" and wish all of you the very best of everything.

More from the Pittsburgh Chapter

By Sam Klippa—Co. D-331

As most of you know the Philadelphia Chapter has given up its plans for the Reunion in 1966 and the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter will now be the Workhorse. The Philadelphia boys can sit back and relax for a few years.

This, of course, will only be definite upon approval of the membership at the Reunion in Myrtle Beach this coming August.

Our hopes are very high and with all the ambitious men in our group we are sure that we can put on a program that will be satisfactory to all.

With the meeting of the Executive Board here in Pittsburgh on May 15th we plan to have our charter presented to us at a Dinner and Dance held at the Hotel Hilton at the same time. Only a few details remain to be ironed out and our plans will be complete for the first real affair of our newly reorganized chapter. This will also be our first opportunity to meet the wives of a number of our members and to meet the Executive Committee and their wives. At the same time everyone will see the kind of accommodations they will have for the reunion next year should our plans to hold it here materialize.

Anyone interested, or in the area at the time of our meetings, they are held at the VFW Post 1810 located at 3801 Saw Mill Run Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227. This is on Route 51.

The April meeting was our biggest to date. We showed a movie of the 83rd in action, during World War II and 40 men were present to see it. Sgt. Rion, a former 83rd man, and now a member of our chapter, was able to get the movie for us because he is a member of the USAF.

Some of the highlights of the movie were: Omaha Beach Landings, relieving the 101st Airborne Division, Hedge-rows of Normandy, taking St. Malo, the surrender of 20,000 Germans in Beau-gency, Battle of the Bulge, hurling back the enemy in the Ardennes and the drive to the Elbe River. The movie was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we would recommend it for all other chapters to show it. Sgt. Rion has promised to get us more of the same in the future. It's nice to have a man like him around.

Ralph Knorr, formerly of Co. E-329, from Wheeling, West Virginia, and his buddy, George DeFilipps, also of Co. E-329, paid us a visit at our April meeting and we certainly enjoyed their company. George lives in Holley, New York, about 25 miles west of Rochester and is an honoray member of the New Jersey Chapter. He sure does a lot of travelling to see some of his old buddies and, if

there were a lot more men like him around, there wouldn't be any membership problems.

Here is some of the Chapter Chatter and items of news picked up during our meetings:

Rocco Catalfamo, who is well-known by most of the membership, has joined the Ulcer Club. He had major surgery done in March and is well on the way to recovery now. Rocky is our publicity man and, no doubt, will be writing the articles for THUNDERBOLT from here on.

Francis Beerhalter spent some time in the veterans hospital for spinal trouble and is still being treated once a month at the clinic there. He is coming along fine now and is, once again, able to attend the meetings. Francis is our printer and we need him around.

Here is a good one: Gene Costanzo, our Chapter Vice President, received an award for 13 years of safe driving with the Dravo Corp. and then broken two of his wife's fingers while dancing the FRUG with her. He ought to practice some of his driving technique on her.

The skiing season is over and now "Smoky" Alicandri is coming to our meetings again. Smoky and his wife enjoy the sport very much and go every chance they get.

Hank Golembiewski, Co. F-329, is a regular at our monthly meetings. He is unemployed now but says that he will be at the reunion anyhow. Hank is a real 83rder.

Enclosed are a couple of photographs of men of Co. M-331. Their full names are unknown to me but they should be recognizable by their former buddies. Our chapter treasurer, Al Gruber, second from the left in the group picture would like someone to identify all the men and send him their addresses. Al lives at 3369 Churchview Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227.

In closing I'd just like to congratulate all those responsible for the growing number of members in our Association and with just a little more effort on the part of each of us we could go over the 1,000 mark easily. Maybe this will be so by the time the Pittsburgh Reunion comes around.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Myrtle Beach, so, till the next issue of Thunderbolt

Sincerely,
Sam Klippa.



In the top row L. to R. only those known. Trucker, Avial, Bird and Saver. In the middle. Lamos, Booty and McLaughlin. Bottom row. Burt (deceased), Gruber, Lt. Collins and Davies.



Avril - Bert - Booty

The following very short story was written by a woman named Enid D. Cooper. I do not know this lady and this story was given to me and I thought I'd pass it on to you.

Many thanks to Enid Cooper, whoever she may be and wherever she may be.

Your Editor

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

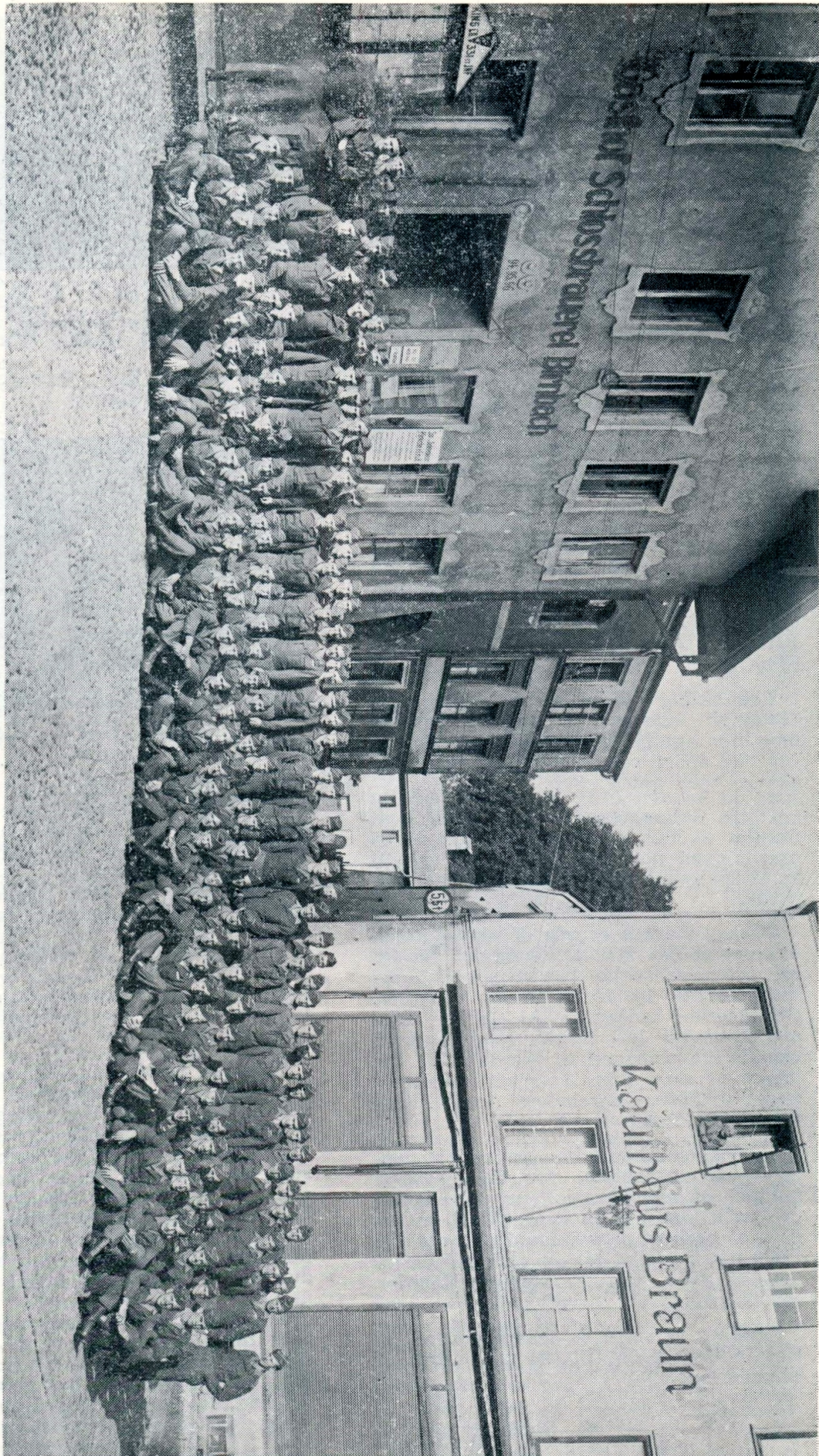
This gardener was pleased that the king has entrusted him with the care of the beautiful lily. He watched over it tenderly and cared for it faithfully.

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

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

Very sincerely yours,
Enid D. Cooper

Co. K-331 as they looked back in 1945—K-331 was made up of such stalwarts as, Bob Walsh, Manny Epstein, Wilder Mathena, Bill McCague, Sam Galati, Ted Ritchie, et al. (Ed. note: Wonder how many can get into those uniforms today?)



Indiana Chapter News

By John W. Robinette—Co. C-308 Eng.

Buddies,

As I sat down to write the news for this issue of Thunderbolt, I realize that April has almost slipped by and soon we



will all meet for our 19th Annual Reunion at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with the Dixie Chapter as our host.

Our Southern buddies, and their wives, have worked hard to have this reunion so let us all show our appreciation and help them by attending.

A wonderful program has been planned for all of us and our families so get out your pencils and papers and write to some of the old gang who may not know about our wonderful Association and who never attend our reunions. Just a few lines might bring a buddy to the reunion and back into the Association who, for some reason, may have dropped out.

Tell them how much we miss having them with us and that our wives miss seeing their wives also. We always wonder why this or that buddy isn't here and why he doesn't attend the reunion any more. Someone misses each of us when we do not attend and our names are mentioned, quite often, wondering why we are not there and whatever may have happened to us. Let's make this reunion a must so that our goal of 1,000 paid up memberships will get a real good start for next year, when we hope that goal will become a realization.

On April 9th the Indiana Chapter had another Cocktail and Card Party, at the Warren Hotel, which was very well attended by the members and their wives, as everyone enjoys these get togethers every other month, they have proven a huge success. Among those in attendance were our Chapter President, Matthew Brumbach and his wife Judy, Frank and Katherine Pope, Ned and Genie Smith, Wilford and Myrtle Sanders, John and Dorothy Soroko, John and Gaynelle Robinette, Paul Lewis, James C. Jones and out of town members William and Mary Gilbert, from Lafayette, Indiana, our Secretary, Clarence Hockensmith's wife, Betty, from Whiteland, Indiana and her friend Norma Webb, who was our guest. Our loyal Secretary, Clarence Hockensmith, kinda sneaked out on us and went fishing in Florida. Here's hoping he catches a few big ones.

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A WONDERFUL TIME
WAS HAD BY ALL



Gentlemen:

Please read the following very carefully and get in touch with the Veteran's Administration who will advise you as to what steps to take.

This was sent to me and I'm passing it on to you. I am not sure of what it implies and no guarantees are sent your way but here it is; the rest we leave to you.

**ATTENTION:
WORLD WAR II VETERANS
YOU MAY HAVE \$100-\$200 COMING**

You may have \$100 to \$200 coming from the government. Many veterans have missed the boat after discharge from the service because they themselves were not informed, or if so, they did not take advantage of what they were entitled to under the law.

We call your attention to a dividend that was paid on your G.I. Insurance for each month of service. To the veterans discharged after World War II the V.A. paid a dividend of about 50c per each \$1,000 of insurance carried while in service, for each month of service. The requirements were that each veteran apply in writing for his G.I. Insurance dividend.

You can still do so now by writing to the

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
INSURANCE CENTER
BOX 8079
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19105**

Give your name, address, city and state plus your G.I. Insurance policy number if you know it. If you do not know it, give your service serial number, date of birth and dates of enlistment and discharge.

The V.A. urges that every World War II veteran apply regardless of whether you think you did apply for this or not. The V.A. will inform you if you already received this dividend. This applies only to those who dropped their G.I. Insurance upon discharge.

Veterans Administration
Insurance Center
Box 8079
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105

Dear Sir:

I recently read an article stating that World War II veterans are eligible for a 50c per \$1,000 G.I. Insurance dividend.

I am submitting the following information to aid you in determining my eligibility for dividend stated:

Name:
Address:
State:
Policy No.:
Rank:
Serial No.:
Date of Birth:
Date of Entry:
Date of Discharge:

Thanking you in advance.

Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco—Co. L-331

Hope everything is fine with you where you are as it is with us where we are.



Harry Lockwood paid a social call on the Martin's on Mar. 14th and Dot and I came over a little later and between us we had a friendly chit-chat for a few hours. We spoke about the past and coming reunions, including the one coming up in August at Mrytle Beach.

We reminisced on our army days at Camp Atterbury, Tennessee maneuvers, Breckenridge, the ETO, the Separation Center and other things and the stories were flying fast, many of which were quite humorous, and quite a few healthy laughs were enjoyed by all, including the ladies.

It's good to get together like that every once in a while, especially with old buddies and it's just like the reunion only on a much smaller scale.

Romeo C. Maynard, Hq. Btry.-324 FA, became a member of the chapter in January of this year. We welcome him very much and hope he enjoys his stay with us and that it may be a long, happy one.

I'm sure Romeo would appreciate hearing from some of his old buddies so to those of you who remember him, drop him a few lines at 71 St. Joseph St., Fall River, Mass.

Our Ham, Chourico and beans supper proved to be a tremendous success with a capacity crowd that jammed the hall and a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to the wonderful support of the members, especially to the splendid ladies of our chapter for their assistance at the food table and for their delicious home baked pastries and goodies.

A raffle was drawn and won by lucky Tony Gonsalves. It was a beautiful 25 pound fruit and goody basket. Congratulations, Tony, it couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Reunion time is almost upon us once again and one can sense the excitement which all of us feel just about this time every year. We, of the Fall River Chapter, are looking forward to the reunion and we're sure that the men of the Dixie Chapter will come through with flying colors.

The beautiful Ocean Forest Hotel, and it's resort area, has great promise for a very successful and exciting reunion; one we will never forget. Plans are be-

ing made by our chapter members to make a good showing at Myrtle Beach come August.

The thought of meeting old friends and buddies again and of making new friends is really the success of all our reunions.

Till you hear from me again, Good Luck, Good Health to all fellow Thunderbolts and their loved ones everywhere.



Aren't they pretty? Our hostesses, Adeline Martin, Dot Pacheco and Louise Costa.



Tony and Lena Gonsalves, lucky winners of the 25-lb. basket of fruit and goodies.



Ann and Tony Telles and friends.



Just a couple of good bartenders: Freddy Costa and Hank Cyr.

Detroit News

By Jack Daugherty, Co. L-329

Here it is Spring and that means that it won't be too long before it's reunion time again. Boy, those years really roll by and the older you get the faster they go by.

I received a card from Ted Gleba while he was in Florida. Boy, some guys really have it made. It sure was nice to hear from Ted.

The men in the Detroit Chapter are going to hold a meeting this coming week at Steve Benson's new bar. We are hoping to contact a few members whom we haven't heard from in a long time, to see if we can't build this chapter up to the size it should be and once was.

It looks like they have a wonderful program lined up for all who attend this convention in Myrtle Beach in August. It should be a huge success as there were a lot of great guys in the 83rd Infantry Division from down in the southern part of the country.

I know that I am hoping to see boys whom I haven't seen in a great many years and what a thrill it's going to be talking over old times.

I see where our membership is well over the 700 mark and that's good but it should be a lot better. It's still not too late to send in your dues for this year so we can go into this convention with a record paid up membership.

I noticed a new member listed in the last issue of Thunderbolt. His name is Leo H. Griehs. I am going to write to Leo in the very near future so we can get acquainted. You know Leo, I was in Co. L-329, too.

330th Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies,

I suppose you think, by now, that I have run out on you but, believe, me, I haven't. I have just about completed a roster of the 330th Regimental Unit.

This has been a lot of hard work and I am sure there are many addresses, on this roster, that will be returned as unknown or moved, no forwarding address as I have gotten these names and addresses from rosters and files that I have had from as far back as ten years ago. If you happen to see the name of a buddy on there and have a better address for him, please don't hesitate to send it to me. This is the only way we can keep a roster up to date.

Well, Buddies, I suppose that, by now, you are starting to plan your vacation for this year. Don't forget the 83rd Infantry Division Association Reunion starting on Thursday the third week in August at the Ocean Forest Hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Try to make your plans to be there and see your buddies.

To those of you who have never had the pleasure of attending a reunion you have missed one of the greatest times in your life. A chance to visit with your never to be forgotten buddies where you can sit down and reminisce with them over the times you had in Europe during the war and, as you sit there and talk over it, you can almost hear those artillery shells falling and those Burp guns crackling. You sit there with Joe Smith, the greatest buddy you ever had, and talk about the day you almost got hit by a sniper's bullet or how Joe and you got out of a building just as an artillery shell hit it.

One thing I can say is, once you make a reunion, I can almost bet that you won't miss the next one if you can possibly help it and sometimes I think the wives enjoy it more than we do.

Larry Redmond—Secretary
330th Regimental Unit.

Open Letter To All Thunderbolts

By Larry Redmond, Co. H-330

Here we are once again, one more "THUNDERBOLT" closer to our Reunion time and, before we realize it we will be on our way to good old South Carolina for a never to be forgotten reunion, where that good Southern Hospitality will reign and, from the stories I have been hearing, those southern gentlemen are hard at work trying to give you a reunion that you will never forget.

If I may deviate from the reunion and back to the good old 83rd Infantry Divi-

sion Association work; I have been in touch with our Secretary-treasurer, Harry Lockwood and am glad to report that we are about to reach an all-time high in paid up membership.

To those of you who have followed this Association closely in the past, you know such a thing is not possible without a lot of hard work. Our two most important men, the team of Harry Lockwood and his very close associate, Vic Landis, are mainly responsible for this big victory. These two men are both too modest to take the credit that is due them and, when I make mention of this in letters, I get back a letter in return telling me of the support they have been getting from some of you members, that a number of you have taken time out to contact former buddies trying to get them to join us. To those of you who have contributed to our great membership drives we take our hats off in the true 83rd spirit.

I notice from my roster that we will still have about 150 last year members still unpaid for this year and I cannot understand why. To those men I say, PLEASE, take a minute out today, get out your check book and write a check to the 83rd Infantry Division Association in the amount of \$5.00 so you can be proud to say, "I am a member in good standing in the 83rd Infantry Division Association."

Other Associations envy us let's try to make them more envious.



Four dudes from Regt. Hq.-329: 1 to r: James L. (Larry) Amiot, Houston, Tex.; Roland J. Dacier, Marlboro, Mass.; Roger Lemaster, New Carlisle, Ohio; and Harry Lockwood, Jersey City, N. J.

Indiana Chapter News

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Clarence has not been feeling very well and has been in the Veterans Hospital quite a bit the past year and perhaps a little fishing and relaxation will put him back in the groove.

On the sick list: James C. Jone's wife, Susie had an operation and, at the time this article was written, was in St. Frances Hospital. Ned and Genie Smith's son, Brownie was in the same hospital at the same time also and their daughter had a bad case of poison ivy which shows it is Spring sure enough. Dorothy Soroko has a painful arm condition and my wife, Gay, is home with a bad case of the Flu. Aside from that everyone is in the best of health.

Mr. and Mrs. John Soroko announced the marriage of their daughter, Sue, and that she and her husband have made their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

This time of the year, here in Indianapolis, things start to get humming, in preparation for the big parade and 500 mile Auto Race at the Speedway. Memorial Day, falling on Sunday, this year, the race will be held on Monday, May 31. On Memorial Day, also, let's each of us bow our heads in prayer for a moment or so in remembrance of our buddies who were not as fortunate as we were; those who did not come back.

That is all for now, hope you've all had a very enjoyable Easter, hope to see you all in Myrtle Beach, and, as our Assistant Chaplain and Historian, Hubert Edwards, said at the reunion in Providence, R. I. last year, "Y'all come".

G. Co. 331st Reporting

By E. J. "Spud" Murphy

Many years ago, it was written, that in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. However, I think that we middle-aged old soldiers had better content ourselves with thoughts of our old buddies, and our reunion. We need not remind you, that as you read this T-Bolt, convention time is less than three months away.

We are expecting a representative turnout, and it is our fervid hope, that you can all see your ways clear, to come join your buddies. Bob Pieete sends word along, that Joe Macaluso plans to be definitely on the scene. This should be incentive enough for all of us, to make a concerted effort, to make it to Myrtle Beach. It isn't very often we get to see the old C.O., and buddy Joe Mac. If all who have indicated that they plan to attend do so, a gala affair is in store.

Your reporter received word from Joe Kuzma recently, that he was hors de combat, at his home, with an injured leg. I guess Joe had an accident at work. We all send our best to Joe, and hope by the time he reads this article, he has fully recovered. Joe informs us, that he had a pleasant visit from Benny Vecchione, around the first of the year.

As this column is written, we have 35 paid up members in the association. This represents a respectable figure, but we could have, and should have done better this year. Some of you old timers remain delinquent. Had you lent us your support, and cooperation, we could have easily surpassed our old records, inasmuch as we obtained several new members this year. Therefore, we ask you one more time. Please remit your dues now. You know who you are, without our reminding you. Just stick a fiver in an envelope, and send it to Harry Lockwood, whose address appears on the second page of this publication, under the editor's address.

Harry informs me, that on the national level, we had 723 paid up members, as of March first. This surpasses our high-water mark for any previous year. The returns are still filtering in, and we are still hopeful of eclipsing the eight-hundred mark in paid up memberships. We hope you will take pride in your association, and lend us your support, by remitting your dues now.

We also hope, that as you peruse this, the Memorial Day issue of your T-Bolt, you will stop and reflect for a brief interlude, and remember that dear buddy of yours, who made the supreme sacrifice.

Write to your old buddies now, and urge them to meet you at Myrtle Beach. Remember the dates Aug. 19th, 20th, and 21st. Plan to get there early, as the old pros arrive at least a day early. Let's not wait until the first of August, to let our buddies know we will be on hand. Folks usually have made other plans for their vacations by that time.

Dear Harry,

Sorry I'm not a more active member but enclosed are my dues for this year.

From the slate of officers I take it the reunion will be in the south. Perhaps I may be able to contribute something if all goes well as it is now.

Sam Orsich
207 Tanglewylde Drive
Spartansburg, S. C.
Co. M-331

The following prints are of men who formerly were with Regt. Hq. Co.-330.



Frank Lamberti of Barre, Vermont and Arnold Cipperly of Troy, New York.



Emil Wehling of Fair Lawn, New Jersey.



L. to r.: Bob Carter of Toledo, Ohio; Al Sexton, Corryton, Tenn.; Jack F. Farrell of Cincinnati, Ohio; and James Price, Owensboro, Kentucky.

The following picture was taken in Paris in October, 1944. Just four men doing the town.



L. to r.: Sgt. Clifford Crawford of Bloomdale, Ohio; Walter A. Welsh of Douglasville, Penna.; Emanuel Epstein of Cedarhurst, New York and S/Sgt. Wilder Mathena of Dublin, Ohio.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is a money order for my dues for this year. I am very thankful that I am able to be a member.

After going all the way with the 83rd and not getting a scratch in November of 1962 I was involved in a near fatal hunting accident less than 300 feet from home.

I caught 190 No. 6 shot in a 1½ inch diameter in the small of my back, being shot point blank by my son as he tripped over a fence.

Many memories of my days with the 83rd flashed through my mind as I lay there, my right leg paralyzed from the wound down.

I remembered my old training to keep cool, tell others what to do and try not to go into shock.

After a 3½-hour operation by an ex-army major and a 3-month recuperation I was able to work again and can even run and climb now. So I am truly thankful for just being here now.

Best regards to any and all Hq. 3rd Bn.-331 members and I would appreciate a list of last known addresses of the outfit. I realize the cost of correspondence is tremendous so I've enclosed some stamps. Perhaps I can be of help in bringing some lost lambs into the fold.

I live 41 miles from Camp Breckenridge and as I pass by and go over once in awhile it brings back many memories.

Went back to Atterbury about two years ago but was not permitted to go down to the old 331st area. Had to stay on the highway running through camp. After a 340-mile trip that was really disappointing.

Leroy V. Johnson—Hq. 3rd Bn.-331
R.R. No. 2, Newburgh, Indiana

News from the New Jersey Chapter

By Harry W. Lockwood—Regt. Hq.—329

In some cases things are looking up in the New Jersey Chapter.

The President of the Chapter, Charlie Sihlanick is riding around in a Chrysler New Yorker and Vito Lascari, Vice-President, is doing the same in a Cadillac but the Secretary-treasurer still has the same 1963 Rambler 770 and our Mr. "Moneybags", Stan Bielen has a two year old Thunderbird. Oh well, perhaps a little later on the tables will be reversed.

We have some proud parents in our midst: Charlie Sihlanick's daughter, Linda, has been on the honor roll at Holy Cross Academy since last September. Emil Wehling's son, Russell, was one of the 140 students, out of 5000 who took the test, to be accepted for entrance in Paramus Regional School and will start his formal education in the fall. Joe and Vickie DePeri's son, Angelo, will enter Don Bosco Catholic High, in Ramsey, N. J. at the same time.

Speaking of Joe and Vickie DePeri, they are hoping to be at the reunion in Myrtle Beach as the 19th to the 21st of August are big days in their lives. On the 19th of August, which, incidentally, is Vickie's birthday, 19 years ago Joe and Vickie started dating on that day their romance ending in marriage about three years later.

During those years of marriage they have had three children and are still in the hand holding stage.

August 21st is Joe's birthday and, at the age of 40, we find Joe doing very well in his own trucking business.

Note to Dave Benick: Stan is still anxiously waiting for the goods.

At our meeting in April at the V.F.W. Post 2867 in Garfield, N. J., it was decided that ideas for a ladies night in the very near future will be submitted at the next meeting on May 21.

The meeting being held on Good Friday, which was also the start of the Jewish Holiday, Dave Benick was not present but Dave does not miss many meetings and we realize that his reason for missing this one was certainly a most noble one. When Dave doesn't come Sam Galati doesn't come either as Dave is Sam's means of transportation but we really appreciate that they come all the way from Brooklyn to Garfield to spend an evening with their buddies whenever possible.

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of Fran Bielen's mother, Mrs. Eleanor Tarc, on April 8th and of course through Stan, all the members of the chapter extended their sympathies to Fran in her bereavement.

We are still waiting to hear from our old buddy, Nick Esposito, so Nick, old buddy, please contact one of us.

See you in the next issue.

Attention All Men Of Co. F-330

John H. Bowman, formerly of Co. F-330, sent me his name but no address so it is impossible for me to contact him. If any of you know John, please send me his address so I can answer his card and send him a Thunderbolt.

As you can see by the categorically listed paid up membership roster in this issue of Thunderbolt, Co. F-330 is very close to the top with 24 paid up members and, I think, if one energetic member of your unit were to take over and contact your former buddies and members of your company you would give the top three units a run for their money. Think it over, it might be worth a try. (John's card came from Bonham, Tex.).

Your Secretary

Attention All Members

Every once in a while I get an inquiry regarding how often Thunderbolt is printed each year, the answer is:

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

Thunderbolt is printed in February, May, July, September and November, usually around the third week of each of those months.

If you should send in news, of any kind, and do not find it in the next issue, perhaps there was no room for it and it will appear in a future issue. In order to print news, though, we must get it and get it in time so, if your news or news about your chapter does not appear in Thunderbolt it is because we didn't get it in time or we did not get it at all.

Your Editor

Attention All Former Members of Co. E-329

Ralph J. Knorr, formerly of Co. E-329, living at P.O. Box 144 in Wheeling, West Virginia, would like information on an old buddy of his by the name of Stitt. He doesn't remember his first name but he lived in Wheeling, West Virginia when he was with Co. E-329.

Anyone having information on Stitt please get in touch with Ralph at the address given.

The following men joined the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt:

Edward Monaghan — 207 Florence Boulevard, Williamstown, New Jersey — 83rd Recon.

Dominick J. Salierno—505 East Lincoln Ave., Mt. Vernon, New York — Co. F-331.

Don McGettrick—.P.O. Box 43, Essex Junction, Vermont—908 FA.

Steve Blasko, Jr.—Box 349, R.D. No. 2, Charleroi, Penna.—783rd Ordnance.

Leroy V. Johnson—R.R. No. 2, Newburgh, Indiana—Hq. 3rd Bn.-331.

Anthony M. Esposito—805 Boulevard, Bayonne, New Jersey—Co. A-331.

Edward A. Reith—Box 206, Brunswick, Maryland—Co. H-331.

Joseph A. Putnak — 144 Greenridge Drive, Monongahela, Penna.—Co. F-329.

John L. Walker—3523 West End Ave., Nashville, Tennessee—Co. G-330.

John H. Allen — Route 5, Box 236, Greenwood, South Carolina—Co. L-330.

Edward R. Hersman — 237 Fairview Ave., Doylestown, Ohio 44230—Hq. 2nd Bn.-329.

Neal R. Pendleton—635 Civic Center, Richmond, California 94804—Co. L-331.

Beuford F. Shields—1704 Watdon St., Whitmire, South Carolina—Co. H-331.

Marshall E. Ellis—7955 Pat St., La-Mesa, California—Hq. Co. 1st Bn.-329.

Grover G. Sellers—1064 Orchard Ave., Winchester, Virginia 22601 — Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.-329.

Willie M. Steakley — 3615 Meadowbrook Ave., Nashville, Tennessee — Co. F-330.

Harold E. Brown — 617 Lauderdale Road, Columbia, South Carolina—Co. D-330.

Percy H. Bobo — 118 Brown Street, Moncks Corner, South Carolina—Co. K-329.

Edward B. Thomas — 954 Rockland Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Virginia—Co. B-329.

Horace (Guy) Myers — 211 Center Church Road, Leaksville, North Carolina—Co. E-329.

Golburn R. Whitaker—Chestnut Ridge Acres, Route 2, Powell, Tennessee 37489 —Co. C-329.

Rev. Arnold A. Slagle—947 Freeport Road, Creighton, Penna. 15030 — Regt. Hq.-329.

W. Dale Hooiser—Warrensville, North Carolina—Co. F-331.

Richard E. Arnold — P.O. Box 3229, Sarasota, Florida 33578—Co. K-330.

William S. Blount, Jr.—108 Crescent Drive, Bel Air, Maryland—Co. B-331.

Rufe M. Lamon—630 Commerce St., West Point, Mississippi 39773—Co. M-331.

Archie N. Hestor—Route 1, Wallingford, Kentucky—Co. G-331.

Charles Potzer—R.D. No. 1, Smyrna, Delaware—Co. F-331.

George "Ray" Maki—Rt. 1, Box 51, Cooper Lake Road, Ishpeming, Michigan —Co. B-330.

William H. Ayers — P.O. Box 1243, Wells, Texas—Co. A-329.

Richard D. Willis—Route 1, Fountain Inn, South Carolina—Hq. Btry.-323 FA.

John Boyce Smith—420 Hermosa Pl., South Pasadena, California 91030—Hq. Btry. 908-FA.

Milton A. Singleton—Rt. 2, Box 180, Conway, South Carolina—Co. C-308 Eng.

John H. Hardy—Rural Hall, North Carolina—Co. F-329.

Raymond Harberson — St. George, South Carolina—Co. F-329.

Anthony B. Choust—109 Leona St., Houma, Louisiana—Co. F-329.

Warren Baker—115 Market St., Salem, Virginia—Co. F-329.

Richard L. Amerson — Glen Addie Homes, Anniston, Alabama—Co. F-329.

David S. Harris—Route 2, Box 30, Virginila, Virginia—Co. F-329.

S. L. Gates—Bashi, Alabama—Co. F-329.

Jesse D. Hayes—Rt. No. 2, Clemmons, North Carolina—Co. I-329.

George Nusbaum—Route No. 1, Frederick, Maryland—Co. D-329.

Dear Harry,

Not going to make any excuses for being late with my dues, just a plain case of negligence on my part. I'm a little ashamed because each time I got a notice from you I'd say I'll send it in tomorrow and just kept forgetting it.

As for you being a pest for sending dues notices, keep it up and perhaps some of the others may realize, as I did, that there is no reason why they shouldn't pay up now.

Here's something that may be of interest to the men of Co. K-330. A short time ago I received a letter from a former officer of Co. K, who is now retired in the grade of Captain. He is former Lt. William O. Sabom of Houston, Tex. He gave me a briefing on our officers we knew here in the States and overseas. It was a real pleasure to hear from him and he is doing very well in his business and has a fine family of four children.

I got his address from the Thunderbolt. I wrote him and asked him about coming to Myrtle Beach but he doubts if he can make it.

I intend to ask some of the other men from Co. K to attend because, if the GOOD LORD is willing, I'll be there and I hope to see you there.

John W. Heffner—Co. K-330
108 Boyd Street
Maiden, North Carolina

Thanks to Eldon S. Brissman, Hq. 3rd Bn.-329 for these pictures.



This "chateau" was located on the other side of the Elbe and was used by the A P Platoon of Hq. 3rd Bn.-329 in April of 1945. (Ed. note: How did you rate fellows, that's real living?)



Going Home via "G.I. Pullman". Among those in the picture are Ralph Malec, fellows named Sidor, Woodward and Watkins and others not identified.



Well! Look who we have here. Bernard O. "Dick" Riddle, chairman of the reunion committee, from Saluda, South Carolina, as he looked in 1945.

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Dear Harry,

Enclosing membership application with check for \$5.00 for dues.

I joined the Association many years ago but they lost track of me and I assumed that the Association had been dissolved. However, glad to be back with you.

Richard E. Arnold—Co. K-330
P. O. Box 3229
Sarasota, Florida

(Ed. note: Still going strong, Dick. Nice to have you back in the fold.)

Dear Harry,

Enclosed money for dues, tie tack and decals.

Have enjoyed the copies of Thunderbolt very much and will be looking forward to other copies as they come out.

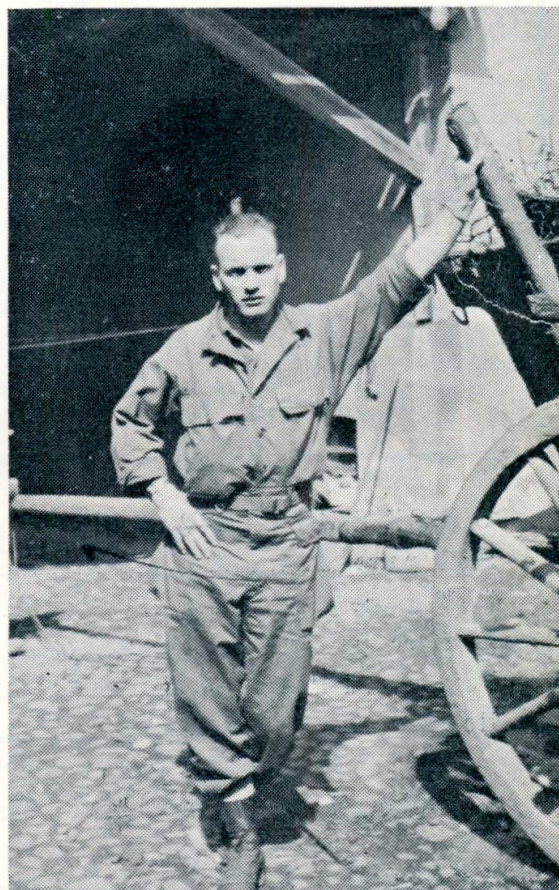
I was with the 83rd from the time it started at Atterbury until it was all over and we came home.

Now I can keep in touch with my old buddies of Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.-329 and I've sent along two pictures, one of myself and one of the old outfit.

Thanks very much and best regards to the old gang.

Grover Sellers
1064 Orchard Avenue
Winchester, Virginia

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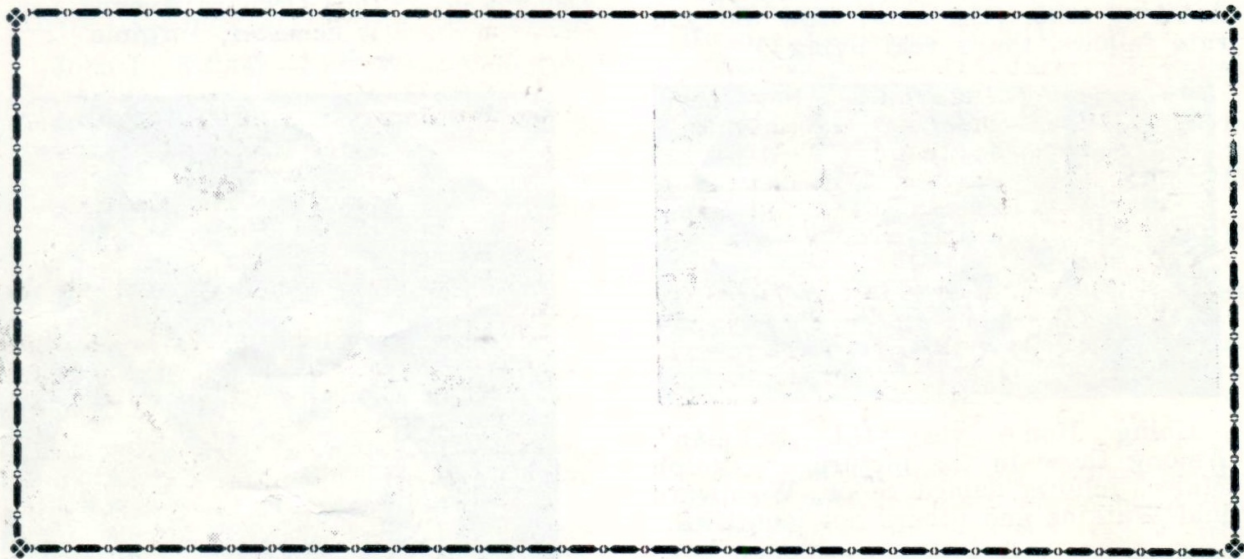


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Dear Harry,

Thanks very much for your letter and list of 324th FA members. I found several names and wrote to them and got replies.

I looked up Bob Piette and he and I plan to go to South Carolina together. Hope to meet you in person there.

Look forward to Thunderbolt very much and I found a couple more names in the last issue that were familiar.

Lou Volpi answered my letter soon after I wrote to him. He seems to be a real nice guy.

See you in Myrtle Beach.

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

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Dear Harry,

I feel somewhat guilty in being delinquent with my dues since I have been receiving my Thunderbolt regularly. Enclosed membership dues for 1965.

I thoroughly enjoyed this last issue of Thunderbolt, especially the Chaplain's Corner of "Love and Forgiveness" by Bill Shuman.

Then too, as I looked at the photos of the various "Buddies" of the 83rd in different locations of the old combat areas, it brought a lump to my throat.

I have never regretted my military experiences in any degree, either in camp or the ETO and cherish the very close, warm fellowship I had with the men of the Division that I was able to serve as a medic and otherwise.

It is a rich feeling of pride, as I was reminiscing, to have been a small part of so great an organization of REAL GUYS. May God bless them all.

Please send me your mailing list of names and addresses of the 322nd FA, including Medics, that you have to date.

Thanks to you sincerely and my very best regards to all.

Emmett Culver—Medics-322 FA
1121½ 3rd St. S.E. P.O. Box 1337
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 54206

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed is my check for membership in the 83rd "THUNDERBOLT" Infantry Division Association. It is with pride that I become a member of a group of men as fine as those men who fought in the 83rd.

I was very happy to see the name and address of a very fine friend of mine, Allen W. Scurry, of Sumter, South Carolina, in your November-December issue of Thunderbolt.

Best regards to all and remember me to the men of Regt. Hqtrs. Co.-329.

Rev. Arnold A. Slagle
947 Freeport Road
Creighton, Penna. 15030

Dear Harry,

As I look down the list of paid up members from Co. B-331 I think to myself why are we so slow. Knowing that we were in some of the hot spots we should be proud to be in the higher brackets of paid up members. Those of you of Co. B-331 who have not yet sent in your dues do it now and bring us closer to the top ten.

Last year was the first time I had the pleasure of attending a reunion and I am so very happy I did. It meant so much to me to see some of my old buddies and talk over some of the events that took place while we were in combat.

I hope I can be at Myrtle Beach as I have a son in Parris Island, South Carolina, in the U.S. Marines and I'll get to see him at the same time.

Good luck to all and would like to hear from Phil Poso of Catalina Island, Calif.

Carmi Lockhart
P.O. Box 3 6
Junction City, Kentucky

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed check for dues, sorry to be late.

Glad the gang had such a swell time at the reunion. Planned on being there but things don't always work out the way you want.

Would like to hear from anyone who might care to write to an old buddy.

Walter T. Reed, Co. C-329
Box 532
Pine Bush, New York

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Dear Harry,

Thanks for the Christmas issue of Thunderbolt. Good edition.

Not much news about Division Headquarters though. Was in the AG Section from beginning to end.

I own a food market beside the campus of Clarion State College, Clarion, Pa., my home town.

Dues enclosed.

James W. Phero
121 8th Ave.
Clarion, Penna.

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Dear Sir,

Noticed an appeal for 30,000 lost veterans of the 83rd Division. Was inducted at Atterbury in 1942 with the 330th 1st Bn. Medics.

Captured at Carentan, France on July 8, 1944. Released by the 69th Division at Wermsdorf, Germany, on May 29, 1945.

Discharged at Fort Knox, Kentucky, November 27, 1945 with the rank of T-3.

Would like to hear from former members of my old outfit.

William M. Richardson
Box 137, RR No. 2
Covington, Indiana 46932

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find dues not only for this year but for the past two years I have been remiss about sending them in.

I certainly appreciate the fact that you have continued to send me the Thunderbolt as it continues to bring back some old memories.

Last year, the daughter of one of the French families with whom our outfit (Co. H-329) was billeted while we were at Chateauneuf-sur-Loire, visited me at my home here in Pittsburgh. Can you imagine, the last I saw her she was six years old but now she is quite a lady.

Keep up the good work and I will try to get in touch with the Pittsburgh group.

Walter P. McGhee
1440 Navahoe Drive
Pittsburgh 28, Penna.
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Dear Harry,

Received your letter and material and find Thunderbolt very interesting.

Am making plans to attend the reunion in Myrtle Beach, if business will permit but August is the beginning of the rat race.

Would enjoy hearing from any former K-331 member who may remember me. After all, 20 years are a long time.

I was wounded on August 9, 1944, at St. Malo.

Enclosed find check for dues.

Raymond Barnes, Co. K-331
202 North College Ave.
Albany, Missouri
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Dear Harry,

Sorry I'm late with my dues here it is. Hope you hit 1000 members this year.

Am looking forward to the 1965 reunion. Was in Providence last year but took sick and had to go home so I missed out on all the fun.

See you in Myrtle Beach.

George Dubos—Co. A-308 Eng.
148 Park Avenue
Struthers, Ohio

Dear Harry,

Sorry I'm late with my dues but here it is, for this year and next.

Have enjoyed every issue of Thunderbolt and would hate to miss any and it's always a pleasure to read of some of the old gang.

Best regards to all.

Eldon McGinnis—Co. H-330
425 N. 6th Avenue
Hoopeston, Illinois 60942
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Dear Harry,

Dues enclosed. Sorry I couldn't make the reunion but I had a hernia operation on August 7, Best regards.

Stanley Banachowski
Collegeville, Penna.

Dear Harry,

Joined Co. H-330 as replacement in July 1944, near Carentan. Wounded July 25.

Returned to 330th in Luxembourg and was sent to Co. B-330; wounded in Hurtgen Forest on December 10. Returned to Co. B-330 in March, 1945 and stayed until September when returned home as high point man

Presently am auto mechanic in Ford garage; have three daughters, one son, two sons-in-law, one grandson and two granddaughters. All this and only 41 years old.

Hope to hear more about the old outfit.

Enclosed check for dues.

Lawrence E. Runion,
Co. B-330
Dumfries, Virginia 22026
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Dear Harry,

I run a used car lot in Staunton, Virginia and if you ever come through town again please stop by.

Plan to be in Myrtle Beach this year. Hope to see you all at the reunion.

Floyd G. Corbett, Co. I-329
725 Cherry Hill Drive
Staunton, Virginia
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Dear Harry,

Sorry to be late with my dues but enclosed is \$10.00 for this year and next.

Tell all the boys from Co. B-329 that I said hello and if any of them are ever in my neighborhood to drop by and say hello.

Thank you and best regards.

John J. Micelli—Co. B-329
Box 278
Wells, Nevada
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Dear Harry,

Enclosed check for dues and a little extra to help pay postage for all the reminders you had to send me. It's always nice to hear from you.

If nothing happens, between now and then, my wife and my two sons will accompany me to the reunion in Myrtle Beach in August.

As always,

F. M. Haney—Co. E-330
149 Oak Circle
Gadsden, Alabama
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Dear Harry,

So sorry we couldn't get to the reunion, couldn't get off from work. My wife and I were very disappointed, we were thinking of you all.

Have enjoyed my membership in the Association a lot.

Best regards.

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

Obituary

The New Jersey Chapter was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Anne Wehling on Tuesday, April 27.

Mrs. Wehling was the mother of Emil Wehling, long a member of the Association and of the New Jersey Chapter since it organized back in 1955. Emil served during the war with Regt. Hq.-330.

Mrs. Wehling was a member of the D.A.R. for many years.

Not much can be said at a time like this, of course, but all his buddies in the New Jersey Chapter and, in fact, throughout the Association, I'm sure, extend their sympathies to Emil and the family and friends of Mrs. Anne Wehling.

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Julius Ansel Dies at 57

Julius Ansel, formerly of the 329th Regiment and OSS, died on Saturday, March 13, as the result of a heart attack suffered on Thursday, March 11 while at a senate meeting in Boston, Mass.

Ansel was president of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. in 1950 and, at the time of his death, was State Senator from Massachusetts.

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Mike Grunik, formerly of the 908th FA Bn., from Monessen, Penna., died early in August of 1964.

Belated condolences are extended to Mike's family and we hope they are able to bear up under their grief.

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We regret to report the death of Dave Benick's mother early in December 1964. Dave was formerly a member of Co. A-331.

No one likes to lose a loved one, especially a mother, but being the type of person Dave is, we know that he will bear his grief silently and look to God for strength.

Dave is a member of the New Jersey Chapter.

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We were extremely sorry to learn of the death of Lloyd Welsh's father on September 5th, last and twelve days later, on September 17th, the death of his mother.

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We regret to report the death of Dr. Francis Renzulli, 407 West Penn. St., Philadelphia, Penna., early in April, 1965.

Dr. Renzulli was a Captain in the Medical Corps of the 83rd Division, and, at one time, a member of both the Division Assn. and the Philadelphia Chapter.

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the family and friends of our former buddy.

Just received word of the death of Willy Stein, 1st Bn. Medics, 329th Infantry on January 10, 1965.

The only information available is that he died of a heart attack.

Those of you who may know and remember Willy Stein might get in touch with his family and extend our sympathies. We would appreciate it.

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Just received word from Mary Rite-nour of 417 East King Street, Strasburg, Virginia, that her father, Lloyd W. Palmer, formerly of Co. B-331 was killed in an automobile accident on December 24, 1961 in Youngsville, Penna.

According to the information received, Lloyd was in the Medical Detachment of Co. B, and served as Sergeant through the five campaigns of the Division.

He was 46 years old at the time of the unfortunate accident and left five children.

Our belated sympathy goes to the family and friends of our former buddy.

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Lloyd and Lena Welsh can be sure that those of us who know them and have seen them at the reunions, in past years, extend our deepest sympathy, belated though it may be.

Lloyd is formerly a member of Co. G-330 and lives at 588 Gilmore Street, North Tonawanda, New York.

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We have just been informed of the death of Raymond L. Fisher, formerly of Co. E-329.

Fisher died a couple of years ago and, at the time of his death, was living at 41 Brown Street, Apt. 4, Somerville, New Jersey.

Ray and his wife attended the reunion in Washington, D. C. in 1956 but we lost contact with him after that.

Our belated condolences are extended to Mrs. Raymond Fisher and members of his family.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Sorry I couldn't be with you all at the reunion, hope to see you in Myrtle Beach.

Enclosed find check for dues. Best regards and here's to your health.

Selma Corder—Co. G-331
Rt. 2, Box 243
Nokesville, Virginia

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Dear Harry and friends,

Sorry to miss the reunion but perhaps another time in the near future I'll be there.

Enclosed find check for dues.
Best regards.

Lloyd Kosel—Co. B-331
1400 7th Ave., N. W.
Austin, Minnesota

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