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## The President's Corner

Julius C. Boyles—Hq. 3rd Bn.-329

Buddies,

I sure hope this issue of Thunderbolt finds each of you feeling fine and younger every day or young in spirits at least. I know that we cannot turn back the clock but still we don't have to make it go any faster and the best way to slow down old FATHER TIME is to make every second count doing something worthwhile.



Speaking of worthwhile things I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our great Division Association for being a part of this wonderful organization and helping to keep it alive year after year. I know that there are some who should be singled out for special praise but, knowing most of these very remarkable fellows, I know that they do not want any praise they just want to get the job done and that is what it takes to keep this organization going from day to day and year to year but when you see these fellows at the reunion in August it wouldn't hurt to give them a warm handshake and a pat on the back just to let them know that you appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

I look at the calendar and find that the

reunion is getting closer and closer. Where has the time gone since our last reunion? Seems like only a very short time ago that I took over as your president for the year and now my year is coming to a close. There were so many things I wanted to do to help our Association but it seems like I have done very little to further the cause. I guess that everyone with this job feels that he has accomplished very little during his term of office but our Association keeps rolling along in spite of what we do or don't do and this is good; it shows a sign of strength and purpose and a healthy vitality.

BUDDIES, I will close these ramblings with a very special plea. PLEASE COME TO MYRTLE BEACH TO THE 19th ANNUAL REUNION and I assure each and every one a most wonderful time. Y'all come now, Y'hear.

## Convention Chairman's Corner

By Dick Riddle—Hq. 3rd Bn.-329

Well Buddies, we are now entering the final count down for our 19th reunion. To me this is truly entering victory lane. The victory for us was when the Association voted to have the reunion at Myrtle Beach. This is something I have wanted and hoped for for several years now. So truly this is a dream come true.

I have been quite busy since the Providence Reunion, and I am sure there will be things we should have done that will come up. However, we have strived to do what we felt each member of the 83rd Association would like and approve of. You know this is one aspect of the organization we have been so proud of. We like to think of each individual as a person and when you put them all together as members of 83rd then we know we are working with the cream of the crop.

We are so pleased with the response we have had from men who have never attended a reunion. Especially the ones from our area. There are so many who didn't know about the reunions. So we are sincerely hoping for lots of new faces at this Convention.

This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. We don't forget our Army experiences. There is still a tender place in our hearts for the ones who fell on the battlefield. We won't ever forget them. We must make this an even stronger organization, if for no other rea-

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# Your Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood, Regt. Hq.-329

Gentlemen,

By the time you receive this issue of Thunderbolt another year will have been entered in the annals of the history of our Great Association and a most wonderful and successful year it has been.



It has been a year in which, for the first time in our history, we broke the 800 mark in paid up membership; it has been a year in which we contacted and signed up more new men since our charter was issued and it has been a year in which

the cooperation we received from some of you far exceeded anything we dared hope for.

When I am called on to give my Secretary's Report at the reunion I will give you a concise and true picture of what has transpired in the Association this year and also single out those of you who helped make this all possible but in this article, so that it may be seen and read by all, I would like to single out one person, without whom your Association would be just another independent veterans organization instead of one which has achieved a high position among the leaders in World War II veterans' organizations, of our type, throughout the whole country.

Perhaps some of you do not realize the importance of publicity or the cost of advertising. Believe me, gentlemen, publicity is the most important and advertising could be the costliest factor in any organization, or business, for that matter and when an organization, such as ours, has a man, such as Vic Landis, in charge of its publicity and advertising, that organization is fortunate indeed and every effort should be made to keep that man happy in that office as long as is physically possible.

Year after year Vic Landis has gotten this Association more free publicity and advertising than we could have hoped for and certainly more than we ever could have paid for. My thanks and the thanks of every member of this Association is extended to Vic Landis for the wonderful job he has done as Publicity Director of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. Inc., these past years; a truly magnificent job, indeed.

I might also add that the LIFE MEMBERSHIP SCROLL that is to be presented to Vic Landis at the reunion this year has been a long time coming and I know that Vic will be proud to accept it as a token of your appreciation.

As for me, it has been a pleasure working with Vic as the other member of the team of Landis and Lockwood and I have enjoyed every moment of it.

Quite often I have received and still receive letters from many of you complimenting me on the job I've been doing as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and also as Editor and Publisher of Thunderbolt and I have been criticized for not publishing many of these complimentary remarks in Thunderbolt but believe me, I appreciate everything that has been said about me even to the criticisms and the occasional off-beat letter or note from someone who has a gripe or because he had not gotten his copy of Thunderbolt, which, quite often, is his own fault; change of address, delinquent in dues for about three years or some other reason. All these things have helped to make this job interesting and it has helped me pass a great deal of extra time I would, otherwise, have on my hands.

Gentlemen, once again I say, thank you very much for putting your trust and confidence in me and I am proud to call you all my friends.

Elsewhere in this issue is an article by Larry Redmond, Co. H-330, about the team of Landis & Lockwood. For those of you who come to the reunion, and see and meet Landis and Lockwood for the first time, don't be surprised to find that they are ordinary, normal human beings, just like each of you.

And now in closing, I might say, to those 125 or so men who did not pay Association dues for this past year, please try to send it in as soon as possible so we may be able to reach our goal of 1000 paid up members by reunion time 1966.

Best regards, have a nice summer, and hope to see you all in Myrtle Beach.

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

Co. F-329 .....	45
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The Units showing an increase in paid up membership over last year are as follows: Cos. B-330, F-331, 6 each; Regt. Hq. 329, A-329, E-329, G-330, D-331, M-331, 5 each; C-329, H-329, K-329, F-330, A-331, H-331, 4 each; Div. Hq., B-329, 3rd Bn.-329, 1st Bn.-330, Co. D-330, Co. H-330, Regt. Hq.-331, Co. C-331, Co. L-331, 323 FA, 3 each; 1st Bn.-329, D-329, 2nd Bn.-329, A-330, C-330, I-330, Cannon-330, Anti-tank-330, G-331, 83rd Signal, 322 FA, 2 each; G-329, M-329, Anti-tank-329, Service-329, Regt. Hq.-330, E-330, 3rd Bn.-330, B-331, 2nd Bn.-331, I-331, K-331, Cannon-331, 783rd Ordnance, 1 each.

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The units showing a decrease in paid up membership over last year are as follows: Companies F-329, M-330, Quartermaster and 324 FA, 2 each; Co. I-329, L-329, Service-331, Medics and Divarty, 1 each.

Those not mentioned had the same number of paid up members for the past two years.

### Chaplain's Corner

Dear buddies of our great 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.:

Just a few weeks ago we observed that great Holiday, Independence Day. Perhaps to some of you it was a day at the



beach—or a trip to the World's Fair — a weekend of visiting relatives—or to witness that long awaited baseball game.

But then, too, we should all pause and take note of the significance of the day, the men and women whom we should remember on the occasion and the principles for which they fought and won.

It brings to my attention the subject of "patriotism"; "spirit of liberty" and "love of God and our Fellowmen".

Back in 1798 Fisher Ames had a wonderful definition of "patriotism" and I'm printing it herewith for your information:

"What is patriotism? Is it a narrow affection for the spot where a man was born? Are the very clods where we tread entitled to this ardent preference because thy are greener? No, sir, this is not the character of the virtue, and it soars higher for its object. It is an extended self love, mingling with all the enjoyments of life, and twisting itself with the minutest filaments of the heart. It is thus we obey the laws of society, because they are the laws of virtue. In their authority we see not the array of force and terror, but the venerable image of our country's honor. Every good citizen makes that honor his own and cherishes it not only as precious,

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Co. L-329 .....	12
Co. M-330 .....	12
Co. C-331 .....	12
Co. H-331 .....	12
Co. C-330 .....	11
Hq. 1st Bn.-331 .....	11
Co. M-331 .....	10
Hq. 3rd Bn.-329 .....	9
Hq. 1st Bn.-330 .....	9
Co. A-330 .....	9
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Co. E-331 .....	9
Hq. 3rd Bn.-331 .....	9
Co. C-329 .....	8
Co. D-329 .....	8
Co. G-329 .....	8
Cannon Co.-330 .....	8
Divarty .....	8
Co. K-329 .....	7
Service Co.-329 .....	7
Cannon Co.-329 .....	6
Co. L-331 .....	6
Q'Master .....	6
783rd Ordnance .....	6
Hq. 2nd Bn.-329 .....	5
Co. E-330 .....	5
Hq. 3rd Bn.-330 .....	5
Co. I-330 .....	5
Anti-tank-330 .....	5
Hq. 2nd Bn.-331 .....	5
Hq. 1st Bn.-329 .....	4
Co. M-329 .....	4
Anti-tank-329 .....	4
Service Co.-331 .....	4
Co. I-331 .....	3
Anti-tank-331 .....	3
Recon .....	3
Special Troops .....	3
Cannon Co.-331 .....	2
Hq. 2nd Bn.-330 .....	1
Service Co.-330 .....	1
Unknown .....	2

A vision appeared from out of the blue  
and stole my heart away  
A vision of beauty and loveliness  
who married me one day  
Her charm was such as I had never  
seen before, then or since  
But a drastic change has taken place  
causing me to wince  
It now takes her two hours to make up  
her lovely? face  
And her figure once so attractive now  
bulges from place to place  
I'm really not complaining but  
what I say is right  
That once lovely vision has  
now become a sight.



## Chaplain's Corner

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but as sacred. He is willing to risk his life in its defense, and is conscious that he gains protection while he gives it."

Relative to the subject of liberty and the spirit thereof someone described that the spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women—the spirit which weights their interests alongside its own without bias—it remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded it is the spirit of Him who, near 2,000 years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never forgotten: that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest. Yes, that spirit of liberty consists too of fear of God and love for our fellowmen.

We must remember if we work upon marble, it will perish, as Webster put it "if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."

At any rate I greet you again with great expectations of a wonderful reunion in Myrtle Beach and I hope that the turnout will be the best yet. May God richly bless and keep you and yours.

Faithfully,

William O. Shuman

## Convention Chairman's

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son than to remember them. Also our goal must be to get the other ones who aren't members to come on and join the fold. I'm sure they have their reasons and we must work tirelessly to find out those reasons and make this one of the strongest organizations now active.

If I may add a personal experience. We wrote Fort Jackson for their band for Memorial Service. Had a call one day from the band director. They were unable to accept our invitation; however, he had personally looked up the record of 83rd. His comment was, "you are a member of an outfit to be proud of. They have quiet a record in Army files." So you see we have people following our organization who were not even members of the 83rd.

Shaw Air Force Base has accepted our invitation to play at the Memorial Service, and following is a picture of their band. They are a busy group and we feel real fortunate in being able to get them for this occasion.

Looking forward to August 19, 20 and 21. See y'all then!

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Did you have a pleasant trip?



Co. F-330, sitting, Johnny DiNicola; front row, l. to r., Bowers, Clouits, Kenney, Joe DePeri, DeFranco; rear, l. to r., Goodman, Dinuizo, Doran, Gerry DiBattista, Delan, DeRose and Tony DeFranco of the 104th Infantry.



Four Volunteers.



Buddies, Joe DePeri and Rebel Jones; Co. F-330.



# The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Larry Redmond

Hello Buddies:

We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter would like to extend a word of praise to the officers this year for having one



of the most successful years in the history of our great Association. We are sure that they must feel mighty proud to be able to boast that during their term of office, that our Association climbed to an all-time high in membership. We sincerely hope that next year we can reach even a greater goal in paid up member-

ships.

Getting back to our local chapter, we have also just completed a very fine year. We had several social functions throughout the year as well as taking part in local activities. Our chapter has been mighty proud of the Color Guard that we have been able to furnish for parades and memorial services. We held one in Narberth, Pa. during the year, pictures of which were published in a previous issue of "THUNDERBOLT"; we also took part

in a Memorial Day parade and service in Philadelphia, pictures of which were taken and we hope will be published in this issue. We also had a very successful chapter banquet, there again some pictures were taken and a few of them are made available for publication. At our Annual Chapter Banquet we were able to boast of national representation; we had the pleasure as well as the honor of having our one and only, Harry Lockwood, the National Secretary-Treasurer; our National Judge-

Advocate, A. A. Regienius and his wife, Helen, and our own Frank McGrogan, Executive Board member and his charming wife, Mary. Along with these, we had several of our real hard working chapter members, I could go on naming them and their wives, but I am afraid that I may miss some of them, so to avoid any hard feelings, we will skip names for now. At this banquet we had installation of officers for the coming year. Our new slate of officers consists of:

William Murray, president; William Litrenta, vice president; Larry Redmond, secretary; Willard A. Pugh Jr., treasurer; and John Piscitelli, chaplain.



One of the crowded tables. On the left: Reggie and Helen Rugienius; on the right: Harry Lockwood and Mary Townsend.



Ann Rosenberg, Sam Aiello left, Vi Aiello and Mrs. Theodore, right front. Others at table unknown.



Association President, Julius C. Boyles and charming wife, Polly.

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Taking part in the Memorial Day parade and service, was the usual group that stands ready to take an active part in all our chapter functions. They were: John Piscitelli, Willard Pugh, Albert Belvedere, William Litrenta, Edward A. Paulino, David Rosenberg, Frank McGrogan and Larry Redmond. These men paraded like real 83rd men and although they are getting older and the city blocks are getting longer, they made it. The chapter has taken part in this Memorial Day parade and service for several years, the parade is over the same route each year, but believe me, this year the parade seemed twice as long, a real sign of old age.



Memorial Day Services; Rear: Pugh, Piscitelli, Belvedere and Litrenta; front: Paulino, Redmond, McGrogan and Rosenberg.



Memorial Day Services; rear, Bill Pugh, John Piscitelli, Al Belvedere, Bill Litrenta and Ed. Paulino; front: Larry Redmond, Frank McGrogan and Dave Rosenberg.

We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter are lucky in as much as our wives do take an active part with us in our social functions. They are a great group of girls, and go out of their way to help us make every affair the success that it is. We have one more social to be held before the Reunion, this will be held on Saturday, July 17th at Lou Volpi's new restaurant. I can assure you that once again it will be a successful affair.

Well Buddies, as we move along the home stretch and come in to the final days before Reunion, our Chapter takes great pride in extending a word of praise to the two men who strived so hard this year to make it the successful year that it has been. We extend our sincere thanks to Harry W. Lockwood, the greatest secretary-treasurer this Association or any association has ever had or ever will have and to Victor Landis, whose coast to coast publicity has brought us a new record in paid up membership. May God bless them and give them the grace to carry on for many years to come, for without the hard work these two men have done the past few years, we could be "The former 83rd Infantry Division Association", instead of the great 83rd Infantry Division Association we presently are.

We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter will be looking forward to seeing all of you in Myrtle, Beach, South Carolina.

## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis — F. 329

My campaign is rapidly drawing to a close and, along with Harry Lockwood, will have to agree, this has been the greatest, since I took office, six years ago. Three times around the nation, releases have been placed in every daily paper. Television and radio stations have been most cooperative. To all of them a very hearty thank you.

Men of the 83rd—it is not too late to take pen in hand and write your old buddies. If some of them have never attended a reunion and they knew their old bosom buddies would be there, they just might pack up and be at Myrtle Beach.

As I have said before—most of YOU MEMBERS say, let Joe do it. Well, Joe is getting damned tired of carrying the load—and if the Joes ever quit, we are DEAD. Think it over old buddies and quit being hitch-hikers.

A million pats on the back, to THE LITTLE GUY, Harry Lockwood, for the wonderful job he has done throughout the years and like old wine, he gets better every year. I sincerely believe this will be our greatest turnout in the history of our reunions. Be see'n ya all at Myrtle Beach.



## New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry W. Lockwood—Regt. Hq.-329

The June meeting of the Chapter was held at the home of David and Chiyo Chin, twenty-one stories above the street at 11 Fort George Hill in New York City.

This was the first time we had visited David and Chiyo, although they have been to the meetings at the Garfield VFW Post a few times. We spent a wonderful evening with our hosts and found them to be a most gracious couple.

They live in an apartment twenty-one stories up, with a terrace overlooking west, east and north which would be the Hudson River, East River and West Side Drive going north and a few other arteries in and out of New York.

When things got a little warm inside just by stepping out on the terrace you were met by cool breezes coming from the Hudson and, in fact, later in the evening a sweater felt good.

This was strictly a social evening and everyone enjoyed each other's company. Liquid and solid refreshments were plentiful and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening as the following pictures will indicate.

Chiyo Chin is leaving for California early in July where David will meet her later at the home of relatives there. They plan to tour the west for a few weeks returning in time to be with us at the reunion in Myrtle Beach.

Dave and Ruth Feig will take a Caribbean cruise in August and may miss the reunion this year.

The New Jersey Chapter will be well represented at the reunion as many of them have already gotten their reservations.

Not much else to report, at this time, but you can be sure that we will be looking for all our friends at the big doings in Myrtle Beach.



21 stories up on a hot, humid night, COOL FELLOWS, COOL; l. to r., Emil Wehling, Russell Wehling, Bob Walsh, Stan B'elen, John DiNicola, Joe DePeri, David Chin and Charlie Sihlanick.



l. to r., front, Millie Benick, Dave Benick, Chiyo Chin and Harry Lockwood; rear, David Chin, Charlie Sihlanick and Emil Wehling.



Harry Lockwood telling a funny? story to the group.



Joe and Vickie DePeri, (Whatever it was it must have been funny.)



## Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo—Hq. 3rd Bn.-330

With this issue of Thunderbolt we find we are getting closer and closer to another reunion of our wonderful Association and we, of the Boston Chapter, will do our best to make a good showing.



However, the Francullo's will not be there this year due to previously made plans to visit my wife's folks in Owensboro, Kentucky, at that time. You can be sure, though, we will be thinking of you all and are planning to be with

you all in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1966.

On May 22, last, the Boston Chapter put on a macaroni and half chicken supper with all the fixings and really had a swell turnout. Thanks to Pat's brother and sister-in-law, Margaret, who did all the cooking, with help from their two sons. Needless to say that, after the supper there was dancing and plenty to drink and everyone went home in a real happy mood.

We gave away three prizes won by the following people: 1st prize an AM-FM radio was won by John Montacalvo of Malden, Mass. 2nd prize, a cake won by Armand Mouto of Manchester, New Hampshire and 3rd prize a bottle of cheer won by Mel Joson, also of Malden, Mass.

Our Boston Chapter covers a very wide area of Massachusetts and its adjoining states and all locales were well represented. Thanks to the men and their lovely wives for coming as it is you people who make these affairs a success or failure.

See you in the next issue of Thunderbolt. In the meantime, here's hoping you all have the best time of your lives at the reunion in Myrtle Beach.

The following pictures were taken at the Macaroni and Chicken Supper.



Some of the Providence Gang.



What Artillery Threw The Short Rounds?

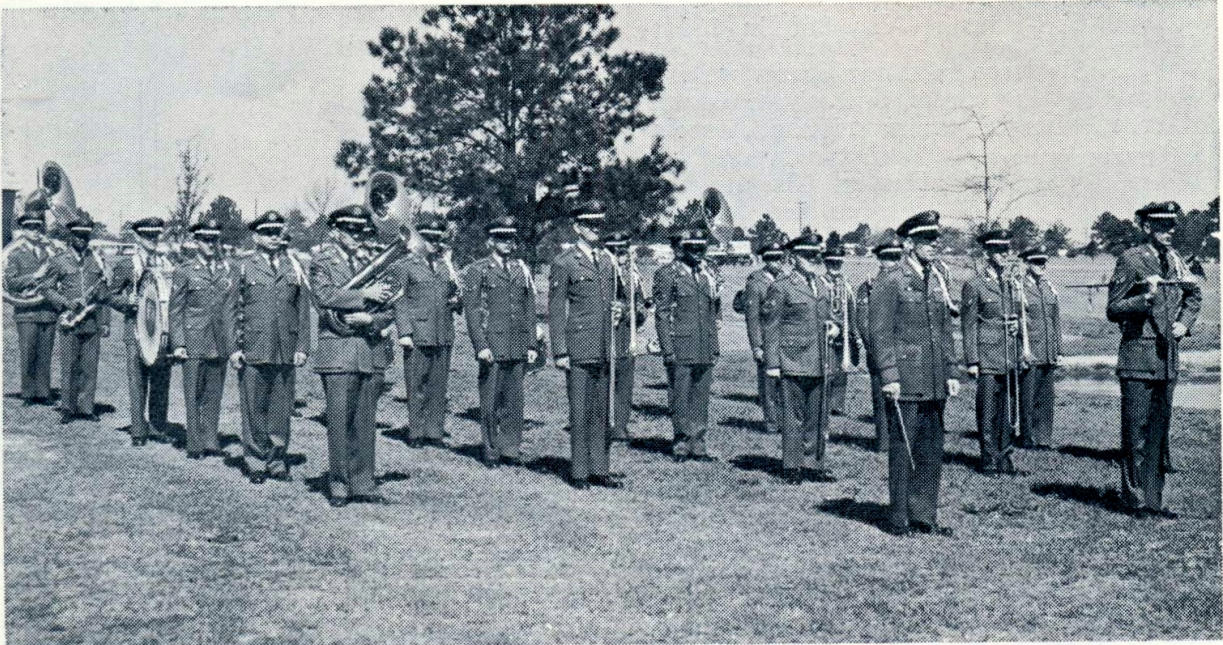


Ginny Di Giammerino & Mary Francullo:  
Next time, girls, look at the camera.



Looks like a real happy table.





## Melody, Marches and Mobility

It started back in '76 with a wounded drummer and a hobbling fluter escorting the colors.

Since that time, smart-stepping bands and martial music have been woven tightly into the fabric of U.S. Army Forces operations, and particularly into the sky-blue fabric of the U.S. Air Force.

The Ninth Air Force Band at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, is typical of the score of band organizations that the Air Force sponsors on its bases here and overseas. Each organization in the Air Force is assigned a specific mission, with the band fulfilling one of the most important missions of all—boosting morale on both the military and civilian fronts while acting as a good will representative of the service.

The Ninth Air Force Band (officially designated the 527th Air Force Band) at Tactical Air Command's Shaw AFB, has been one of the busiest in the business.

The band has first of all its regular military function. This includes playing and marching in base parades, retreat formations, retirement parades, shows, and honor guards. Also scheduled are performances for troop entertainment at various Air Force bases, base clubs, and the USO.

Special civic events like the local festivals, concerts, parades and celebrations in surrounding communities and states keeps the band hopping to fulfill the requests that continually pour in.

A typical year's booking will find the

band flying and riding over 14,000 miles throughout the Southeastern part of the U.S. with an itinerary that includes the South's many Air Force bases, the big cities, the villages, and the small hamlets.

Bookings have included everything from the dedication of a national monument to a local watermelon festival. During one hectic month, the band plays in a different location every day, lending authority to the contention that the band works as hard as any organization in the Air Force.

Depending on the particular occasion, the band can branch off into any one of five performing groups — the Marching Band, composed of all band personnel; the Concert Band, all personnel; a 16-man orchestra; a 10-man orchestra; a five man dance combo; and a male glee club.

The authorized strength of the band is one officer and 34 enlisted men. Reassignments and discharges cause fluctuations in the size of Air Force bands, but organizations like the Ninth AF Band are always ready to break in new bandmen fresh out of basic training.

New band personnel are obtained through selective recruiting. Before a prospective bandsman enlists, he is auditioned at an Air Force base near his home. If he is accepted, he takes his Air Force basic training and then is assigned to a regular USAF band where there is a vacancy.

A bandsman never actually stops training. The new bandsman is given weekly private lessons on his primary instrument, with qualified instructors holding classes in harmony, theory, sight-singing, conducting and dictation.



## Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Al Uridel—Cannon Co.-329

Hello Buddies:

Here we go again—rounding third and heading home toward another glorious reunion.



Cleveland Chapter seems anxious and very eager to attend this year; at least we have a lot of possibles who have promised to be there.

Received good news about our son, Johnny. He leaves on the 2nd of August for Uncle Sam's Navy so, by all that's holy, it's "Myrtle Beach or Bust" for Ellie and me.

Warren and Cleveland Chapters have not made connections for a joint picnic as yet; we are still waiting and it will be a long, hot summer.

Just looked over the paid up member list and am very much surprised to find that only 5 members of Cannon Co.-329

paid their dues for this year. What's wrong with the rest of them? Any of you guys from the old outfit reading this get on the ball and shake loose and shake some of those slackers loose too.

George Krupicka is still chasing his girl friend, Rosie, and one of these days he'll get caught. Ted Gurgol is now unemployed which gives him ample time to break in his new "China Clippers". All is well with everyone else; haven't heard of anyone experiencing any difficulties.

Our Memorial Day parade was, once again, a thing to behold with our gang resplendent in their 83rd uniforms and I, for one, am proud to be there, participating with my buddies each year and getting ten out of fifteen members to an occasion of any type is quite an achievement for any group. It shows that we have it where it really counts, in the heart.

Dues, of course, are always accepted, so you guys who have not made your contribution do so now. It doesn't take much effort to slip a five dollar bill in an envelope and send it to Harry Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07306. I know he'll be glad to hear from you.

See you at the beach, Myrtle Beach, that is.

The following picture was loaned to us by Joseph M. Zinni, 83rd Signal Company photographer, a new member of the Association who lives at 1734 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

Members of the I & R Platoon, largely responsible for the mass surrender of some 20,000 Nazi troops in France in September, 1944.

Front, l to r: Pfc. Stanley Pope, T-Sgt. H. Bernee, Capt. W. P. Callahan, Lt. Sam W. Magill, Lt. Felix Vande Wall of the Belgian Army, Lt. J. A. Hamel of French

Army, Sgt. B. Roller, Corp. Lemuel Sistler, Lt. L. Weiss, of French Army; 2nd Row, l to r: Pfc. M. Weisburd, Pvt. A. R. Goodson, Cpl. C. Vane, Cpl. David Alcalá, Pvt. J. Prvlekovski, of Poland, Pvt. R. Glasgow, Sgt. Ed. Hatcher, Pvt. M. Berger, of Poland, Pvt. James Reilly, Pvt. D. Wilkinson. 3rd Row, l to r: Pvt. M. Marino, Pfc. R. Anderson, Pfc. R. Houseknecht, Pvt. C. Finkhousen, Pvt. E. Mank, Pvt. J. E. Townsend, Pvt. E. Bangiewicz, of Poland, Pvt. M. Demeter, and Pvt. A. Biro.





## Pittsburgh Chapter Presented with New Charter

Since the last issue of Thunderbolt the Pittsburgh Chapter held its first real get together at the Pittsburgh-Hilton Hotel, which, if sanctioned, will be the site of our 1966 Reunion.

This was our banquet held on May 15 at the same time that the Executive Board was meeting in the hotel. It was held for the purpose of having our new charter presented to us and a gala affair it turned out to be.

The executive board members had an opportunity to get a first hand look at the kind of rooms and other facilities that will be made available to us and to those of you who will be coming to the reunion at that hotel in 1966 and we are hoping that all of you will do a LOT OF ADVERTISING FOR US BY LETTING YOUR BUDDIES KNOW ABOUT IT. Word of mouth advertising, person to person is by far the best kind, much better than paid advertising.

It was my pleasure to attend the meeting with the execs but I sure didn't figure on getting the THIRD DEGREE there. Perhaps it felt that way because this was my first experience at that sort of thing. WOW! All went well though, and we were happy that the execs agreed to accept Pittsburgh as the CONVENTION CITY for 1966.

I was a little worried about whether everyone had had a good time at the banquet so I got on the phone and asked some questions and did the same thing at our next meeting and found out that everyone was happy about the whole affair and my worries were for nothing. The only com-



Sam Klippa, Pittsburgh Chapter President thanking Association Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, for new charter.

plaint was that dinner was late because of a mix-up in time. My only disappointment was that some of those who promised to be there didn't come for one reason or another.

Hank Golembiewski, Our Camera Man, ran into some trouble with his camera that night and I'm sorry we have no pictures to go along with this article. Perhaps those of you who did get some will send me the negatives as I'm compiling a personal record of our goings on in Pittsburgh and would appreciate it.

The following pictures were taken at the dinner held in honor of the charter presentation to the newly reorganized Pittsburgh Chapter at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel on May 15th.



Association President, Julius C. Boyles and charming wife, Polly.



Two well fed, well refreshed couples: On the left, Adam Hassick and wife, on the right, Charles Altomari and wife.

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A moot point being discussed by Lockwood, Klippa and McGrogan.

A goodly crowd was there and everyone had a wonderful time.



## Attention All Men Of Co. K-329

Pfc Robert L. Capps, formerly of Co. K-329 was killed on or about December 19, 1944 near Rolsdorf, Germany.

His brother, C. W. Capps, of 122 School Road, Biltmore, North Carolina, plans to be at the reunion in Myrtle Beach and would like to speak with any old Co. K-329 men who may remember Robert.

Another brother, M-Sgt. James H. Capps, who is still in the service on his 22nd year would like to hear from any of Robert's old K-329 buddies. You can get in touch with him at 1057 Piedmont St., Columbus, Georgia.

Please follow this through, gentlemen, those of you who may have any information.

## A Pen full from the Pittsburgh Chapter

By Sam Klippa—Co. D-331

It seems like just a couple of months have gone by since the last reunion in Providence, R. I., and already we are preparing to leave for our next one in the land of Sour Mash Whiskey, Hominy Grits and Southern Hospitality.



This has to go down as the fastest or shortest year of my life.

We, here in Pittsburgh, haven't let up in our efforts to get all the information we can to present to you in Myrtle Beach

this year, so that those attending will have an idea just what to expect in Pittsburgh on August 11, 12 and 13, 1966, pending sanction by the membership to transfer the site of the reunion next year.

Those of us who are going to Myrtle Beach from Pittsburgh will be completing our plans at our next meeting and picnic to be held at the farm of Adam Hassick on July 18, which, of course, will be after this issue of Thunderbolt has been printed. This will be our first family picnic and Adam says there will be plenty to keep the kids occupied. Joe DeLuca will use his influence on the politicians of Monessen for the sporting equipment.

Some of the men of our chapter are really living it up these days, especially Chuck Navish, Co. I-329. Chuck and his family are going to Los Angeles, Calif., for a month-long vacation and will visit three of his old buddies while there named, Mills, Meylor and Bartha. Bartha is formerly from Aliquippa, Pa. They will fly there on a TWA Jet and we hope they enjoy themselves very much.

George Anthony Costanzo, son of Gene Costanzo, our Chapter Vice President, was married on June 12th, last, in Beaver, Pa. George was a State Policeman and then went to Washington, D. C. to work in the Pentagon. Gene is really proud of this guy and said that all who attended the wedding had a wonderful time. The couple will spend a two-week honeymoon at the World's Fair in New York.

At this writing, our good friend, Joe DeLuca, from Monessen, Pa. and formerly of Hq. Btry. Divarty, was in the Charleroi-Monessen hospital for a rupture condition. Haven't had a chance to see Joe but understand he is coming along just fine so don't stay off your feet too long, Joe, we need your hustle. Get well quick.

I wish that Joe Minotti would get in touch with Walter Gliniski and see if he

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## Special News Item From The 308th Engineers

Congratulations are in order to our perennial bachelor, Ody W. Coffey, formerly of Co. B who has finally settled down to married life on his farm in Massies Mill, Virginia. Ody took unto himself a bride, a lovely, charming girl from Pennsylvania, last January.

Ody has been coming to the auto races in Indianapolis for the past 14 years and, this year it was a pleasure to have him and his bride as our guests.

They intend to be at the reunion in Myrtle Beach in August and, to all you old Co. B members who may also be there, your personal congratulations will be in order.

Needless to say, we wish Ody and his bride a long, happy married life together so, again, congratulations to these two real nice people.

The following picture of the blissfully, happy couple was taken at the home of John and Gay Robinette in Indianapolis, on May 30th.



Ody W. Coffey and his charming bride.

## Attention All Men Of Co. G-331

At the time this issue of Thunderbolt went to press, your Company Reporter, Ed. "SPUD" Murphy was hospitalized and could not send in his usual interesting article.

SPUD does not know what his status will be at reunion time but, if at all possible, you can be sure he'll be with us.

Spud has asked me to convey his best regards to all in case he does not put in an appearance and he hopes that everyone has a marvelous time and that the reunion is a huge success.

Your Editor

Ed. Note: I'm sure we all wish Spud a speedy recovery and hope that he can be with us in Myrtle Beach.

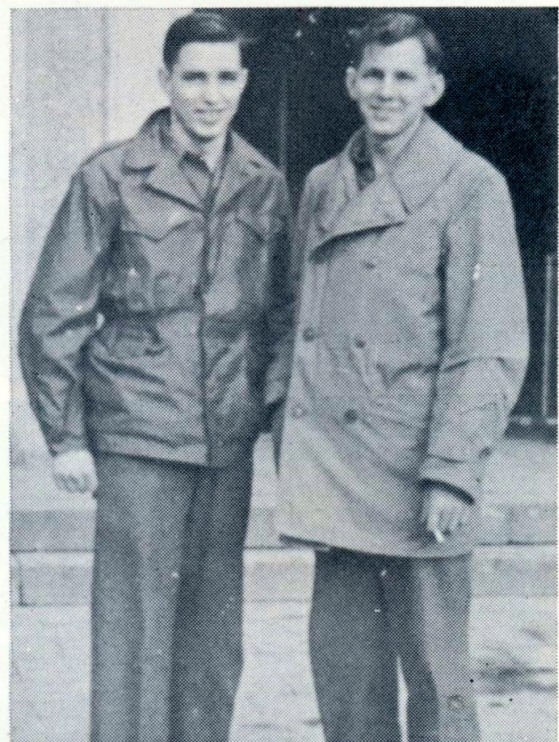
## Signal Musings

By Don Hinz

Slow, slow, slow! That's the way the mail has been coming in to me. As a result there is very little to report at this time.

I am happy to see that the 83rd Signal Co. had 13 paid up Association members as of the last issue of Thunderbolt. I hope our Association Secretary has more to report in this issue.

Included in this article are some pictures; I hope they bring back a few memories. One is of Bud Baker, of Middletown, Pa. and me taken in Regensburg, Germany in 1945 which may help remind you who is spouting off in this column.



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## Attention All Former 83rd Men in the Calif. Area

Howard Edwards, formerly of Co. B-329, who lives at 1118 Fulton St., Fresno, Calif., would like all California 83rders to contact him for the purpose of forming a California Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Howie has contacted and heard from some of you but there are many more left to be gotten in touch with and he is hoping to get things started as soon as possible.

Please let him know where you are and if you are interested and he will give you the details. He will be happy to hear from you.



I've received an address on Ervin Hawk but, as yet, have had no response from him.

I sent some Chicago addresses to William M. Doty, president of the Chicago Chapter, to assist him in his quest for membership and to aid, I hope, the Association hit the 1,000 paid up membership real soon. Anyone having Chicago addresses of Signal Co. men or other units sen them to Bill at 208 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois. Get ready to meet Bill at the reunion in 1967 in Chicago; he's planning madly for a real big get together.

I plan on writing letters to remind all our southern members to come to the reunion in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on August 19, 20 and 21. Here again, you can help contact any you may know and give them the word.

Mike Kielion and Bob Stotzer doubt that they will be at Myrtle Beach but are looking forward to Chicago in 1967. How about 1966, fellows?

Also sent along with this article a picture of our old buddy, Tony Gonsalves of Taunton, Mass. Wonder how he looks today? Get in touch, old buddy, we'll be happy to hear from you.

Don Hinz  
219 11th Ave.,  
Worthington, Minnesota

A long time has elapsed and I'm not sure of the men in the following picture but, as I seem to remember them, l to r: John Schneider of Jersey City, N. J.; Ed Clair of Ossining, New York; perhaps one of your old Signal Co. men can identify



**Tony Gonsalves**

the curly haired buddy sitting next to Charles Clegg of East Paterson, N. J. on the right. Hope we are right in our identification, will be waiting to hear from you who have more information. Drop me a line — I've had extra prints made.





# 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.



## Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco—Co. L-331

Well, Folks, here it is reunion time again, how time does fly by.

There is a lot of hustle and bustle among those of the Fall River Chapter being bought, road maps are being scanned and everyone is anxious to get going.



Some of us will be taking in the whole week at Myrtle Beach who will be attending the reunion at Myrtle Beach. As I understand it all reservations have been made, wardrobes are and that's for me.

Jerry Costa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Costa, was hospitalized recently and underwent surgery. Jerry is now out of the hospital and fully recovered. He certainly proved himself to be quite a trouper.

Our Annual Buffet and Dance was held on Saturday, June 19th at the Miguel Corte Real Club. We had a wonderful evening, the food prepared by Manny Martin was enjoyed by all, there was plenty of liquid refreshment and the music played by Bebe and his Musical Tops was enjoyed by all till closing time.

My sincerest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the members and ladies of the Chapter for a job well done in support of this affair which turned out to be successful indeed. We certainly have the finest group of people in our chapter and I'm mighty proud of them.

A Spaghetti and Meat Ball Supper is planned for Sept. 18 and we expect a complete sellout for the affair.

To the men of the Dixie Chapter we wish great success on the reunion and hope the attendance is above and beyond all expectations.

Hope to see you all in Myrtle Beach; good luck to all fellow Thunderbolts and their families everywhere.

### Congratulations Pittsburgh Chapter

On May 15th, my family and I spent a most enjoyable week-end in Pittsburgh. After an afternoon of shopping for my wife and a meeting for me, we were almost ready to call it a day.

However, the Pittsburgh Chapter had other plans. First we went to a banquet in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. I'm sure we all put on a pound or two. It was delicious! After that we had all the liquid refreshments which no doctor will advise. But we loved it.

The presentation of the charter was truly a highlight of the evening, and our own J. C. Boyles made a speech which was from the bottom of all our hearts.

We thought this was bedtime but Gene Costanzo and Sam Klippa had other plans. So off we went to a cozy place which no one but a member of 83rd would choose. It was wonderful! Even if my wife wasn't in step with Joe Minotti when they were dancing. Thanks fellows, for a night we will never forget.

We are so thankful for such a fine group of men to work so hard to get a chapter organized. I must say they are really a swell bunch and truly an inspiration to any organization.

See you in Myrtle Beach!

Dick Riddle

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

I happen to be one of the old 83rdrs. Saw in the paper that you were searching for members. Was in Co. A-308 Engineers for three years plus.

Have three others saying they'd like to come to the reunion if I find out enough details.

Please send me all information and names of men located in Chatham, Danville, Bedford, Rockymount and parts of North Carolina.

Thanks very much and waiting your reply.

Roscoe C. Crider  
Gretna, Virginia  
Route No. 3

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Saw in the newspaper an article about the great manhunt for 28,000 former 83rd Division members.

Was a 60mm Mortar Gunner in Co. E-329. Went through the Hedgerows of Normandy and fought in all five campaigns.

Have not seen or heard from any of the old gang in 19 years.

Please send all information about the reunion in Myrtle Beach. I sure was thrilled to see this article about the 83rd Thunderbolt Division.

Ernest L. Hutt, III  
436 East Bayview Blvd.  
Norfolk 3, Virginia



is not a sentiment ~ it is an economic necessity. ----- Charles Steinmetz



## Warren, Ohio Chapter News

By Mike Skovran, Hq. 1st Bn.-331

All roads lead to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina the week of August 16th for another great 83rd Division Assn. Reunion which will take place on August 19, 20 and 21.

As usual another fine contingent of Warren Chapter members will be making the trek southward to represent the Chapter. Among those expecting to attend will be, Joe and "Dimps" Minotti, Joe & Angie Phillipone, George and Louise Bellay, John and Olga Teringo and yours truly with family.

The story around Warren is that John Teringo will fly down while Olga will drive down with the children in order to fulfill a desire to stop and shop at any and all antique shops she may find on the way.

Another Warren Chapter Anniversary Dinner & Dance was celebrated on June 19th at the "Chateau", a local night club. The food, music and refreshments were exceeded only by the Charms and Congenialty of the very lovely Warren Chapter Ladies.

Speaking of beautiful women, Eva Gabor, of movie and television fame, who was playing an engagement in Warren that week happened to drop into the Chateau, and, while she was there, forwarded her felicitations and good wishes to the Warren Chapter.

A family picnic was held on July 4th at Willow Lake Park, here in Warren, which was very well attended by Chapter members and families. The horseshoe pitching contests were won by Lee Titus and John Teringo who "edged out" George Bellay and Howard Adair, 13 to 0.

This just about concludes the chit-chat from Warren except to say, "We'll see you all at Myrtle Beach and, as that fine southern gentleman, Hubert Edwards, said last year at the reunion, Y'all come.

Dear Sir,

Writing in response to your appeal in the Hickory Daily Record (N.C.) Oct. 2, 1942, we were among the first group to help re-form the 83rd at Camp Atterbury.

Went on Tennessee maneuvers, back to Breckenridge, on to Camp Shanks and overseas to England and saw combat duty in Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe which, of course, were the five rampaigns in which the 83rd fought.

Have never known where the reunions were held and am very interested in the dates and other information on this year's reunion. Would like to attend, if possible.

James Ray Freeman  
Route 1, Box 177-A  
Granite Falls, North Carolina  
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## Warren Chapter, Ladies Auxiliary Doings

By Millie Kelly

Hi Everybody,

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Warren (Ohio) Chapter is still very much in evidence although you do not hear from us very often.

As of now, our officers are: President, Mary Nuzzi; Vice Pres., Theresa Gautschi; Secretary, Liz Skovran; Treasurer, Angie Phillipone.

On June 19th we all got dressed in our Sunday best and met at the Chateau Supper Club. The occasion was the anniversary party of the Warren Chapter Ladies Auxiliary of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn., of course.

The men refought the battles all over again and, naturally, the ladies discussed the latest fashions, etc., during intermission from the dance floor. Our men sure were dancing fools that night. Louise and George Bellay celebrated their 17th anniversary that evening.

Next occasion was July 4th at Willow Lake. The men had a family picnic and the kids had all the swimming they could take for one day. Of course, Mommy and Daddy had their share of fun playing volleyball and, needless to say, there were some very sore bodies dragging around the next day.

Our grateful thanks to our wonderful husbands for two enjoyable get-togethers.

Our Ladies Auxiliary travelled to the big city, which is Youngstown, to see "SOUND OF MUSIC". After the show we went to the Venetian Gardens for a late snack. Wonderful movie, delightful snack meant an enjoyable evening for all.

Hope everyone has a real nice time at the reunion and some of us will see you there.

Dear Sir,

While on vacation in North Carolina I saw an article in the paper about the reunion of the 83rd Division.

Was in Co. A-331 from St. Lo until the end of the war.

Please send all information on the reunion.

Charles J. Hoffman  
1965 Monticello Avenue  
Merritt Island, Florida  
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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Served in Co. H-329, Second Platoon, during World War II.

Am interested in this year's reunion and would appreciate your sending particulars to me.

Harmie R. Pippin  
1852 Holston Drive  
Bristol, Tennessee



## Pittsburgh Chapter

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can get Walter on the ball. Wally was one of the first to join our Pittsburgh Chapter; attended the first couple of meetings but we haven't seen him since. Give him a direct order, Joe.

On the sad side of the news now: we lost a couple of young 83rd men in the past few months. Mike Golitho, formerly of the 908th FA, passed away on March 9th, last. This is all the information we could get on Mike and our deepest sympathies are extended to the friends and family of our late buddy.

Monessen and Hq. Co.-330 lost a member recently. On June 2nd, 1965, Joe Yursko passed away. Mike was one of our disabled veterans and several of our Monessen members paid their respects to Joe and extended our deepest sympathies to his family.

In closing let me say that we will be seeing all of you in Myrtle Beach, with some new faces and perhaps some that you haven't seen for a few years.

Hope there are a lot of new ones from the other areas, too. The more the merrier.

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Hello Buddies: OF OUR GREAT 83rd  
INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN., INC.

Here we are coming down the home stretch once again, in a few short weeks we will be bringing to an end another great year in the history of our Association. I dare say that this will be about the largest year in membership that our Association has had the honor and pleasure of having.

I think that we all owe a word of thanks to our two great men who made this possible. Each time I write a letter, I try to give a word of praise to these two great men, but enough can never be said for the wonderful job they have done. They have become the greatest team that any organization could ever have. The team of Harry W. Lockwood and Victor Landis, has been a team that any club or organization would like to have. These two men have given their all to this Association. Harry Lockwood has devoted his entire life to working for this Association, trying to keep everyone happy. He has done a marvelous job during his tenure as Secretary-Treasurer, publishing a "THUNDERBOLT" that is second to none. I have talked to several men who belong to other Associations, and have shown them copies of our "THUNDERBOLT" and compared it with theirs; you would be amazed at the complimentary remarks that they have

made about our publications. I almost dread the thought of the day that Harry declines to accept the nomination for Secretary-Treasurer. We have a lot of very fine men in our Association, but, I am afraid that when it comes to finding a successor for Harry, we have a real job in store for us.

The other great man on this team, Victor Landis, is one man who has done a marvelous job in obtaining all the publicity he has obtained for us. With all the contacts he has made coast to coast, if we were to have to pay for this publicity, it would have cost a million dollars. This has cost the Association nothing, the small amount of money that he may receive to help cover cost of postage, is a mere drop in the bucket in comparison to the cost of newspaper, radio and television communication that we have had. I sincerely

hope that for the good of the Association, that we never see the day that these two men give up their respective jobs that they have undertaken in the past. Knowing these two men personally as I do, and having had the honor of working with them as I have, to me they are the unsung heroes of our Association. The fact that our membership has reached the goal that it has, is due mainly to the job done by these two men. I know that there are more of you who stepped in from time to time and gave a helping hand, and to you, I think a word of thanks is also in order.

One thing for us to remember is that this Association is like any big league ball team, you must have the players to be able to participate in the game, but without a good manager and good coaches, your team would be lost. This year we have about 150 of our regular members who are not paid up in their dues, in spite of this we are still enjoying the biggest year of our career. With your help, next year will even be bigger and better, let us all start today, trying to think of that old buddy that we thought so much of, the fellow who came to your aid when the going was rough, the fellow who refused to leave you when you were injured and the troops were moving on and you couldn't. Let each and every one of us make a pledge to either sell one new membership to a buddy, or make him a gift of a paid up membership. If we each try doing that, then next year we can brag of having over 1,000 paid up members. This can be done and with your help. Let each and every one of us try to join the team of Harry and Vic, and make this the biggest team in the country.

Sincerely,  
Larry Redmond  
Co. H-330



## Frankly Speaking

by Frank McGrogan—Co. D-330

As you are all well aware the time is drawing closer for the 19th Annual Reunion of our great 83rd Infantry Division



Assn. the success of which was made possible by men like you, who have tried so hard to keep the Association growing.

As you well know, each time we gain a new member, the strength of our Association grows and, through the untiring efforts of some of you men, we have grown to a new high in paid up member-

ship. As I read over the records of this Great Association I feel proud to be a member of such a fine organization and doubly proud to have been president and, at present, a member of its executive board.

There are many things that must be done to help keep our Association growing. One of the biggest things is the proper selection of officers; by this I mean, choosing men for the responsible offices who have the interest of the Association at heart and who will work and put forth the effort to help make this a bigger and better Association.

Being chosen as an officer does not make a big shot out of anyone; none of us are big shot. We are just a group of men trying to work together for the betterment of our wonderful Association so that it can retain that status for as long as it is in existence. To be chosen as an officer is indeed a great honor and those who choose you are convinced you have the qualifications and, when you consider that only a few are chosen each year out of the membership who wore that great Ohio patch of the 83rd Infantry Division, to those who are chosen out of such a large potential to hold office in this great Association it is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on you.

In taking office in the Association you make a personal vow to try to do better than the man you succeeded. You analyze his record and pick out a mistake he made, here and there, and say to yourself, you will not make the same mistake. You do the best you can and, as your year draws to a close, you find that, you too, have made mistakes because not one of us is perfect, but in the fact that you did your best, the Association is very grateful that the right man had the right job.

Let's all start thinking over our selections of officers for the coming year and try to choose those men who will give their every effort to the betterment of our

Great Association.

Fellows, there are many more things, little things, that must be done for the good of our Association so let's all stop and think what each of us can do. If each of us could get one new member a year we would soon be the largest division association in the country so let's all try getting that new member.

This, our 19th Annual Reunion, is the first one we have ever held in the South so let's try to make it the biggest reunion of all. Come and enjoy that southern hospitality. We'll be looking for you there.

## Co. F. 329 News & Sidelights

Here we are for the reunion issue and the big affair is fast approaching. F. 329 has already bagged the paid up membership race and we are now shooting for the reunion attendance record. The boys from the old hominy and grits states have really promised to be there, en masse.

Note to Doc Kieth of High Point — get on Elmer Dishers tail and get him to the reunion for the first time, as he does not live too far from Myrtle Beach. To Sylvain and Eunice Fishman — be there early and bring the show dog, Little Dumpling along. Dumpling was the hit of the ball, when you had her at Cleveland.

George (man mountain) Kittrell, his wife, Becky, and their daughter, Brenda, will be in attendance. Bill, Arlene Nickell their children, Joann and Glenn, will be there as usual. A tip of the Landis beret, to the Nickells for their attendance, year after year. They have been the old faithfuls, of F. 329, since the first reunion at Cleveland. That's all she wrote—see you all in Myrtle Beach.

## Burkhards to Spend Summer in Europe

Karl (Co. H-330) and Ingrid Burkhard and their son and daughter left New York on July 1st and flew to Frankfurt, Germany, where their new Opel Kadett was waiting for them.

They will spend two weeks in the Black Forest and visiting relatives and then go on a tour through southern France, Spain, Portugal, The Riviera, Italy, Tirol, Austria, on into Passau, Germany, West Berlin, Harz Mountains and back to Frankfurt and back home by Sept. 4th, bringing their new car back with them.

This will be the third trip back to Europe for the Burkhards since the end of activities in 1945.

Karl and Ingrid want to be remembered to all and hope that everyone has a wonderful time at the reunion and they plan to be with us in Pittsburgh in 1966 and will give all who are interested a recap on their European trip at that time.



# Indiana Thunderbolt Chapter News

By John Robinette—Co. C-308th Engineers

This being the last issue of Thunderbolt before the Reunion I sincerely hope that you have all made your reservations at Myrtle Beach for one of the best locations for our 19th Annual Reunion.



From our membership report I know you are going to meet many 83rd men whom you have not seen since the end of activities in 1945. This, being more of a family reunion this year, should certainly be one of the largest ever attended, so

get our your duffle bags and field equipment and head for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

My wife, Gay, and I, had the pleasure of the wonderful hospitality of the newly reorganized Pittsburgh Chapter when we attended the mid-year meeting of the executive board, at the Hotel Pittsburgh Hilton, on May 15th last. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit with the Pittsburgh group and can say only the best about the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. Congratulations to the new Pittsburgh Chapter; we were happy to be present at the presentation of your new charter and we are all looking forward to a big Pittsburgh reunion in 1966.

Now for a little Hoosier news: We held our annual picnic at Garfield Park on Sunday, June 20th. It was very well attended even though it conflicted with Father's Day. The food was prepared by our wives and thank you very, very much ladies, for the wonderful job you did; there certainly was no shortage of food.

At our last meeting the following slate of officers were elected for the coming year: President, Clarence Hockensmith; 1st Vice President, Matthew Brumbach; 2nd Vice President, John Walker, Jr.; 3rd Vice President, Frank Pope; Secretary, Ned Smith; Treasurer, John Soroko; Chaplain, Paul Lewis; Historian, Louis Meyer; Judge Advocate, John D. Raikos; Service Officer, James Jones; Sgt.-at-arms, Richard Ammon; Chapter Reporter, John W. Robinette.

We are thankful that no one is on the sick list at the present time and several are planning and looking forward to Myrtle Beach not long from now. You all come, we'll see you there.

## Indiana Chapter Picnic, Garfield Park.



New Chapter President, Clarence Hockensmith with wife and son. Daughter not present.



# News From The Detroit Area

By Jack Daugherty—Co. L-329

This, being the Convention issue, I suppose most of you folks are looking ahead to Myrtle Beach and we hope to see many of you there.

Talking to Walter Marks, from the Chicago Chapter, who told me that their chapter is doing real good.

We had a meeting here in Detroit late in June and the turnout was below par but this, being the vacation time of year it's understandable.

Bill Palazzolo, Marion Muoio, and I took our families to Cedar Point, a beautiful amusement park in Ohio and there we ran into some of the gang from Cleveland. It just goes to show you, that, no matter where you may be it's possible that you may meet an 83rder there.

Received a card from Dennis O. Dunn from Clinton, North Carolina and I sure hope we see a lot of our old southern buddies from down Dixie Way this year. Will be looking for you, Dennis.

As far as I know, now, Bill and Virginia Palazzolo, Nick and Sylvia Barbu and Hankie and I will be with you all at Myrtle Beach.

Speaking to the gang from Cleveland they said they expected a good turnout of their members at the reunion and all indications point to an all-around good turnout and another really wonderful time for all who attend.

Just a reminder, boys, let's get our dues in so OLD Harry Lockwood will be all smiles when we see him in Myrtle Beach. (Editor's note: Didn't realize I was beginning to show my age, Jack.)

That's it for now; will say hello to you all in Myrtle Beach.

## 330th Regimental Unit

83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Hello Buddies:

Here we are coming down the home stretch, in a short time we will be attending another of our great Reunions, this time a reunion that will be something different. It will be a reunion, furnished with that good old Southern Hospitality. It will be one far different from those that we have been used to attending, so start planning now if you already haven't to be with us at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the Playground of the South.

Well, you men of the 330th, I am proud to say that our 330th membership this year has reached an all-time high. There are still several hundred of you 330th men who are not paid up members, and you all should be. We of the 330th have come through with a war record second to none, and there is no reason why we can't come through with a membership

record equal to it.

Let us all sit down and give this some deep thought, this year the national membership has gone well over the 800 paid up member mark, but, had we all exerted a little more effort to contact our former buddies and reason with them and try to make them realize just what a membership in the 83rd Infantry Division Association is we might have done even better. This is more than just another veterans organization. This is more of a brotherhood, it is composed only of men who saw service in the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II, not like other veterans organizations, where any Tom, Dick or Harry who was drafted or enlisted in the service can become a member. I know of many men who are jealous of us, who would like to be able to join our Association and come to a reunion with us, but they can't.

Between now and August, give this some thought, come to the reunion and enjoy yourself, and after we get back home again, let us all sit down and think over the buddies that we know, but who didn't attend the reunion with us, and start writing them and trying to sell them a membership. Let us make the rest of the Association jealous of us because the 330th Unit has such a large membership. Let us show them that we are still the fighting regiment of the division. During World War II, the 330th regiment was led by one of the finest regimental officers of the war, Colonel R. T. Foster. As Colonel Foster sits in Ashville, North Carolina today thinking over his days of World War II, let us make him feel proud of the type of men that he had under him, men who are still in there fighting, fighting to make the 330th Regimental Unit the strongest unit in the Association. It can be done, but we need your help. To those of you who have a special buddy served with you, a buddy you have always wanted to do something for, why not sit down and write a check to the 83rd Infantry Division, enclosing his dues for a paid up membership in the greatest Infantry Division Association in the world.

Sincerely,  
Larry Redmond, Secretary  
330th Regimental Unit  
Co. H-330

## Obituary

MEN OF CO. F-331 — ATTENTION

Just received word of the sudden death of Randolph Perry on May 24th last.

Randolph was formerly S-Sgt. in Co. F-331 and those of you who may remember him might like to send a note of condolence to Mrs. Randolph (Margie C.) Perry, 232 South Congress, Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our late buddy.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Sorry I won't be able to make the reunion this year but hope to be with you all in Chicago in 1967.

I think the Association is a great thing and sorry I did not know about it sooner.

Enclosed is check for membership dues.  
Emmit J. Bean—Div. Hqtrs.  
551 S. 99th East Ave.  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Dear Harry,

Would appreciate hearing from all former members of my company who may remember me from Camp Atterbury on through the Hurtgen Forest to Eupen, Germany.

I got clobbered by a mortar shell there on Dec. 4, 1944.

Those who have contacted me so far are Ralph Hoover, Pennsauken, N. J.; Ralph Johnson, Valdosta, Georgia and Ray Maki, of Ishpeming, Michigan.

Would appreciate pictures either old or new.

George O. Partanen—Co. B-330  
132 Center Street  
L'Anse, Michigan

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Dear Harry,

Sorry, will be unable to attend the reunion.

The army kicked me out last year (TOO OLD). Now wearing another uniform. Am Scoutmaster of Troop 108, Hillsdale, N. J., Boy Scouts of America and will be camping out with them. Son George is an Eagle Scout and son John should be coming up an Eagle Scout soon, I hope.

Enclosed is Patron Ad. Regards to Mac and the boys.

George Berlet—Co. G-331  
100 Trinity Place  
Hillsdale, New Jersey

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is my check for this year's membership dues. I am most proud to join our Association but am amazed that it has been in existence for the past 18 years without me hearing about it.

It was by mere chance that my wife saw the notice in the paper.

I can remember my former buddies clearly in my mind but am poor at remembering names. Would enjoy hearing from anyone who may remember me.

I remember taking a buddy to the hospital with a broken back and haven't seen or heard of him since but his name escapes me.

Was in the 83rd from June, 1943 until Christmas Day of 1945 when I was discharged from Indiantown, Pa. Was attached to Div. Hqtrs. but in view of all

the complaining most GIs do about Army food I hesitate to mention that I was a cook.

However, that was the army's idea, not mine. I never said I could cook.

Would enjoy hearing from some of the old gang.

Angelo Cupari—Div. Hqtrs.  
877 11th St. N.E.  
Missilon, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

I served as 1st Lt. with Co. K-329 from July to October, 1944.

Don't know how my chances are of attending the reunion this year as Civil Service can't take leave when they want it.

However, would appreciate any information you can provide just in case things fall into place and I'm fortunate to attend.

William T. Aiken  
Maj. AUS Ret.  
34 53rd Street  
Gulfport, Mississippi

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Dear Sir,

Saw your article about trying to locate former men of the 83rd Division.

Well, do I remember the old days of Atterbury's mud and snow, the Tennessee maneuvers and the march back to Breckenridge.

Sure would like to see some of the old gang again.

Was with Btry. B, and later on with Service Btry. of the 324th FA.

Live only about 200 miles from Myrtle Beach and will be waiting to hear from you.

Josh King  
Route 6, Box 12  
Rock Hill, South Carolina

## An Editor's Job

The following lament of a small-town editor strikes a responsive chord. It's been around for years, but lives on:

Getting out a paper is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other magazines, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff.

If we don't print every word of all contributions, we don't appreciate genius.

If we do print them, the columns are filled up with junk.

If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up, we are too critical.

If we don't, we are blamed for poor editing.

Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from another sheet.

(We did.)



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