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"Merry Christmas 1965"

"happy new year 1966"

to all

83rd

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## Office of the Association Chaplain

By William O. Shuman—Divarty

Christma, 1965

Dear Fellows:

I think it timely that I should quote to you at this time of the season, the Christmas Story from the Bible and hope that you all will take the time to read and read it over again and again, and to wish you all the most happy Christmas that you have ever had:



"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that

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# President's Corner

By

Samuel Klippa—Co. D-331st Inf.

Dear Buddies:

Nothing in my life has given me as much of a thrill as becoming President of our wonderful Association and I am



Thankful that you allowed me the opportunity to maybe help to build it up to one of the top organizations in the country today. I might also add here that it will be more than worthwhile if the results are good as far as Membership and Attendance are concerned at the Convention in Pittsburgh next year.

The two goals that I would like to see are: To see the Membership rise up over the Thousand mark this coming year and to have the largest attendance of any Reunion ever held. This, of course, can be accomplished only with the help of all of you members by just writing a letter or two to a few of your Buddies. It's really not hard to write a letter once you set your mind to it. Don't put it off for another day or you'll forget it altogether. Do it now!

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## Convention Chairman's Corner

By Charles Altomari—Co. B-308 Eng.

We have met with the Hotel Personnel on several occasions and all is working out smoothly.

The room rates will be \$10.00 per single and \$15.00 per twin with each roll-away bed \$4.00 extra.

We've agreed on the amount of rooms that may be needed with an extra 100 rooms should the occasion prevail that they are needed. However, this is subject to a 30-day review and the cut-off date will be August 1st, 1966 when they will release the unused portion of our room block but will continue to accept reservations on a first come, first served basis, as long as they are available.

We have also received better rates on our meals for the unit luncheons for Saturday and for the banquet on Saturday evening.

We have discussed our registration facilities with them and are very much pleased with them as they will provide what we want.

We are now in the process of discussing parking arrangements and this information

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## Secretary's Report

Gentlemen:

Back in harness again and things are going along smoothly.

At this writing the paid up membership in the Association was just around 600 which is about par for this time of year.



About two months ago I sent out some 650 dues reminders and up to now have gotten 200 or so responses.

Many thanks to those of you who have sent in your dues and we would appreciate it very much if those who have not done so as yet will send in your dues as soon as possible to avoid the time and cost of sending out another notice.

Look at your membership and if it does not read "Expires Aug. 1966" your dues are due and it's time to send in your \$5.00 in cash, check or money order to your Secretary-treasurer Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07306.

Last year we reached an all-time high in paid up membership with 823 with still some 125 members who did not respond. If those 125 were to pay their dues this year along with the other regulars and the new members we picked up at the reunion and will pick up in the coming months we could very well reach that 1000 paid up membership goal we have been striving for all these years.

So please, gentlemen, let this act as a reminder that your dues are due and save us the time and cost of another letter to each of you.

To those of you who have been members of our Association these past years thank you very much for your patronage and we hope that you will continue to support our wonderful organization.

This is the holiday issue of your Thunderbolt and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you, and your families the Best Christmas Wishes with Good Luck, Good Health and Prosperity in the coming year.

Your Secretary-treasurer  
Harry W. Lockwood  
Regt. Hq. - 329

### How About A Buddy Membership

A few years ago at one of our reunions, one of the members, whom I had never met up to that time, approached me and showed me a membership card I had sent to him.

He mentioned that I had sent it to him along with a note that one of his buddies,

who wished to remain anonymous, had sent in membership dues for him.

He also mentioned that he was very proud to think that someone valued his friendship to that extent and that, from that time on, we could expect his dues each year. He has not missed one year since.

He also gave me, at the same time, a \$5.00 bill as dues for one of his buddies who has since become a member in the Association who also pays his dues each year and who comes to the reunion as often as is possible.

We have had BUDDY MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS in the past with a reasonable amount of success so we are trying another one, at this time, and in this issue of Thunderbolt you will find a BUDDY MEMBERSHIP application and we trust that you will use it for that purpose if at all possible for you to do so.

Perhaps you have a buddy who is not in a position to send in his dues or one who may not know about our Association. NOW would be a good time to show him that you still remember him or to introduce him to the rest of the membership by having his name appear in Thunderbolt as a new member.

Quite often old buddies are located through Thunderbolt and friendships renewed that may otherwise not have been realized.

It is also a nice way of saying "HOLIDAY GREETINGS".

Your name, of course, can be mentioned or kept on an anonymous basis whichever you prefer.

Your Secretary-treasurer  
Harry W. Lockwood

Following is a list of the TOP TEN in paid up membership in the Association thus far this year:

Div. Hqtrs. ....	24
Co. F-330 .....	20
Co. G-331 .....	20
Co. M-331 .....	20
Co. F-329 .....	19
308 Eng. ....	19
323 FA. ....	18
Co. B-329 .....	16
322 FA. ....	16
324 FA. ....	16

Commenting on this I might say that many of the units are running abreast with last year's membership although Co. B-329, which had 14 paid up members at the end of the last fiscal year now has 16 at this early stage and Co. M-331, which had 10 paid up members last year now has 20.

This might be something for some of the other units to consider and think about so why not write to your buddies and get them to join our wonderful association or send in a Buddy Membership for that guy who was your close companion over there.

## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis—F-329

At this writing, Pennsylvania and all the Eastern States have been covered, as I have sent releases to all their daily papers and newscasts to radio stations in all key cities. As per usual, have had some wire releases from United Press and will get some more. Each succeeding year I find new angles to secure more publicity for the good old 83rd and even an old dog like me can learn new tricks.

The publicity I receive through the daily column writers—WE COULD NOT BUY and I have high hopes of reaching a new record this year, in that respect. The ultimate aim of our publicity, is to secure more paid up members and to have them attend the annual conclave and meet their old buddies. Elsewhere in these pages will appear a buy your buddy a membership form and we can break all existing records, if just all of the old guard does just that. Let's go, go and GO.

Harry Lockwood has already received numerous inquiries from the Eastern States and that is only a start. I hope to keep THE LITTLE GUY real busy and I know Harry loves every minute of it. Let's all get back of Harry.

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, do so at once and if you know a buddy who hasn't sent in his dues, get him on the ball or send it in for him.

You'll find the address to send it on the back page of Thunderbolt.

### Co. F-329

### News and Sidelights

By Vic Landis

It does not seem possible, the Christmas issue of that great little paper—The Thunderbolt—is now at hand, but time marches on and here it is.

Am glad to report, F-329 is about on schedule, in regards to paid up membership and we all expect to again lead the pack, down to the wire. It is getting to be a habit and we challenge all units to **EVEN COME CLOSE TO US THIS COMING YEAR**—when the books are closed, next July 31st.

Note to Joe Putnak—get in touch with Hank Golembiewski and attend one of the regular monthly meetings of the Pittsburgh Chapter. To Bob Heidel—try and do the same—will buy both of you a drink, when you attend the reunion at Pittsburgh, come this August.

A blue ribbon to Hank Golembiewski for never having missed a reunion and this one is right in his back yard. Cheers to Jim Fowler for battling back from several severe heart attacks and we all hope to see the old Sarge in Pittsburgh. That's all she wrote.

## "Frankly Speaking"

Dear Buddies:

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



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

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

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

If you have not paid your association dues as yet send in a check or money order for (\$5.00) payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association to Harry Lockwood today—43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07306. THANKS.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you from our house to your house a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Frank McGrogan

— Just A Reminder —  
**DUES IS DUE**

# Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo—Hq. 3rd Bn.-330

As another issue of Thunderbolt goes to press we realize that time is flying by quickly but the news for the Boston Chapter comes in very slowly.



We had a Blitz Party on November 5th at the Summer-side Lodge on Summer St. in Malden, Mass. and had a real good turnout with a few new faces there.

Plans are in the making for a big Christmas Party on December 11 which should be another gala affair.

As this will be the holiday issue, we, of the Boston Chapter, would like to take this opportunity to wish the officers and members, of our wonderful Association, and their families, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The years are flying by and the pace is getting harder to keep up with, so let's all have a good time while we may.

See you all in the next issue.

The pictures accompanying this article were taken at Chuck Abdinoor's place in Dracut, Mass. during one of our affairs a short time ago.



## President's Corner

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The plans for the Reunion in Pittsburgh next year are rolling along at high speed now and all the pieces are falling in place. We have come up with many improvements to our previous planning. It's amazing what amount of work goes into the planning and arranging of an affair such as ours. The boys are working awf.l hard right now and I know that you will have a ball when you come to Pittsburgh.

In the last issue of Thunderbolt I asked for suggestions on a Program for the Youngsters and the replies to this were very few. At Myrtle Beach many of you wre saying that such-and-such was wrong and why wasn't it done this way or that way, but now no one will write to me about it. The boys of the Pittsburgh Chapter have some very good ideas on this matter and I guess we'll have to go along with them. I'm sure that they will come up with something satisfactory to all.

Before closing, I'd like to ask all of you again to send me any addresses that you know are the latest ones so that I can get off my letters to them now. It's better early than late I am told.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I want to wish all of you a VERY ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY. The after effects of this holiday won't even be wore off when along comes the biggest, best and costliest of them all. MERRY XMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU. MAY YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON BE THE MOST ENJOYABLE EVER. So long for now.



## The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

This being the Holiday issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", we of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter wish to extend our



most sincere wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. To many of us it has been 24 years since we joined the 83rd Infantry Division and, as we think back over the years, we can well remember those first days at good old Camp Atterbury, where we learned to take orders from men assigned as Lieutenants and Sergeants, men whom we learned to respect and carry out the orders assigned to us.

Now those days are over and done, but the memory of the 83rd Infantry Division still remains with us. Today we have the 83rd Infantry Division Association, one of the greatest organizations in the world; to us it is the greatest. Within this great Association we have our local chapters, without these, the survival of the Association would be a hardship. Let us all take an active part in our Local Chapters. To those of you who do not belong to a chapter, why not try to join one today, if there is none in your own home town, either try to form one, or join one in a town close by.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter is proud to say that they have one of the finest Chapters in the Association. We here have a group of men who are ready at all times to come to the aid of the Association. Every year we go to a Reunion, we go there, standing ready to come to the aid of the Association in the event there isn't a Reunion City for the next year. I sincerely hope that we can always be able to render our assistance to the Association.

Our November meeting will be a combined Meeting and Social, it will be held at Lou Volpi's new and fabulous restaurant just outside Philadelphia. We are planning a few other socials for the year as well as our Annual Banquet, the time and place of the banquet has not been set as yet.

Here in Philadelphia this past week, we have had a little sadness within our Chapter. Anthony J. Adelizzi, one of the founding Fathers of our great Chapter as well as a former National Vice President of the Association, had the misfortune of the death of his father. Another of our Philadelphia men, Anthony Barbone,

mourns the loss of his son. We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, extend our sincere sympathies to both of these men. Last night while attending a meeting I learned of another former 83rd Division man having sadness. Frank Dixon mourns the loss of his mother. We extend our sympathies to him as well. Although Frank has not been a member of our Association, he did see service with the 83rd Division. James Kincaid mourns the death of his wife.

Well Buddies, once again the Greater Philadelphia Chapter extends their sincere Holiday Greetings.

Larry Redmond—Co. H-330  
83rd Infantry Div. Assn. Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following article was sent to me quite some time ago by Trudy Fowler, wife of James H. Fowler, formerly 1st Sgt. of Co. F-329.

Somehow it got mislaid but I print it now and I'm sure that the story will be enjoyed by all.

Thank you very much, Trudy, on behalf of all 83rd men and their families everywhere and we wish you and yours a truly wonderful holiday season and may the coming year bring you all only the best.  
Your Editor

### "WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO US"

Christmas is celebration—with gift and feast, with scarlet ribbon and fresh green boughs. Christmas is merriment and the sound of music.

Through how many threatening circumstances has Christmas been celebrated since that cry rang out "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Yes! Christmas is celebration, of the traditions of faith, hope and love. Without these things the gift of "God" is bare and but a touch of tinsel.

Faith, hope and love which cannot be bought or sold or bartered, but only given away, as "God" gave his son. These are gifts without price, and are discovered only within one's self.

These gifts are unique in that they cannot be imitated. They are not easy to come by but are in unlimited supply, in the reach of all mankind.

These are simple things; you have heard them all before but their influence has not and cannot be measured.

Yes! to us Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning—with the sudden stirring of the heart, at the thought of the ray of light and fell on our world as the Angels sang out their tidings of great joy.

Wishing you a joyous Christmas full of faith, hope and love, and a happy, prosperous New Year.

# Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Al Uridel—Cannon Co.-329

Hello Buddies,

We of the Cleveland Chapter are just rounding back into form after a wonderful time had by all at our Annual Dinner-Dance.



There were many Thunderbolts in attendance with Detroit and Warren Chapters also well represented. Al and Eleanor Klugiewicz (that name will have to be shortened, Al) along with Eleanor's sister, Della and Lou were there from Penna. Needless to say those who didn't make a night of it should

blame themselves.

The pork, dumplings and kraut were delicious, as usual. R. J. Voracek catered and did it up real brown. Refreshments were flowing like the River Danube and I can attest to that as I was wet up to my knees; the job back of the bar is one where boots should be a part of the uniform. Believe me, we haven't lost our ability to consume the beverages. WOW.

Warren and Cleveland Chapters met at Pine Lake, near Parkham, Ohio, during the month of September and, having been there, I must say that a good time was had by all. The weather treated us right

## Warren and Cleveland Groups



Something was funny



Just a plain old gab fest

for a change, gave us a chance to suck up some good beer and after much back slapping and hand shaking, we really got going. Corn roast, hot dogs and the works. John Teringo and Charlie, gosh, I forget his last name, oh yes, Tomazin, did a real good job cooking up the vittles.

And speaking of good jobs we, of the Cleveland Chapter, would like to compliment our good old buddy, Walter Meczka for handling the dinner-dance like the pro that he is. So speaking for all the gang Walt, thanks, you are elected again for next year.

Yours truly is now the proud possessor of an 18' Crestliner, so you can all come out on the Cess Pool, which is Lake Erie, and have a little nip or two, of fruit juice that is, with Eleanor and me. Will let you know more about this at a later date.

Eleanor and I are all alone now; our boy, Johnny, is stationed in South Viet Nam and you can appreciate how we feel about it. Now is the time when I start to get some down-to-earth praying in my system. The older boy, Al, is due home in May, 1966. He should have been home in January but he is detained another four months due to the President signing a bill keeping all Navy and Marine personnel in for an extra four months.

That's about it for now and speaking in behalf of all the Cleveland Chapter, we wish each and every Thunderbolt and their families, the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year ever.

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## **"ATTENTION"** **83rders Everywhere**

The following article was sent to me and is here reproduced in its entirety.

It was cut out of an Ohio paper of October 3, 1965.

It may mean the End of a Career but the record and tradition of the old 83rd Thunderbolt Division will live forever in the hearts of those of us who are so proud to have been a part of such a fighting outfit.

Long may its BANNERS wave.  
Your Editor

Oct. 3, 1965

### **END OF A CAREER** **Reserve Unit Awaits Deactivation**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — "Our intent is to keep on soldiering the very best way we can in support of our country, right up to the last minute."

The words are those of Brig. Gen. Raymond E. Mason, assistant commander of Ohio's proud 83rd Infantry Division, destined for deactivation under a sweeping reorganization of the Army Reserve announced by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

#### **Worthy Career**

Deactivation would write another chapter into one of the proudest stories in American military history.

"A very worthy career" is what Mason calls the history of the 83rd, comprised of about 6,500 Reservists in Ohio and West Virginia. The division is commanded by Brig. Gen. Robert C. Tyler of Columbus. "We haven't heard officially that we

have been deactivated. As soldiers, we await our next orders. But if it must come, we will keep on soldiering up to the last minute. We won't be foot-draggers," Mason said.

Foot-dragging is not part of the tradition of the 83rd, first organized in 1917.

It saw action in Italy and France during World War I and was demobilized in October, 1919.

#### **Lands in Europe**

When World War II broke out, the 83rd was activated again at Camp Atterbury, Ind., in August, 1942. A year and a half later it went to Europe, landing on Omaha Beach on June 18, 1944.

That began one of the most successful drives of any American unit. By September, the 83rd, known as the "Thunderbolt Division" had fought its way into Luxembourg. By November, it had reached the Germans' Siegfried Line.

On March 29, 1945, the 83rd crossed the Rhine River at Wesel. A month later it established a bridgehead over the Elbe River and went on to penetrate closer to Berlin than any other American unit.

It was during the drive toward Berlin that the 83rd's most famous exploit occurred.

#### **Captures Division**

A small group of its soldiers, no more than a platoon, talked an entire German division into surrendering and marched thousands of German prisoners into an American prison camp.

Deactivated again in March, 1964, it was reorganized as a division with headquarters in Cleveland and has remained in that status ever since.

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**The New Jersey Chapter**  
**Wishes All A**  
**Very Merry Christmas**  
**And A**  
**Bright, Happy And Prosperous**  
**New Year**



## A Little bit from Detroit

Things are rather quiet in the Detroit Chapter at this time. A few of us did get together and went down to Cleveland for their annual party. Those who attended from our chapter were Josephine and Marion Muoio, Slyvia and Nick Barbu, Virg and Bill Palazzolo and Hankie and I. I can't say enough about that swell bunch in Cleveland; as usual the sauerkraut and dumplings were delicious and the boys behind the bar really had a workout.

It was good to see the Warren bunch there. Mike Skovran of Warren called me the other night and invited our chapter members to Warren's annual steak fry at Mike's place. But as I told Mike, it was Halloween so the kids sort of plan on going out begging that night. I know we missed a great time as I have been to their parties before.

This being the holiday issue I want at this time to wish all you Thunderbolts and your families a pleasant holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**Jack Daugherty**  
Co. L-329 Inf.



Virginia Palazzolo, Hankie and Jack Daugherty, on the right; Nick and Sylvia Barbu on the left.



Mike Skovran presenting the \$100 prize money to Vito Palazzolo.



A pair of capable bartenders; Casey Kowalec and Ray Voracek.



John Teringo, Hankie Daugherty, Sylvia Barbu, Joseph Muoio, Nick Barbu and Ray Voracek.

## Chaplain

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she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

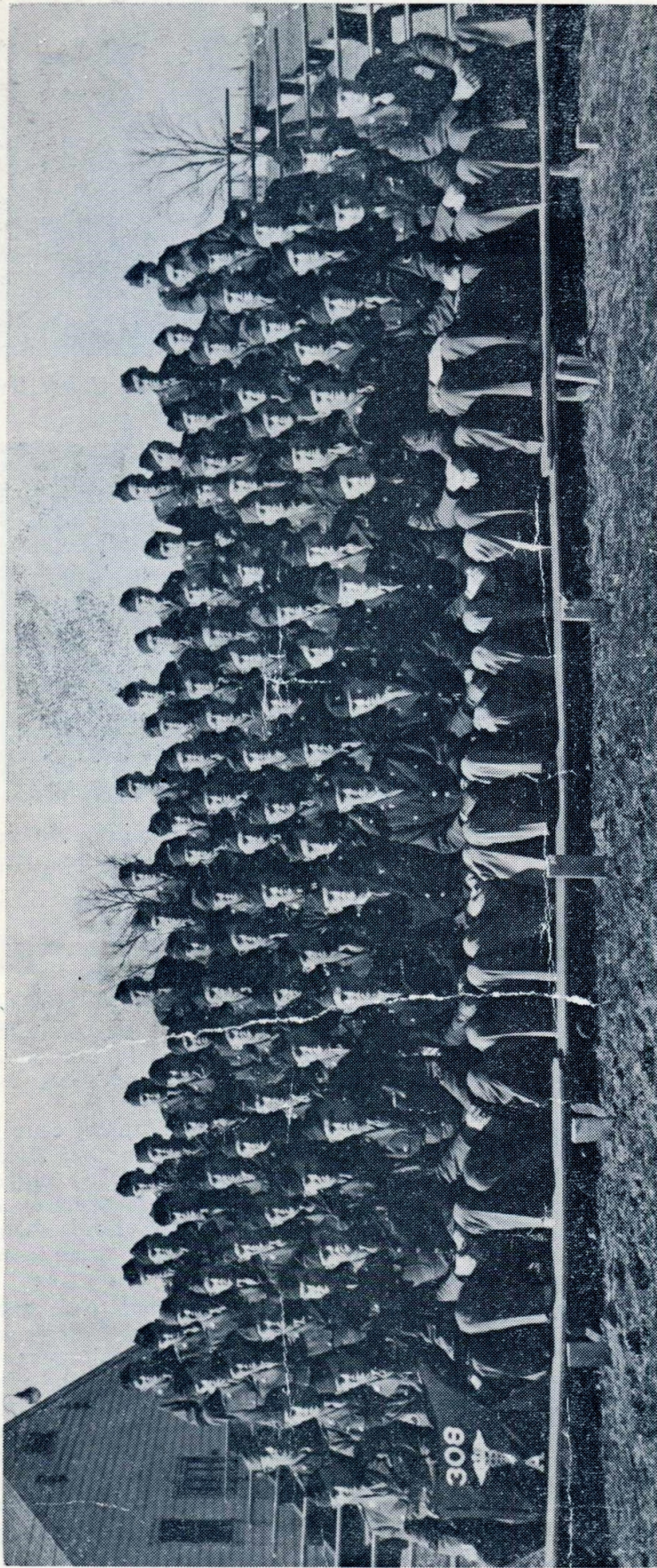
And there were in the same county country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.



The above picture is of Co. A-308 Medics which was attached to the 329th Regiment.

It was sent to Thunderbolt by Paul C. Decker, formerly a member of that outfit, who lives at 915 A St., Charleston, Illinois 61920, to whom we are indebted for the use of it.

To the best of my knowledge, three of the men pictured here are members of the Association: Homer Patnaude, Alvin Nowak and Paul C. Decker, numbers 5, 7 and 9 respectively in the fourth row.

Your Editor.

## To The Medics Everywhere

No matter how tough the going was the Medics were always there  
They paid no heed to the unseen for or to shells bursting in the air

They waited for no let up just went out and did their bit

To try to save the life of the boy who'd just been hit  
It did not matter who he was, his name, his rank, his creed

That boy out there needed help, needed help indeed

And without a moment's hesitation, shot and shell be damned

Just one thought was in his mind, go out and get that man

Courage, valor, bravery and heroism too  
Along with many other little things they'd do

So to all our unsung buddies, medics everywhere

We tip our hats and drink a toast, we're glad that you were there.

By Harry Lockwood

## Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit—  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a fellow turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—

You may succeed with another blow.  
Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man;  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup;  
And he learned too late when the night came down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.  
Success is failure turned inside out —  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,

And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,—  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

Author Unknown

## Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

By Greer Thompson  
Hq. Btry., 324 FA Bn.

Just returned from our monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter held at the Brentwood VFW, Post 1810 at 3801 Saw Mill Run Flbd. News is somewhat brief due to the deadline for the November publication; however, I'll try to bring you up to date on what the Chapter has been and will be doing for the balance of the year. Will try to have more news for the February Thunderbolt. The attendance at the November meeting was below par due to inclement weather and illness.

Ed Shapert, 1320 Duncan Avenue, Pittsburgh 37, Pa. (a new member), attended for the first time. Welcome aboard, Ed. Hope to see you regularly and sure do hope you enjoy being among all our old buddies. Ed was a member of Co. F, 331st Inf. Reg.

One of the first things on the program for November is our cocktail dinner-dance to be held November 20 at the Baldwin Firemen's Club. Music will be furnished

by the Happy Harmonizers. We're looking forward to having a real ball.

Two reels of World War II movies are on the agenda for next month's meeting. Plan to attend, fellows, as these movies are sure to bring back old memories.

Now that the winter months are upon us, some fellows hibernate to a certain degree; but we have one member who does anything but hibernate. This buddy attends no meetings from the first snowfall till the last. He's too busy skiing. Good skiing this winter, Ezio, with your brand new skis. By the way, Ezio was in Co. D, 329th Infantry Regiment. If you don't believe life begins at forty, ask him.

Was sorry to hear Gene Costanzo's wife was hospitalized, but glad she is home now and on the road to recovery. Also the wife of Sam Klippa is ill at the present time and we hope she'll soon be feeling better.

Best of luck to Joe Deluca's daughter who will enter nurse's training this coming January in a local hospital.

Before closing, I want to extend best wishes for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays from the Pittsburgh Chapter to all our buddies and their families.

## News from the Mason-Dixon Line

By Herbert T. Barber—Btry. B-322 FA

Boy! Where has this year gone. The years are flying by so fast we must be getting old.

Everything's quiet on the Southern Front. The convention is well behind us and Christmas is just around the corner.

The Dixie Chapter had its last meeting in Saluda, S. C. with Dick and Lessie Riddle. Everybody enjoyed a good old chicken cook-out and when not another bite could be eaten we all gathered around the piano, with Mrs. Hubert (Polly) Edwards playing, and we gently raised the roof.

Our next meeting will be a buffet supper on December 18th at J. C. (Red) and Polly Boyles home in High Point, N. C. We hope to continue the singing at that time as that is the best time of year to be happy and gay.

(Southern Gals note.) We really had a good time at the reunion helping to register the guests. Met lots of nice people that way. We want to thank Larry Redmond for helping us so much (Really, we helped him.) Had the thrill of a lifetime when we met two real live generals. But all our guys are generals to us.

Best wishes to all for a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year from the men and women of the Dixie Chapter.

# Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco—Co. L-331

Thunderbolts everywhere:

I trust that everything is fine with you as it is here in Fall River, Mass.

Our Macaroni and Meat Ball Supper, on Sept. 18th, last was a huge success.



The food was prepared by Manny Martin and Henry Cyr and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all. My sincere thanks to all who had a part in making this affair such a success.

On October 23rd, last, Harry Lockwood dropped in to see us during our meeting and social. Harry was greeted warmly by those present and he briefed us on the outcome of the past reunion and the coming reunion next year in Pittsburgh, Penna.

As always we had a swell time with plenty to eat and drink and Henry Cyr did the honors of showing all the movies taken at the Myrtle Beach reunion. Many slides were also shown including those taken by Harry Lockwood during a recent trip to the Adirondack Mountains in Upstate New York.

Two bits of sad news hit our chapter in September and October. On Sept. 28, 1965 Mrs. Mary M. Coelho Martin, beloved mother of Manuel C. Martin, former president of the Association, passed away in a local hospital. Our sincere sympathies to Manny and his bereaved family.

Honorary pallbearers were Police Chief Norman Bowers, Sealer of Weights and Measures Paul Sullivan, Deputy Sealer John Donnelly and State Representative Manuel C. Faria.

On October 11, 1965, also in a local hospital, Mrs. Mary L. Lewis Rego, mother of John Bernard, Jr., passed away after a long illness. Our sincere sympathies are also extended to John and his bereaved family.

Back on the brighter side, once more, our annual Christmas Party will be held at the Miguel Corte Real Club in Fall River. This is our biggest and best affair of the year. Music will be furnished by Bebe and his Musical Tops. A raffle will be held and exchanged gifts will be handed out to all by yours truly, Santa Claus, on the big night, Saturday, December 11. The food will be plentiful with drinks to boot.

The outcome of this affair, including snapshots will appear in the next issue, till then

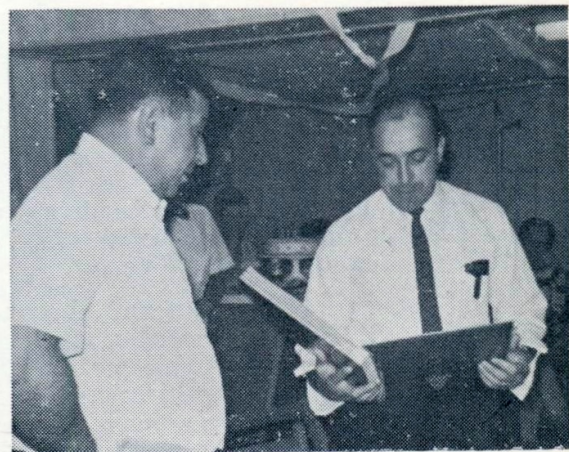
Wishing all fellow Thunderbolts, and their families, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



A Grand Bunch, Manny Pacheco and Norman Bowers in front; rear, Romeo Maynard, Eddie Benevides, Tony Telles, Manny Martin, Harry Lockwood and Pierre Barthelemy.



Ladies of the Fall River Chapter: Front, Ann, Dot and Joyce; rear, Adeline, Dorie, Ann, Doris, Olivia and Mary.



Manny Martin being presented with Scrap Book of events in the Fall River Chapter by Manny Pacheco.

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Dear Harry,

Find enclosed 1966 dues for Joe Jeff Davis, c/o Davis Motors, Boonville, Missouri and myself.

We spent a weekend together in Boonville at the time the last issue of Thunderbolt had arrived and decided it was time to get in our dues.

Jeff and I, along with about 25 other replacements joined 1st platoon, Co. A-330, just about the time St. Malo fell.

Jeff was wounded Nov. 5 in Luxembourg and I got hit in the Hurtgen Forest on Dec. 7. He ended up with the 9th Air Force and I ended up with the 8th Air Force.

Some of the Association members may recognize a buddy or so from the enclosed pictures.

I came across a good book recently entitled "Road to Hurtgen" written by Paul Boesch, former lieutenant in the 8th Air Force, and published by Gulf Publishing Co. of Houston, Texas.

It is a narrative about an Infantry Company's experiences from Brittany to Hurtgen and, as the foreword says, "To an old soldier this book will arouse memories." I recommend it for all 83rds to read.

Some day I may be able to attend a reunion but meanwhile the only contacts I get are from Thunderbolt, the fine publication you and your staff publish five times a year.

Sincerely,  
Victor L. ImMasche  
Co. A-330  
1411 Rural Street  
Emporia, Kansas



Pritchard, Cipriano and Proetti in rear; Gratcar, Dolack and O'neal in front.



1st Platoon Co. A-330 taken in Luxembourg, 1944.

Rippey, Gundry, Pritchard, Proetti in rear; Sollinger, Gray, Gratcar and O'neal in center and ImMasche, Hickerson and Maker in front.



Vic ImMasche reads the news on V.E. Day.

## Chicago Metro Chapter

by Jim Burton  
Co. D - 329 Reg.

Things are rolling right along here in the windy city and we want to keep everyone thinking of what a GREAT TIME we all can have in the GREAT CITY OF CHICAGO at the 1967 convention. Everything you can imagine is here for your enjoyment, so start planning N-O-W and make this the greatest convention that the 83rd Division Association has ever had!!!

At our July 21st meeting we had an election of officers and the past officers were re-elected for another year. They are as follows: Bill Doty, president; Jim Burton, vice-president; Ed Poninski, treasurer; Ed Noonan, secretary; Casimer Krupa, sergeant-at-arms. We held our installation of officers at a joint meeting in October at the Como Inn, and the membership was happy to have Harry Lockwood fly in to help officiate the festivities. His presence always adds to everyone's enjoyment, so thanks for coming Harry.

The holidays are bearing down and since this communication is for the Christmas issue, may I, in behalf of the entire Chicago Metro Chapter, wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Indiana Chapter News

By John W. Robinette—Co. C-308 Eng.

Hello Dear Buddies,

It is time to say hello to all of you and your families, once again, through our great publication, THUNDERBOLT,



which we are all proud of and anxious to read. Really we need two in my house as my wife and I cannot wait to sit down and read it so most of the time whoever gets it first reads it out loud to the other and then we look at the pictures together.

Oct. 16 we had our Social Affair with cocktail hour and delicious dinner. Everyone there had a fine time and, as always, we missed those who could not attend.

Our good buddy, Frank Pope, and his charming wife, Katherine, had made plans to attend but Frank was put to bed by his doctor the day before and could not be with us; we missed them. Later Frank had to go to the hospital for an operation on his left eye but will be home soon. We all wish Frank a speedy recovery.

We are all so glad to hear that our capable secretary-treasurer, Harry Lockwood, is getting along fine and has gone back to work and also back on the job as secretary-treasurer of our wonderful Association. We missed you, Harry, and we are very fortunate to have someone like you as secretary-treasurer and extremely fortunate to have someone like Larry Redmond to take over your responsibilities and do as fine a job as he did at the reunion. He always seems to be available when needed and always so cheerful and willing to do anything he can.

I know we have others in our organization like Harry and Larry who would never refuse to do anything they were asked to do if it were at all possible. Like Harry Lockwood has said many times; it is the fine members in our organization that have made it as it is today with 823 paid up members in 1965 which puts us among the top ten or close to the top ten in World War II veteran's organizations, of our type in the U.S.A.

That is something to be very proud of and if the 125 members who did not pay their dues last year had done so we would have had 948, almost the goal of 1,000 we have been trying to reach for so many years.

All you buddies, PLEASE send in your dues so we can all keep in touch and make this association of ours the biggest one in the whole country and also the best.

We are all proud to know that our

great Association is one of the biggest and best of its kind in the country but with a little more effort and a little more push on everyone's part we will reach the 1,000 membership goal and can go over that figure by reunion time in 1966 in Pittsburgh, Penna.

The Pittsburgh Chapter is in there pitching and working hard to give us the best reunion of them all but all our reunions have been so good that it seems impossible that anyone can do better. All the host chapters work hard to make their reunion different and the best and that is why we have such wonderful and enjoyable reunions each year. It takes a lot of team work on everyone's part, not just a few, and it takes each of us members to help them so let's all sit down and write to our buddies now, while we think of it, buddies who have not yet joined the Association and also those who have not yet sent in their dues for one reason or another. Try to make them realize what they have been missing all these years and how much we would enjoy hearing from them and seeing them at the reunion.

We realize that most of our buddies had families that kept them at home, especially when they were small, but now most of them have grown and some married so why not make an effort to join our association and be with us at the reunion at the Pittsburgh-Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh, Penna. on August 11, 12 and 13, 1966.

Not much news here in Indiana this time. Joseph Lowry and his charming wife, Helen, always take their vacation later than most of us and a few weeks ago they went to Cherokee Village in the Ozark Mountains to visit friends and on to Hot Springs and Kansas City and had a most wonderful time.

We are having our Christmas Party on December 18 at the Officers Club at Fort Harrison from 7 p.m. until ??? Anyone wishing to attend our party, please get in touch with our good faithful secretary, Ned B. Smith, 10251 Sycamore Lane, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Again, I wish to express our appreciation to the Dixie Chapter for the wonderful reunion in Myrtle Beach, S.C. We enjoyed our three days there immensely until we had to leave and from what we have heard and are still hearing it really was quite an affair. Compliments from the Indiana Chapter to you all.

Now we are all looking forward and planning for the 20th Reunion next year in Pittsburgh, Penna. Best of luck and good wishes to the Pittsburgh Chapter members and their wives.

My wife, Gay, and I and all members of the Indiana Chapter wish everyone a BIG Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Good luck, good health and God bless you all.

## To The Men of Co. D-330th

Dear Buddies:

Just a reminder to all you guys from "Co. D-330th" who were not at the last reunion. You really missed a wonderful time in Myrtle Beach. Now, I am starting a campaign to make sure you don't miss the next one in Pittsburgh, Penna.

I am striving for 25 members in our company this year and that is only a few more from the total paid up members this past year. If all the paid up members of last year would pick up one member each, we are sure to get our 25 members. It's worth a try. Old Buddy, how about it? Let's all put the old Division patch to the membership wagon and push it over the top. We can do it—if we try!

It takes a just and simple man with a little hidden quality to be a leader. We can't all be leaders, some of us must be followers but if a few of us lead the way the followers will fall in line and "Co. D-330th" will have the biggest turnout in its history this year in Pittsburgh, Penna.

I am sure most of you know that the Association dues run from August to August, so please send in your dues, if you have not sent it in as yet. Dues are \$5.00 per year.

Men, give this some serious thought—this is your association.

**HELP MAKE IT GROW**

**Frank McGrogan**  
"Co. D-330th"

## 330th Infantry Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Here it is time again to say hello to all of you men from the 330th Infantry Regiment. This being the Holiday issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", we extend the Season's Greetings to each and every one of you.

Four months has passed since Reunion time, four more months added to the history of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. As we sit and think of this great Association, we can't help but think of those days in 1942, when so many of us joined the 83rd Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury. There we were, a bunch of strangers, from all parts of the country. Within a few short weeks, we were no longer strangers, but like members of one great family. We learned to live together, work together and play together. As time went on, we grew closer to one another, then came the day that we shipped out for overseas. There we learned to be even closer together, for once in combat we had to depend on one another for our own personal protection. We endured the hard-

ships of war and finally the day came for us to come back home again. Upon our arrival in the States, we were sent to the different processing centers and finally discharged from the Army.

Our separation from the service did not separate us from one another; after a short time out of the service, the great 83rd Infantry Division Association was formed, and there again we became one big family. Each year we hold reunions and assemble together like one big family for the big family party. Our close association doesn't stop there with this once a year meeting; in some areas we have chapters where we hold monthly meetings; others of us visit one another's homes and share our friendship. I sincerely hope that the day will never come when we will be separated from one another. I would like to appeal to all of you to lend your support in helping to keep this Association growing, by contacting a former Buddy and asking him to join us. In the real true Christmas spirit, why not give him that gift to remember, a membership in the great 83rd Infantry Division Association. Let him know that you haven't forgotten him. Help make him remember that Buddy that he had in the Hedgerows, The Hurtgen Forest, The Bulge or the Hartz Mountains. I am sure that all of us can remember some special Buddy who did something at some time, especially for you.

Well Buddies, remember that this is your Association, help make it grow. Let us all get in there trying to help make the 330th Infantry Regimental Unit the largest group in this Association.

**Larry Redmond—Co. H**  
330th Regimental Unit



**Butch Raikos of Indianapolis taken at the Myrtle Beach reunion.**

## ATTENTION THUNDERBOLTS

Due to a shortage of space in this issue, Letters to the Editor and a listing of all new people who attended the last reunion will be published in the next issue.



After the feast, Ann, Casey, Charlie, Johnny and Mary



Berdie Titus modeling the beach robe she won in the raffle.



Chow Time



Warren chairmen for picnic, John Teringo, Charlie Tomazin

## Warren Chapter Ladies Auxiliary

By Millie Kelly

Locks like Old Man Winter will soon be breathing down our backs. We took a trip to Pittsburgh a short time ago and the mountains in Pennsylvania were very beautiful.

Getting back to summer, though. We had a wonderful time at Pine Lake. The Warren and Cleveland Chapters got together for a most enjoyable day.

Mary Meczka and Olga Teringo found an antique shop close by and soon half the women had disappeared. Don't know if they found any bargains but some lovely things were there.

We have been busy selling Christmas cards, as we do every year, and at Christmas we make a donation to the Hard of Hearing Children's class here in Warren.

Our Halloween Party and steak fry was held at Liz and Mike Skovran's place on Halloween night.

Our Auxiliary's Christmas Banquet will be held on December 18 at the beautiful new banquet rooms at Rainbow Lanes.

Dick and I welcomed our first grandchild on October 27. A bouncing baby girl named Kelly Marie Wagner.

Dimps and Joe Minotti are expecting their second grandchild any day now.

Berdie Titus won the beach robe raffled by the Ladies Auxiliary which was made and donated by Theresa Gautschi.

The women of the Warren Chapter Auxiliary wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

## Attention All Thunderbolts

We have been requested to announce, by the families of Manny Martin and John Bernard, of the Fall River Chapter, that due to death in each family recently, neither of them will be sending Christmas cards this year but would like all to know that the Best of Christmas and New Year Wishes are extended to all Thunderbolts and their families everywhere.

Your Editor.



## G. Co. 331st Reporting

By E. J. "Spud" Murphy

Presently, the Holiday Season, is once more upon us. We therefore, seize this opportunity, to wish all of our friends in the association, the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year possible. We also fervently hope; that the New Year, brings our fine association the success, which we anticipate.

Old G. Co. has 17 paid up members, as of this writing. This means we obtained 17 renewals for the first quarter. Now if we exert a little effort, and sign up men at the rate of 17 per quarter, we will have 68 men signed up in the association. Please remit your dues now, while you are in a holiday mood, and help put us over that elusive fifty membership mark.

Gene Constanzo, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is another in a long line of ex-G Co. men to serve in a national capacity. He is serving a term as a Sergeant-at-Arms. "Coz", is one of our more dedicated members, and you can be assured; that he will fulfill his term of office; with his usual fidelity and aplomb.

We hope that you fellows are already formulating your plans for the next reunion. You men, who are reasonably sure of attending, please indicate your plans to Lee Titus, or this reporter. If we have a general idea of how many members and their guests intend to make the scene, we can then weigh the feasibility of having our own C.P. at Pittsburgh. We expect a turnout, such as we enjoyed in Cleveland, which would suggest; that we enjoy our own C.P.

While scanning last year's roster, I could not help being aware of the fact, that quite a number of ex-Thunderbolts now reside in California. We know of three ex-G Co. men now living in that area, and for all we know, there may be more. Howard Edwards has expressed an interest in forming a California chapter in the association. We know this guy to be a dedicated worker within a chapter, so we think it would behoove Ruberto, Crawford, and Jake Smith to contact him at 1118 Fulton St. in the city of Fresno. You guys won't know what you missed, until you belong to a chapter of your own.

At the time that this column was submitted a bill was on President Johnson's desk raising the service-connected disability payments. Signature of the bill is virtually assured, as it was the administration that initiated the legislation. This represents the first raise since 1962, and is designed to offset the rise in the cost of living. The last word I had, was that it should average out at about 11 per cent.

How many of you saw the pictures of old Camp Breckenridge, on the Huntley-

Brinkley report? Seems there is a job corps project occupying part of our old camp. Much as we hated it at the time, there was something sad about seeing it in such a state of disrepair. Hope Joe and Angie Phillipone witnessed the program as it covered Morganfield quite extensively, and would have proven to be a nostalgic moment for them.

That's it for this Go-round men, so if you have anything left after you pay Santa Claus off, remember Harry Lockwood is waiting to hear from you. If he leaves you tapped out; well let's hear from you anyway. Harry's address is 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07306 and the dues, in case you don't remember, are \$5.00 per year.

### FALL RIVER CHAPTER



Chow Hounds, Henry Cyr and Tony Telles



Lorraine Raposa and Loretta Larue

Hello Buddies:

Here it is, just a short time since our last Reunion. Time seems to fly by on us anymore, I suppose that is a sign that we are getting old. Once again I wish to start off with extending our thanks to those wonderful people from the Dixie Chapter for a fine Reunion. To those of you who did not attend this Reunion, you have missed one that was different in many ways. Over the years we have heard the expression of Southern Hospitality, but this year we had the great pleasure of enjoying it.

As this issue of "THUNDERBOLT" goes to press, we are approaching the Holiday Season. Shortly after you receive this issue, Christmas will be upon you, then comes New Year's, which once again turns the pages of the calendar, and a new year comes into being. As we sit and think of Christmas, many of us can go back over the years and think of our first Christmas in the Army, to those of us who first started with the 83rd Infantry Division in 1942, we can remember that first Christmas at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, then as years go on in our memories, we can also remember our last Christmas in the Army, those cold days in the Battle of the Bulge.

At the present time, I am involved in a project called "MAIL CALL VIET-NAME". This was an idea thought up by the wife of a member of my American Legion Post. She told her idea to her husband, who gave it very serious thought. He came to our Post meeting one night with the idea and we pledged our support of it. After getting pushed aside in Washington with it, I suggested to him that he contact a Lieut. General Milton G. Baker, commandant of the Valley Forge Military Academy. He did this and General Baker liked the idea so much he contacted General Westmoreland, commander in Vietnam; he in turn liked it and pledged his support. The wheels of progress were set in motion and we got newspaper, radio and television support. I had the privilege of appearing with others on four television programs, two of them were coast to coast broadcasts. We also appeared in local newspapers. From then on, the ball was rolling. We have received Christmas cards from all over the country as well as Alaska, Barbadoes and Virgin Islands. As of this writing of this letter, we have received almost 70,000 cards and hope to reach 140,000 cards, so that there will be a card for every man serving overseas in the Vietnam area. This is involving a considerable amount of work, but it is well worth it. Having been in the service myself, I know only too well what it means to get mail, no matter what it was, it was always welcome. I am only sorry that this idea wasn't started sooner, so that I could have let you men know about it. I am sure that I could have looked forward to cards

from each and every one of you. We have a deadline date on this of November 1, so that we can be sure of delivery before Christmas. I would like to ask each and every one of you, if you have a relative or a friend in the service, no matter where he is stationed, send him a Christmas card. Help make this Christmas a happy one. Remember the day when you were in and how you looked for the mail; it is your way of letting him know that you haven't forgotten him.

Well Buddies, sticking to the thought of the Holiday Season, I would like to at this time, extend my own personal greetings to all of you, by wishing you all a most MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR, and hope that all of you are enjoying the best of health. May GOD BLESS you all.

Larry Redmond—Co. H-330

## 331st Letter

November 6, 1965

Dear Buddies,

Here it is almost the holiday season and as I sit and ponder about what to write to you, my thoughts go back 21 years ago when we were together in Luxembourg. Today as I read the papers I came across some articles concerning that tiny country which holds many memories for many of us.

The first article I came across concerned our first Negro woman envoy, Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris. In her first public appearance, she visited the town of Petange on the 21st anniversary of its liberation by American troops. I'm sure many of you remember that town. I also came across a travel article describing the Moselle Valley as a fine holiday resort. Getting back to Petange, when the 83rd does a job they never forget about it. It was tough at times, but we also had fun and it left me with many fond memories. Who can forget St. Nicholas day December 6, when the people opened their doors to us and treated us as their own. And how about Luxembourg City for having a ball. I'm getting so worked up I think I'll call up my buddy Manny Epstein to see if we could arrange for a holiday there.

Now as we approach a new year I would like to see a few changes. The first thing I would like to see happen would be for the Warren Chapter to have an honest drawing so that a guy like me can win once in a while. Are you listening, Mike? Next how about some of these bachelors getting hooked so they will have someone to slow them down at the reunions. Are you listening John, Bob, Sam and the rest of you playboys? As you read in the last issue of the Thunderbolt our buddy Joe Kuzma is off the list as he is getting married. Now he'll behave like the rest of us. Our best wishes go to you,  
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Joe.

Now I would like to wish you all, the greatest bunch of guys in the world, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best Wishes,  
Stan Bielen  
331 Pres.

P.S.—Since you guys made me the President my wife made me paint the house white. I wonder why?

## Signal Musings

By Don Hinz

And another year has come and gone; I cannot remember the World War II period moving so rapidly as has the last twenty years. It must increase in speed with the increase of age. The past year has been one of renewed contacts with old friends of over 20 years ago. A few contacts have been made with former 83rdrs other than Signal during the past year. The other night I received a phone call from Mr. Lou Nolan, Div. Hdq. who has been traveling through here for a number of years. He said he knew my name began with "H" but could never remember the rest of it. In our short phone conversation we uncovered the fact that we have quite a number of 83rdrs in the state of Minnesota. More than both of us realized. I tried to call a Bob Arnold who is in the insurance business in Minneapolis but he was out of the office during my recent brief stay in the Twin Cities. I tried to contact Ted Hodum to make his acquaintance but no one was there to answer the phone. I did talk by phone to Red Delaney and Jim Low and found out a little more about their activities in the big city. Jim Low has taken over a Ford agency, soon to be moved to Twins baseball territory, Bloomington, Minnesota. For some of you that may want to meet him, he sell under the title of Major Ford (must be a come-down from Midway Chevrolet where he was before). Best to him in the new endeavor.

Red Delaney is in the excavating business. I wondered who was digging all the holes in the Twin City streets, now I have a clue. He said he is still playing a little softball and along with his wife he has five children to keep him working. My hat is off to Nat Petty who took the time to give me a few inside notes on the last reunion. There were only five former signal men there: Blackburn, Minotti, Currie, Winchell and Petty. Nat is with Heritage Furniture Company, has a wife Ruth and they have five children. So you're going to train for the next reunion Nat? Isn't it the truth? All Signalmen and 83rd men in general here's hoping for a Merry Christmas and a Most Blessed New Year.

## Convention

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tion will appear in future issues of Thunderbolt.

Our proposed tours for Thursday and Friday were also approved with the respective companies but more will come on this later when we set up our final program for approval by the Executive Board.

Our committees have proven to be very efficient for the Memorial Service, entertainment and other programs and we are now working hard on these functions.

As you can readily see we have made a lot of progress to date and to keep you informed we will have all late information in Thunderbolt each time it goes to press.

The publicity campaigns have already started in Pennsylvania and we have heard our local radio station and have seen our local newspapers announce the manhunt for former 83rd Division members and speak about the reunion coming up next year in August.

Vic Landis is doing a really wonderful job again this year, as he has done in the past.

See you in the next issue. In the meantime, best regards to all and to all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Warren, Ohio News

By Mike Skovran—Hq. 1st Bn.-331

With the end of the year and the holiday season soon to be upon us, the Warren, Ohio Chapter family extends season's greetings to all our 83rd buddies and their families. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the coming year find the 83rd Infantry Association bigger and stronger with greater successes in all its endeavors.

Elections of officers of the Warren Chapter for the coming year were held and Oscar "Babe" Gautschi was elected president. Chosen to assist our new able leader as vice-president was lovable and affable Charlie Russ with Joe "Tarzan" Nuzzi to continue as our capable secretary-treasurer. As usual Lee Titus was re-elected as chaplain and parliamentarian. Best of luck to all of you.

Another enjoyable and highly successful anniversary dinner-dance held by the Cleveland Chapter October 16, was well attended by Warren Chapter members. This yearly affair is not only becoming better each year but very much looked forward to as a winter association reunion with so many out-of-town chapters represented. Best of luck to you Cleveland for the coming year and every year.

This about concludes all the chit-chat from Warren for this time and this year. Once again, season's greetings to all from all of us.

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