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Your President's Corner

by Sam Klippa—Co. D-331

Another wonderful Holiday Season has gone by the boards and the only thing left now is to pay the bills but just don't forget that Uncle Sam is waiting for his share (Income Tax).



Just before Thanksgiving the Pittsburgh Chapter had a banquet that turned out real swell and with no complaints everyone must have had a wonderful time.

Christmas is always a big day at my house and this year was especially good

to us. The New Year's party we attended was most enjoyable and I sure hope you all fared as well.

Frank McGrogan of Philadelphia and a member of the Association Executive Board was in town and, along with Gene Costanzo and Al Gruber, we had a short evening out. The evening turned out to be most informative especially where our Pittsburgh Chapter plans for the reunion were concerned.

There isn't too much I can write about, at this time, as this is being written from my hospital bed and my memory isn't too good or, I should say, there are many things on my mind but my next article should contain a lot of information on the reunion because we will be working on the final plans starting early in February. Most committees are made up and ready and right now it's time for all Chapters to send in their ADS for the program journal. The sooner, the better and the easier it is for all concerned. Also, those of you who would like to take a personal AD or Patron or booster Ad send it in as soon as possible. An ad blank is in this issue of Thunderbolt for your convenience.

Of the hundreds of letters I sent out in November only about 35 or 40 of you answered and this was rather a disappointment. Most of them wanted company rosters and some were surprised to find that we still hold our yearly reunions.

I'd like to make a personal request that all of you do your share by writing to your buddies and thus help build up our Association membership and also the attendance at the reunion. Do it now, fellows, we need your cooperation.

Also I'm waiting to hear from a lot of you who received letters from me and now that the Holiday Season is over I'm hoping for a reply from you.

So long for now and may GOD bless all of you throughout the year.

An Open Letter To All Members of the 83rd

by Vic Landis—F-329

In the last issue of that great little paper — The Thunderbolt — our secretary, Harry Lockwood, put forth a plea for buddy memberships and it has been almost a total failure. Now I know there are at least 200 of the old Division regulars, who annually attend the reunion, that can afford the five dollars to pay for a buddy membership. If you cannot think of, or do not have a former buddy's address, just send Harry the five hoggies and he will sponsor someone for you.

It looks like we will have around 850 paid up members by the time the books are closed at the end of July, but we need about 200 BUDDY MEMBERSHIPS to reach the coveted 1000 mark, Harry has set his heart on getting. Let's all get behind our hard-working secretary, dig down in your pockets and come up with a fin for the old 83rd.

In case you may think I am just batting my gums, or talking through my hat, I am sending in ten paid up BUDDY MEMBERSHIPS and love to be able to do it. Hope all you old regulars will sponsor a buddy. That's it.

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Convention Chairman's Corner

by Charles Altomari—Co. D-308 Eng.

Our committees are, once again, hard at work since the Holiday Season has passed. We have contacted a very good band to play for our dance after the banquet on Saturday night and are making contacts to have entertainment at the cocktail party on Thursday evening. Sorry, we cannot go to a baseball game as the Pirates will be out of town during the reunion.



Our tentative plans with the Heinz plant, Brauns Baking Co., Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. and Duquesne Brewery have been taken care of and this information will appear in a later issue of Thunderbolt.

For the ladies we are planning a night out at our beautiful Civic Arena which has a retractable dome.

We have set up the unit luncheons and our Hospitality Room will be open at all times.

The Memorial Committee is hard at work making arrangements and taking care of the necessary details for the Memorial Service and we are hopeful of securing the services of an army band to

furnish the music for that solemn occasion.

We requested that you write to us regarding the functions for the children who come to the reunion but the response hasn't been good at all. If any of you have any ideas along those lines please get in touch with me at 1313 Reeves Ave., Monessen, Penna. or Sam Klippa, 1500 Mutual St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Your room reservation blanks will appear in the next issue of Thunderbolt.

The Chaplain's Corner

by Bill Shuman—Divarty

Dear Buddies of the 83rd Inf. Div. ASSOCIATION:

I believe the world situation has become so involved, including perhaps our own future and the future of the next generation, and at a time when it appears that mankind is devising the means of destroying mankind, rather than saving them, and at a time when it seems that men have begun believing their doubts and doubting their beliefs, I felt that the quotation of "Recessional" would be so timely and one that all of us should absorb, reminding us to pray "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet — lest we forget."



God of our father, known of old—
Lord of our far-flung battle line—
Beneath Whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!
The tumult and shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart:
Still stand Thine ancient Sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet
Lest we forget — lest we forget!
Far-called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire:
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!
If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe
Such boasting as the Gentiles use
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!
For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls not on Thee
to guard—
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!
Amen.

Your Secretary's Report

With the holidays over we get back to some degree of normalcy and can concentrate, once more, on a more or less normal routine.



And speaking of the holidays I wish to express my thanks to all of you who so graciously thought of me at that time of the year. Your greeting cards were very much appreciated.

Up to the time that this issue of Thunderbolt went to press the paid up membership in the Association was 800 which is a bit ahead of a corresponding time a year ago and if the current response continues we should, once again, establish a new paid up membership record.

I have sent out two, and in some cases three, notices of dues being due but, up to the present time, there are still some 200 members who have not sent in their dues for this year, so look at your membership card and if it does not say "Expires Aug. 1966", you are among those 200 and we would appreciate receiving your dues at your earliest convenience.

We tried a buddy membership campaign in the last issue of Thunderbolt but the response has not been very rewarding and, in fact, it was hardly worth the effort.

We keep striving to reach a paid up membership of 1,000 and with your continued cooperation I'm sure that that goal is in sight in the very near future.

By the time you receive this Thunderbolt there will be less than six months till the Reunion in Pittsburgh and I trust that you are making your plans to be with us at that time.

In this issue is an Ad Blank for those of who would like to help defray expenses by taking an ad in the Reunion Journal. For those of you who feel that you cannot afford a substantial ad sent in a patron ad or booster as every little bit helps.

The hotel reservation blank will be inserted in the next issue of Thunderbolt due to come out early in May.

That's it for now, see you next time around. In the meantime, best regards and I hope you've all had the most wonderful holiday season ever and I trust that this year brings you only the best.

Harry W. Lockwood—Regt. Hq.-329
Secretary-Treasurer

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

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

The Pittsburgh Chapter wishes to extend to each of you its very best wishes for a happy and healthful 1966.

Plans for big doings are under way, particularly for the 83rd Reunion at the Pittsburgh Hilton, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 11, 12 and 13.

Our Chapter is on the move; not only membership and committee work for the coming reunion, but in preparations for a dinner dance to be held in May when the executive board will be here.

At our December meeting held in the V.F.W. Brentwood Post 1810, 3801 Saw Mill Run Blvd., 2:00 P.M. the following two new members joined: Hazen Lloyd, 329 A Co. and Charles Hopta, 331 A Co. Welcome aboard fellows; hope to see you regularly.

The committees have been appointed for the various duties for the reunion; and I might add at this time, not one fellow declined his assignment. Nice going fellows; keep up up the good work.

As for the dinner dance in May, all I can say for the present — more surprises are in the making for a good time.

Since Yours Truly wasn't able to attend the January meeting, I can't report on that meeting. Due to an auto accident after Christmas and a minor freak accident at home a week later, I guess you can say I ended the old year with a bang and started the new one on the wrong foot. Sam Klippa, our Division President, is in the hospital for observation; and we all hope Sam will be back in the fold in time for our February meeting.

PLAN NOW — HILTON HOTEL FOR
1966 AT PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

Pittsburgh Chapter News

By Charles Altomari, Co. C-308 Eng.
(Pinch-hitting for Greer Thompson)

John Guzik met Ray Voracek and Casey Kowalec at the Pittsburgh-Cleveland football game and they had a swell time together.

They mentioned that they were a little disappointed that the Cleveland Chapter had not been invited to the Pittsburgh Chapter Dinner-Dance.

Sorry fellows, it was on short notice and held in one of our winter months and we were concerned about the weather conditions but we'll keep you posted in the future, I promise.

Dennis Lamos, from Long Lake, New York paid his old Co. M-331 buddy, Al Gruber, a visit last December. Dennis really gets around and has seen a lot of his old buddies these past years.

Anthony Theodore, of Philadelphia, was the lucky winner of the raffle for which
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Cleveland Chit-Chat

by Al Uridel, Cannon Co.-329

Hello Buddies,

The year 1965 closed out with memories that will be remembered for a long time and, in some cases, cherished.



Many things happened that turned out real well and the GRAND FINALE was our Chapter steak dinner at the famed Brown Derby Restaurant then the raffle and refreshments at Casey Szubski's.

The attendance was almost 100 per cent but one lone little runt was absent, Mike Demko. Seems

as though Mike stays away from all steak dinners. Perhaps his "China Clippers" need sharpening. Come up to my Clipoint, Mike, and I'll hone them to an edge that will put all the stainless razor blades to shame.

Mike Skovran, of the Warren Chapter, was the winner of some bottled spirits and Casey Kowalec volunteered to deliver same.

Bob and Joanne Uher had the misfortune of having their house burgled while attending a wake for a departed relative. Bob lost quite a bit, including his much treasured coin collection plus damage to the house and the dirt left by the police fingerprint experts. Bob is quite perturbed and cautions all to make doubly sure of their door latches and try to make them fool proof. (Ed. note: There is no such thing, Bob. Locks only keep honest people out.) They even stole his medals that he had received about a week before the theft.

Before I forget, the Cleveland Chapter expresses its thanks to Walt and Mary Meczka for a job well done on the raffle and Casey and Eleanor Szubski for allowing us the use of their home for same.

Stella Gurgol is taking on the "New Look" lately, and saying "I hope you guys noticed." Keep it up Stel, you look real good to us.

The following pictures were taken at our steak dinner.



Walt and Mary Meczka.



Ray and Dottie Voracek.



Casey and Laura Kowalec.



Bob and Joanne Uher and Eleanor Uridel.



Our gals of the Cleveland Chapter.

A Little Bit From Detroit

by Jack Daugherty—Co. L-329

Here it is six months since our last reunion. It seems that as we get older the years go by a little faster.

Now that the Holiday Season is behind us we can start looking to next year.

Not much to report from the Detroit Chapter at this time. Our Chapter President, Steve Benson, lost his father a while back and he has our deepest sympathy. Nick and Sylvia Barbu were out to our place a short time ago and we must say that old boy Nick is getting to be quite a sport. Got himself a new car, red with a vinyl top.

The Palazzolos were out to see us a couple of weeks ago too. Bill's son is now taking training at Fort Knox. I guess we all hope that this Vietnam thing straightens out.

I called Walter Marks in Chicago the other night and Walter was telling me that the Chicago Chapter is holding regular meetings and making plans for the reunion there next year. Here's hoping everything works out for our Chicago buddies. I know that we all are looking forward to having a ball in the Windy City.

I see where Gene Costanzo's wife was hospitalized and Sam Klippa's wife was ill also. We all hope that by this time they have both recovered.

Regards to all.

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

by Vic Landis—F-329

Things are really shaping up and the good word of the 83rd Division and their coming reunion in the fair city of Pittsburgh, is being spread all over the USA and Canada. Newspapers are giving me good spreads and the radio stations are blaring out the word "THUNDERBOLT" all over the land. Have secured more United Press wire releases than ever before and the future looks brighter than ever.

The television stations will come next, but they are harder to come by. Before reunion time arrives, every paper in the nation will have published some three releases and all radio and television stations will have received a release, which they normally put out, about ten or twelve times.

No matter how often the release is published, aired or thrown on the television screen, some former member of the old 83rd will note it who had never known of our Association. That's all. LET'S GO, GO, GO.



Bill Palazzolo and son, Joe.

Association President In Hospital

At the time I received his article for this issue of Thunderbolt, Sam Klippa, Association President, was in St. Joseph's Hospital in Pittsburgh, but was hoping to leave there soon.

Sam was hospitalized for observation for a stomach ailment which has been troubling him. He is hopeful that it can be cleared up with medication (so are we, Sam) and that he will be his old self again very shortly.

We, the officers and members of our Association, wish Sam the best of luck and will be looking forward to seeing him up and around in short order and that the condition is not serious.

If any of you members wish to drop Sam a card or a line, please do so by sending it to Sam Klippa, 1500 Mutual St., Pittsburgh, Penna. 15204.

Your Editor.

Pittsburgh Chapter News

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tickets were sold at the Myrtle Beach Reunion by members of the Pittsburgh Chapter. The lucky number 915 was published in the last issue of Thunderbolt and many thanks to Thunderbolt for its help in locating the holder of the winning ticket. Congratulations to Tony Theodore, we are sure he'll put it to good use.

Steve Blasko of the 783rd Ordnance tells us that word reached him from Mrs. Dean De Leury that Dean had passed away recently. (Ed. Note: Obituary in this issue.) Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. De Leury and the family and friends of our departed comrade who was an original member of the 783rd Ordnance.

See you all in the next issue.

New Jersey Chapter News

by Harry W. Lockwood—Regt. Hq.-329

The New Jersey Chapter wound up the old year with a get together for the men and women of the Chapter at the V.F.W. Post in Garfield, N. J. on December 17th last.

A good turnout responded and a most pleasant evening was had by all and it was decided, at that time, that we should do this more often.

The food was supplied by the ladies of the chapter and, needless to say, being home cooked, there was very little left when the evening was over.

There were plenty of liquid refreshments and, to top off the evening, Joe Mahady, one of the members of the post, treated the ladies to a bottle of champagne. Another bottle of champagne was brought in later but by that time we had all had our fill and asked for a raincheck.

There is always a good crowd at the V.F.W. Post and a lot of "kidding" goes on between some of the members who served in the Air Force, Navy and other branches of service and us, infantrymen but it's all done in a manner of good, clean fun and I can't recall an incident when anyone was offended.

It's a pleasure to hold our meetings at the V.F.W. Post No. 2867 in Garfield, N. J. and since the post has been renovated the surroundings are so much more pleasant and the atmosphere so much more attractive.

Our hats are off to Sam Tenner, Joe Buglino and the rest of the members of the post who gave their time and efforts in the renovation program and in helping to make our visits to the post so enjoyable.

To those 83rders who may be in the vicinity of the V.F.W. Post on Belmont Ave. and Chestnut Street in Garfield, N.J. come spend a pleasant, social evening with us in pleasant surroundings with a group of pleasant men and women and see for yourselves what a little time, effort and ingenuity can do on the part of men who are proud to belong to such a wonderful organization as the V.F.W. We meet on the third Friday of each month.

The New Jersey Chapter plans to be well represented at the 20th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. on August 11, 12 and 13 at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel in the city of Pittsburgh, Penna., and expect to see a great many of our buddies and friends and their wives at that time.

See you in the next issue; best regards to all.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE
PLEASE SEND IT IN
IMMEDIATELY.**

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, sincerely hope that each and every one of you had a most enjoyable Holiday Season. Now that the holidays are over, it is time for all of us to settle down and get back to our normal routine. We here in Philadelphia, are doing that right now. We are trying to formulate plans to have a very active year.



To start off our year, we are planning a Buffet-Social on March 19. This

will be held at Lou Volpi's new restaurant. It promises to be a very fine affair. As for our Annual Chapter Banquet, we are going to try something different. We are going to hold it in May. It will be sort of an annual banquet and a memorial. It will be held on Sunday, May 29, the day before Memorial Day. This is just the first of our 1966 program. We are in hopes of several more affairs before Reunion time.

I would like to appeal to any and all 83rd Infantry Division Association members who live in the Metropolitan Philadelphia Area, to contact us and become a member of our great chapter if you are not already in it. Here in Philadelphia, we have a great chapter and a fine bunch of men as well as the finest group of wives in the Association. We are proud of our chapter as well as our Association. I can assure you that once you become active in a chapter, you will always want to remain in it.

The last word received from our great Association Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, we still have quite a few unpaid members in the Association. We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter appeal to all of you who are on the unpaid roster, to have your name removed today, send your dues at once.

Sincerely,
Larry Redmond, Secretary

Attention All Troops

Anyone having an extra copy of "THUNDERBOLT ACROSS EUROPE" get in touch with Wilbur Brockhouse, 1112 East 4th St., Beardstown, Illinois. He is looking to buy one.

Fall River Chapter News

by Manny Pacheco — Co. L-331

Hi Folks,

I do hope everyone enjoyed themselves over the holidays and I'm hoping this issue finds everyone in good health and high spirits.



Mrs. Mary Hallal Michael, beloved mother of Mrs. Josephine (Josie) Pacheco, passed away unexpectedly Nov. 16, 1965.

In behalf of all the members of our chapter, I extend to Josie and her bereaved family our deepest and sincerest sympathies.

Harry Lockwood, a well known figure with the Fall River Chapter, paid the gang a surprise visit once again.

Our annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 14, 1965. Take it from me when I say, it was a howling success. The food prepared by our chef, Manny Martin, was delicious and watering. A capacity crowd was in attendance and a joyous evening was enjoyed by all.

The hall was beautifully decorated with the brightness and splendor of Christmas time. Exchange gifts was distributed by yours truly who played the part of Santa Claus. A raffle was held and many beautiful gifts was won by the lucky ticket holders. The luckiest of them all was our most charming Mrs. Loretta La Rue, the first prize winner of a 25-lb. turkey with all the trimmings for a complete turkey dinner.

To all who assisted in this affair my sincere thanks and congratulations for a job well done. I would like to see more of our members take a more active part in our functions, to relieve the few that has carried the burdens of this chapter since its charter. We should all be proud of being a member of this chapter, because we are financially sound, we have a reputation unmatched by any organization in the city. We have gained the highest respect from everyone who has been in contact with us. In regards to all this we must continue to keep up our reputation to its highest level. We must at all costs respect each other, not only as members, but as friends. We must at all times keep peace and harmony among ourselves. We must at all times be honest and faithful to our chapter. Last, but not least we must always conduct ourselves accordingly no matter what. In doing this, how can we fail to hold the reputation we worked so hard to achieve. This is honor, this is what we should all be proud of, this is why everyone should devote more of their

time and efforts to your chapter. Don't let the other fellow do all the work; let's pitch in, come reunion time; you'll be glad you did.

A Buffet and Dance will be held Feb. 19, 1966 at the Miguel Corte Real Club, with music by Bebe and his Musical Tops. A sellout is predicted and a swell time is in store for all who attend. All particulars pertaining to this affair will appear in the next issue, till then —

Good luck, good health to all fellow Thunderbolts and yours.



First prize winner, Loretta LaRue with Manny Martin.



John and Celia Bernard with Tony and Ann Telles and friends.



Line-up for gifts: Manny and Adeline Martin in rear.

Indiana Chapter News

by John Roquette, Co. C-308 Eng.

Hoping you all had a nice Christmas and will have the most prosperous New Year you've ever had.



As far as I know everyone in the Indiana Chapter is OK although the virus bug hasn't missed any of us being on a rampage here this Winter.

Some sad news though is that Harry Patcn's wife, Lillian, passed away on Dec. 1st. last after being ill for some time and hospitalized last Summer. Our deepest sympathy to Harry and the family at this time and we hope to see him in Pittsburgh in August at the Reunion.

Not much news here at present. We hear that our Association President, Sam Klippa and his committee are working hard making preparations for a wonderful Reunion and we are looking forward to seeing them at the Executive Board meeting.

Our Christmas party on Dec. 18, last, for which our buddy, John D. Raikos, always takes over for us and has it at the Officer's Club at Fort Harrison, was extra nice, as usual, and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Excellent food and drinks at a nominal fee and the 29 of us who were present extend our thanks to John for a most pleasant evening. Sorry that John's beautiful wife, Mary, couldn't make it. She was in Florida at the time, and that Dorothy Soroko was ill and couldn't attend either. We missed them both.

We were all invited to the home of John and Dorothy Soroko on Jan. 14 for a short meeting and social evening and with a few drinks and snacks. We all enjoyed it thoroughly. Many thanks to John and Dorothy.

It was so nice to get a letter and card from my old buddy Paul Hancher. Paul, his wife, Betty, and their two children live at 3501 Sixth St., Route 1, Baltimore, Maryland, and among the things mentioned was a promise that they would try to make the Reunion in Pittsburgh in August. It will be nice to see them. Another wonderful surprise was a card from John Heard and his family from Canton, Georgia, Rt. 1. And we hope they can be with us in Pittsburgh also. It has been a long time since we've known of their whereabouts.

Many, many thanks to all of the you who sent Christmas cards to us. It was so nice to hear from each of you.

That's it for now and here's hoping that you all have a most enjoyable Easter and the same goes for all holidays.



The gang from the Hoosier State (Ed. note: Must have been quite a party with all those smiling faces.)

New members since the last issue of Thunderbolt

Nick Bertovich, RD No. 2, Avella, Penna. Btry. B-908 FA.

Albert J. Quatroche, 123 Race St., St. Marys, Penna.—Co. G-331.

Paul Hancher, 3501 Sixth St., Baltimore, Maryland 21225—Co. C-308 Eng.

John T. Mauldin (Major MC), 3577 Piedmont Road, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia — 329 Med.

George D. Naylor, Jr., 121 Wesley Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23706—Co. F-331.

Henry Trzeciak, 2108 East 139th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44105—Co. D-331.

Winfield J. Scott, 25 Welch St., Sebastopol, Pittston, Penna.—Co. B-329.

Donald Hildebrand, 1920 Country Club Road, Marion, Iowa—Hq. Co. 308 Eng.

Charles H. Dean, 151 St. James Blvd., Springfield, Mass.—83rd Band.

Fred Campbell, 397 Todd Place, Hamilton, Ohio—Co. E-331.

Marlin Purvis, Rt. 4, Box 288, Ashland, Ohio—Btry. B-323 FA.

William E. Nagel, 75 Jennette Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44512.

Ronald J. Harris, 2131 5th St, Akron, Ohio 44314—Co. D-329.

Harry T. Fetzler, 503 Decatur St., Cumberland, Maryland—Co. D-331.

Dallas A. Williams, Jefferson, North Carolina—Hq. Btry. 323 FA.

Fred W. Lord, 4143 South Elm Ave., Brookfield, Illinois—Co. B-330 (1st Sgt.).

Robert F. Dukes, 14216 Tokay Ave., Maple Heights 37, Ohio—Hq. 1st Bn.-330.

Raymond Pumpa, 3920 Adams St., Shadyside, Ohio 43947—Co. A-330.

Francis Rood, RFD, Sheffield, Mass. — Btry. C-908 FA.

Claude W. Dodd, 527 Bornman St., Belleville, Illinois 62221—Co. D-330.

The following members have been reinstated in the Association:

Nicholas L. Marciano, 2808 Zedaker St., Youngstown, Ohio 44502—Co. I-331.

Pete Cannoni, 508 West 12th St., Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411—Co. D-331.

Arthur Blackburn, 349 Groveland Ave., Haverhill, Mass.—Co. D-330.

Kenneth E. Aubel, Star Route 227, White Plains, Maryland 20695—Co. D-330.

Felix S. Marra, 724 Pacific St., Santa Monica, California—Co. D-330.

Steve M. Click, Jr., 602 Cresbrook, Louisville, Kentucky 40206—Co. M-330.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
Harry W. Lockwood
43 OAKLAND AVE.
JERSEY CITY, N. J. 07306**

Support the Boys in Vietnam

Comrades:

Here I am once again, this time with something different. I am sure that all of you are aware of the demonstrations being put on by these so-called "Peaceniks". I have had the privilege of taking part in a couple of "Anti-Peace Demonstrations",

demonstrating against this type people. Right after coming home from our Reunion, I had received a phone call, telling me that one of these groups had applied for a permit to hold a demonstration at our local War Memorial Grounds. Being Commander of the American Legion Post,

I immediately went to the local authorities and tried to cancel the permit that had already been issued. I was successful in having this permit cancelled, but gained quite a bit of publicity over it. The leader of this group is a college professor at a local college. His wife called me on the phone and berated me for what I had

done. She also wrote letters to the papers which were published. They applied the second time for a permit and again I blocked it. A few weeks ago they had a demonstration and I rounded up all the Legion and V.F.W. men I could and had a counter demonstration which was larger and stronger than their demonstration. This again made them very unhappy.

I wrote a letter to President Johnson, asking him to look into these type persons. I told him that during World War II we had to contend with such persons as Axis Sal and Tokyo Rose, but I didn't think that we here in these United States should have to tolerate such things as are happening to break down the morale of the men in Vietnam. I named persons and groups that were taking an active part in such demonstrations. I received a

letter the other day from the Department of Justice, that my letter to the President had been turned over to them and that proper measures were being taken to take action on this. I would like to ask each and every one of you to do your part in lending any and all support to our boys in Vietnam. If such demonstrations are taking part in your community, counter demonstrate against them. Let them know that you are in support of our boys in Vietnam, the same as you wanted the support of the people back home when you were in combat. Those boys who are fighting in Vietnam are not there because they want to be any more than you were in France or Germany because you wanted to be there. They are there in defense of our country; show them that as a real American, you are behind them.

Larry Redmond

Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo
Hq. 3rd Bn. - 330

Hello Buddies,

Well another year has gone by and we are a year older.

Our Christmas party was a great success thanks to Pat. Santa was good to all of us at the party, as gifts were given to all. I would like to thank all the women of the chapter for donating their special home-made goodies. It was real nice of all of you. Thanks again.

I was asked several times at the party where we got the band. They were a wonderful group. So, there's another prize for your hard work, Pat. I was also asked when our next time will be held.

Our half-gallon of cheer was won by J. Giglio of 26 Swer St., Johnston, R.I., and the big prize, a 19" Admiral portable television set, was won by Michael and Carol Caprio, son and daughter of Mike and Vera Caprio, of our chapter, from R.I. I hope the kids will be able to watch T.V. without Mom and Dad switching to the programs they want. I guess you might say it was R.I. night at our Christmas party.

Well buddies, I received plenty of Christmas cards from all the boys with the exception of one. William Bray, who was with Hq. Co. 330th Comm. Plt., passed away Sept. 3, 1965. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our late buddy.



Some of the happy gals.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE
PLEASE SEND IT IN
IMMEDIATELY.**



We just can't remember all those boys.



A little gift from Santa.



A Jolly Santa



Signal Musings

by Don Hinz

It is always a pleasure at the Christmas season to receive cards from you fellows with a note or two. As a result I want to share a couple of the comments with you before we look forward to 1966. I sent out 66 "Musette Gazettes" (newsletter) to the addresses I have accumulated and four of them came back for one or another reason. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these fellows let me know. Claude T. Smith, formerly of Louisville, Ky., moved and left no address. Former Lt. Christopher D. Doyle, moved and left no forwarding address. Ed R. Anderson had a Kinston, N.C. address on my list but I guess my question on whether it was this or Fayetteville, N.C. has been answered and I will now try the latter. Cecil E. Caldwell had his come back unclaimed at Terminal, Texas and also Midland, Texas. If you fellows can help me here, please do!

For you fellows who transferred to the 144th Armored Signal from the 83rd, the Bob Hornings went into the Christmas season on a sad note. Their son passed away a couple of months before Christmas and about a month later Bob's father-in-law. Bob is a former Co. B-331 member. Our sincerest sympathies go out to the Horning family. Bud Baker's only boy, Dick, is now attending Albright College so they are alone again. The Mike Kielions are hoping for better years ahead with no future hospital trips for operations. Mary Kielion has had two operations within the past year so their Christmas was a limited one. Best to Mary and Mike for the future; may she continue to improve.

I am always open to new names and addresses. Some of you guys that have never written, let's get acquainted by mail which is one way to keep these musings in the Thunderbolt! You fellows that have continued the contact, thanks a million!

Guess it's 30 for now.

Taps Sounded For Famed 83rd Division

On December 28, 1965 taps sounded for the proud and famous 83rd "Thunderbolt" Infantry Division, in a military ceremony at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

Both the division commander, Brig. Gen. Robert C. Tyler and Maj. Gen. Henry K. Benson, Jr., commander of the 20th Army Corps, praised the division's record which began at Camp Sherman in 1917 and included combat in two wars in Europe.

The division has been on reserve duty since 1946 and has been scheduled for inactivation since last Fall. It is one of six Army Reserve Units being eliminated under the McNamara program.

Hundreds of Ohio veterans who served with the 83rd in World War II felt pangs of regret at the passing of the famed Thunderbolt.

The division landed in Normandy in June 1944, fought across France, through the Bulge, over the Rhine into Germany and on to the Elbe River to link up with the Russians shortly before the war ended in May 1945.

It chalked up an heroic and brilliant record as it battled across Europe in 1944-45. It suffered a total of 15,013 battle casualties, including 3,275 dead out of the 25,923 men who served in the European Campaign and was awarded 13,857 individual and unit decorations, awards, citations and commendations.

Men of the Division are to be assigned to a pool which other units can draw upon. Ed. Note: I'm sure you will all agree that they will be drawing the cream of the crop.

To each of us who were so proud to have been a part of the 83rd Thunderbolt Division: "The song is ended but the melody lingers on".

News about new and old members

Sgt. Maj. Ira S. Rion, formerly a member of Co. L-331 and serving with the 18th Arty. Grp. Oakdale, Penna., has just re-enlisted for another three-year hitch marking his fifth re-enlistment during his 23 years of service in the U.S. Army.

Ira, his wife, Carol Ann and their three children reside in Bridgeville, Penna.

Ed. Note: Seems to me that Ira has decided to make a career of it so Good Luck to you, Sarge.

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The following picture of 1st Platoon, Cannon Co.-331 was sent in by Lawrence Armand of Marksville, Louisiana.

1st row, l to r: Armand, Richardson, Kruskia, Carnell, Hudson, DeLuca, Sch-

neider, Krupicka and McLaughlin. 2nd row: Slinka, Gregory, Tokaskia, Popkie, Lt. Blake, Madison, Taylor and Mike Amicne. 3rd row: Braska, Lavendar, Nobles, Staley, Ebock, Blotz and Blankship.



Taken in Co. F-329 C.P. at the last reunion. L. to r.: Elmer and Nell Disher, George and Becky Kittrell with Brenda Gaye Kittrell holding Vic Landis' hand.



Co. F-330 was well represented. The youngsters are Tom and Tim Gelety. The troops are l. to r. front: John Di Nicola, John Thrasher, O. L. Cook, and Bill Steakley with son, Forest. Rear, first man unidentified, George Gelety, Paul Steele, Walt Meczka and James Boland.



Part of the gang from Co. F-329 in front of Ocean Forest Hotel.



Russell Wehling, Bob Walsh, Maj. Gen. Robert H. York, Leo Schneider, John DiNicola and Emil Wehling.

From Paul Hancher

Co. C-308 Eng.

Dear Harry,

Thanks very much for your quick reply to my request for membership and enclosed find check for dues.

Many thanks also for the Thunderbolt which was very informative and for the roster of 308th Engineers, now in the Association. Including me there are 3 men from my squad who are now members.

Was pleased to learn that our old Sarge Robinette is doing his bit to further membership of the Division and attached units.

Since everyone talked of the friendly atmosphere at Myrtle Beach and what a nice guy you are I took the liberty of addressing you by your first name. Hope we get to meet in Pittsburgh. (Ed. note: All my friends in the Association address me by my first name, Paul. Thanks for being informal.)

I suffered an attack of Angina Pectoris on June 8, 1965 and was hospitalized for 93 days. Am recuperating but it is a slow process but I do hope to be in Pittsburgh.

Enclosed a picture in hopes of getting some of the boys into the Association.

Co. C-308 Eng.-3rd Squad; 3rd Platoon, front row: l to r, Paul Hancher, Mel Arnold, Maurice Phillips, Bill Hoopes, Milton Singleton (crouched), Bill Payne and Alphonse Ornato (sitting); rear, to r, Joe Krepp, Donohue, Harry J. Kirby, Fawcett, Archie Kelly, Bob Bean and Bob Fetterhoff.

Paul Hancher
3501 6th St.
Baltimore, Maryland 21225
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Vernon Callihan and buddies taken after the end of hostilities in Germany, l. to r.: Callihan, J. I. Lamb, Richard L. Freeman and Felipe Barrero.

Attention Men of Co. B-330

Jim Bowie, of 306 Division Ave., Carlstadt, New Jersey, formerly a member of Co. B-330 would like to know the names and addresses if possible of the men on the two following prints.

Anyone having information on these men, please get in touch with Jim Bowie who will be waiting to hear from you.



Following is a list of the TOP TEN units in paid up membership in the Association as of Feb. 10, 1966:

Co. F-329	39
Co. G-331	31
Div. Hqtrs.	28
308 Engineers	27
323 FA	25
Co. F-330	24
324 FA	23
Co. M-331	22
Medics	22
903 FA	21
Co. A-331	19

News from below the Mason-Dixon Line

by Herbert T. Barber—Btry. B-322FA

The Dixie Chapter had a wonderful time at its December meeting at the home of "Red" and Polly Boyles in High Point, North Carolina.

We found out that Polly is a very good cook and everyone enjoyed the delicious meal she prepared.

We had a couple of visitors, "Red's" niece, who was in from college for the holidays and Dick Riddle's sister. We put on a real old fashioned songfest and Hubert Edwards stole the show with his rendition of "Little David played on his Harp". We sold tickets for a door prize which was won by Lessie Riddle (She and Dick are lucky that way) and Worth Wells was lucky in the game department. Presents were presented to all the ladies and Billie Walker gave them samples of plant food for their indoor gardens.

As far as I know, at this time, we do not have plans for a meeting in the near future and with as much snow as we've been getting here in the sunny south no one could get there anyway.

Old Mother Nature just dumped 13 inches of the white stuff on us with a forecast of more to come.

We of the Dixie Chapter want to wish all members of the Division Association a Happy and Prosperous 1966 and hope to see you all in Pittsburgh.

Frankly Speaking

Dear Buddy

Here we are once again with the start of a new year, and we hope one of the biggest and best years of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.



I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you the most cordial greetings for the New Year. I sincerely hope that with your continued cooperation we will be able to at least double our membership this year. We, the officers of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, have had

nothing but the best of cooperation from you since we took office in August, and we hope that this cooperation will continue.

The plans for our 20th reunion are coming along nicely and we hope to see a lot of new faces, along with old reliables, when the roll is called at the Hilton Hotel next August in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I was talking to Harry Lockwood, our

Secretary, the other evening, and I learned that we have somewhere around 800 paid up members. I am sure now that the holidays are over we will have a considerable increase in the membership. We always look for a dead spot during the holiday season. So let all of us get on the ball and drum up new members by conducting our own membership drive.

Our hats should be off to Harry Lockwood for a great job he is doing as Secretary-Treasurer. Harry has worked very hard and our membership roster is showing the results of it. Our paid up roster is growing every day. We also owe a vote of thanks to Vic Landis for a good job well done in publicity. I have had several reports of publicity in local papers from men, which proves that Vic's publicity is getting around.

Well buddies, in closing, I will say, "It's later than you think", so start saving your nickels and make your plans so we can all be together in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sincerely,

Frank McGrogan—Co. "D" 330th
P.S.—ARE YOUR 1966 DUES PAID?



Part of Co. D-330 Mortar Section, Paul Vitantonio and Chester Bull, Sweeney and Vitantonio.



Co. F-329th News & Sidelights

by Vic Landis

Am glad to report things in general for F-329 are progressing real well. In regards to paid up memberships, we are getting more competition than in any prior year. That means a few of the boys of their respective units are really working their tails off and more power to them. However, F-329 will make their annual stretch run and win going away. It has been that way for quite a few years and we thrive on friendly competition.

As for the attendance for the forthcoming reunion in Pittsburgh, F-329 has big plans and we hope to make a big splash and one hell of a lot of noise. All of you fellows from the Pennsylvania area, get in there and pitch. Write to all your old F-329 buddies and let them know how welcome they would be and how glad all of the old gang would be to see them.

I hear quite regularly from Bill Nickell, Arlene and family, George, Becky Kittrell and daughter Brenda Gaye, Jim, Trudy Fowler and family, and of course Hank and Elena Golembiewski. They are old regulars and will be in Pittsburgh come this August COME ON F-329.

Lucien Elie, was promoted to Adjutant Major of the Police Auxiliary of Amesbury, Mass. at a meeting at Whittier School a short time ago.

Major Elie is a charter member of the auxiliary and has responded to every emergency since its inception in 1954.

Lucien Elie served with Regt. Hq. and Co. A-329 during World War II.

He is also a member of the Cooties and very active in the Boy Scouts.

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PITTSBURGH IN '66
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FOR SALE

We still have on sale 83rd Division Insignia cuff links at \$3.00 per set and 83rd Division Insignia Tie tacks at \$2.00 each.

Also decals for your car window at \$.25 each.

Co. G-331 Reporting

by Ed. J. "Spud" Murphy

Yours truly will be down here in Florida, at 148 Beach Ave., Redington Shores 38708, until mid-April or early May. Despite what you hear on television from that "Come on Down" man the weather here in Florida, at this time, the end of January, is in a word LOUSY. When it is not raining it is cold. However, it is better than wallowing around in that snow which many of you are doing at this time.

I received a roster of paid up members from our Secretary-treasurer, Harry W. Lockwood, and by way of keeping you all informed, Co. G has 30 men on the paid up side of the ledger. This is not too bad for this time of year but still leaves us behind the leaders, Co. F-329 with 38. This however, I'm sure you will realize, is an unusual position for us this early in the year.

Those names missing from the paid up side are, for the most part, our old pros, and we are sure that it has been an oversight on the part of our old buddies. Therefore we appeal to you to double check your membership card and, if it is not up to date, send your dues immediately to our Sec.-treas. at 43 Oakland Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. 07306.

If everyone, who has promised to do so, shows up in Pittsburgh, we are going to be in for another swinging time. Don't adopt the idea that it is too early to be thinking about the reunion; because it isn't, so write to your buddies and urge them to meet you at the reunion. While you are in the process of doing this remind him that if he has not paid his dues to date that we need his cooperation in order to enjoy the success which we anticipated earlier this year.

It's a good idea, anyway, to keep in touch with that old buddy. Too many of us drop a card with a few lines at Christmas time and then wonder the rest of the year how the old boy is doing. If you have a buddy who has seen better times you might see that he receives a membership card just to remind him that he made a buddy for life and not just for a couple of years in the forties. If five guys are willing to put in a buck apiece an old buddy can enjoy a membership who otherwise would have to remain on the outside looking in.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
Harry W. Lockwood
43 OAKLAND AVE.
JERSEY CITY, N. J. 07306**

Attended First Reunion

Looking through the registration cards from the Myrtle Beach Reunion, I find that the following Thunderbolts attended a reunion for the first time.

Although some of these men have been members of the Association prior to that time this is the first time they've been with us at our annual affair.

We welcome each of them and trust that they will be with us again whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Listed according to units:
329th Regt.

James W. Parker-Ticonderoga Circle, Hixson, Tenn.—Co. A; Robert A. Barrett-411 Belmont Dr., Bristol, Tenn.; Howard S. Day-7244 Smithfield Rd., Columbia, S.C.; Joseph H. Lang-1902 Rockinham Rd., Dacenport, Iowa; and Edward B. Thomas-954 Rickland Ave., Roanoke, Va., all of Co. B; G. R. Whitaker-Rt. No. 2, Powell, Tenn.—Co. C; Henry E. Royall-105 Noble St., Chapel Hill, N. C.—Hq. 2nd Bn.; Aussell A. Chavis-Rt. No. 4, Box 290, Red Spring, N. C.; Emory Culclasure-315 Beltline Blvd., Columbia, S. C., and James A. Freeman-RFD No. 1, Granite Falls, N. C., all of Co. E; S. L. Gates-Box 392, Saraland, Alabama and Nolan W. Simmons, 5327 Clinton Highway, Knoxville, Tenn., both of Co. F; Keith Echard-Taylorville, N. C., and H. Leonard Reynolds-1716 Alaska Drive, Richmond, Virginia, both of Co. G; Joseph Hannan-RD No. 1, Perrysville, Ohio, Co. H; Sam W. Badgett-Rt. 5, Raleigh, N.C., Hq. 3rd Bn.; George P. Davis-405 E. Morgan St., Raleigh, N. C., Jesse D. Hayes, Rt. No. 2, Clemmons, N. C., Arthur D. Hewitt-506 Washington Ave., Winchester, Virginia and Ray E. Martin-Rt. No. 1, Box 255, Mt. Holly, N. C., all of Co. I; Perry H. Bobo-118 Brown St., Moncks Corner, S. C., and James Wallace-3013 Finley St., Middletown, Ohio, both of Co. K; Dennis O. Dunn-404 Elizabeth St., Clinton, N. C., Co. L; Earl F. Pell-Kirkman Rd., Pleasant Garden, N. C., Service Co.

330th Regt. men were:

Nicholas F. Forte-7117 Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., Regt. Hq.; Joseph E. Heidt-5842 Weston Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, and James W. Hodge-Rt. 5, Ellis St., Union, S. C., all of Regt. Hq.; Russell Amerson-St. Charles, S. C. and J. Robert Helms-608 Green St., Monroe, N. C., both of Hq. 1st Bn.; Archie N. Hestor-Wallingford, Kentucky, Co. A; Norwood Hatfield-Rt. No. 3, Bishopville, S. C., Co. C; Eugene P. Fritts-6726 Braeburn Dr., Dallas, Tex., Co. D; Paul F. Burns-14 Grassy Plain Terrace, Bethel, Conn., Hq. 2nd Bn.; James L. Boland-Rt. No. 2, Box 145 K, Newberry, S. C., John C. Sprouse-Rt. No. 3, Grier, S. C., Willie M. Steakley-3615 Meadowbrook Ave., Nashville, Tenn., and John L. Thrasher, Jr.-2361 Louisiana St., Beau-

mont, Texas, all of Co. F; Keith Toler-630 Rhode Island Ave., Norfolk, Virginia and Sim P. Wright-110 W. Salem Ave., Sumter, S. C., of Co. G; William J. Bane-Box 258, Millsboro, Penna, Co. H; William G. White-P.O. Box 336, Richlands, N. C., Hq. 3rd Bn., Hadley Caulder-Rt. No. 3, Chesterfield, S. C., Co. M.

331st Regt. represented by:

James W. Muldrow-114 Keith Drive, Greenville, S. C., Hq. 1st Bn.; Thomas E. Rothschild 1308 Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, Indiana, Co. A, Debbie Wright-Ebony, Virginia, Co. B; Robert E. Cenate-10 Summer St., Bellows Falls, Vermont, and Zeb V. Pearson, Jr.-1615 Matheson Ave., Charlotte, N. C., both of Co. C; R. C. Hamilton-115 Clark, Marion, Kentucky, and George Komolos-978 Donner Ave., Monessen, Penna., both of Co. D; Ernest T. Davis - Rt. 4, Asheville, N. C., and James Nicholas-3225 E. Broad St., Gadsden, Alabama, both of Hq. 2nd Bn.; Walter T. Mott-7507 N. Arrawana Ave., Tampa, Florida, and Raymond Y. Young-1928 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, both of Co. E; Floyd M. Dawson-302 Taylor St., Scottsboro, Alabama, Charles Potzer-RD 1, Smyrna, Delaware, and O. C. Wesson, Rt. No. 9, Rowe Rd., Lexington, N. C., all of Co. F; Elmer Mace-Wells River, Vermont, Co. G; Furman Epps-RFD No. 1, Newberry, S. C., Legare Jackson-RFD No. 1, Box 99, A. Salley, S. C., Rufe M. Lamont-630 Commerce St., West Point, Miss., Clyde Lewis-P.O. Box 35, Mulberry, Arkansas, and Samuel Orhich - 207 Tanglewylde Drive, Spartansburg, S. C., all of Co. M.

Artillery and Attached Units

Herbert T. Barber-Rt. 1, Box 228, Elon College, N. C., Btry. B-322 FA and Joseph H. Fogleman-2514 Parrish St., Burlington, N. C. of the 322 FA Medics; John H. Turkett-Rt. 3, Box 138, Winnsboro, S. C., George K. Willis-Ervin St., Honea Path, S. C., and Richard D. Willis-Rt. 1, Fountain Inn, S. C., all of Hq. Btry.-323 FA; Robert Leach-216 Vine St., Athol, Mass., Btry. A-324 FA; Eli C. Allison - South Pittsburgh, Tenn., Btry. B, 908 FA and Edward Williams - Box 92, Wayward, Penna. Also of Btry. B-908 FA and M. L. Baker, Jr.,-Whitmire, S. C. of Service Btry.-908 FA; Sidney H. Gregory-North Pinckney St., Union, S. C., Co. B-308 Eng. and Milton A. Singleton-Rt. 2, Box 108, Conway, S. C., Co. C-308 Eng.; William C. Greenway-222 Fraizer St., Greeneville, Tenn., Hq. Btry. Dibarty; Ned B. Petty, Jr.-817 Fifth St., High Point, N. C. and Bruce Winchell-12518 Scott Rd., Freeland, Michigan of the 83rd Signal Co.; and Arthur Doggett - Verona, Kentucky, 783rd Ordnance.

If I have missed anyone, please forgive me, it is not done intentionally. Let me know and I'll see that they get in a future issue.

Harry W. Lockwood

Fall River



Santa (Manny Pacheco) distributing exchange gifts.



Callhan and John Owens on liberating expedition in Neuss, Germany.
Dear Harry,

Sorry I missed the reunion. My health has not been of the best and was just not up to it. Had an operation from which I'm recovering slowly. Really quite an experience one which I don't have to experience again, I hope.

Best regards to you and remember me to all our old friends.

Shelly Hughes—Div. Hq.
300 Bittersweet Drive
Findlay, Ohio

P.S.—Michael L. Rutkowski, Route 1, Box 115, Belair, Maryland, was also at the reunion but we have no way of knowing what unit he was with. He did not complete his registration card. We've written to him to get this information but he has not answered.

Postman makes the headlines

It seems that Edgar Cormier, a postman in Ayer, Mass. and a thrice wounded veteran who served with Co. A-331st Regt. has made the headlines for his support of the VIETNAM POLICY.

Ed. has been receiving mail from all over the country and from parts of Europe and Asia since he made space in many newspapers in the U. S. and other English speaking media, a short time ago, showing him ripping the service medals off the uniform of another veteran last Veterans Day near the Fort Devens Gate, said veteran having criticized the POLICY openly and vociferously.

The influx of mail is very heavy and, according to Ed. who has gotten accustomed to it by now, the greatest majority favor his stand on VIETNAM with very few dissenting voices. But Ed., maintaining the courage of his convictions, is happy to know that what he thinks is right so many others agree with him.

Cormier became the father of his 5th child, recently, when his wife, June Arlene, gave birth to Shari Lynne on Nov. 16, 1965.

He served two terms as commander of American Legion Post 183, Shirley, Mass. and is also a past sub district commander and past Middlesex County assistant sergeant-at-arms. Along with that he has been a postman in Ayer, Mass. for many years.

Looking for correct addresses

I keep getting mail back when sent to these members at these addresses.

Anyone having the correct address for any of these members, please send it to me at 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07306.

Your Secretary

Harry W. Lockwood

James C. Hanrahan, 13610 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio—Div. Hqtrs.

Herman E. Jones, 1020 West 2nd St., Muncie, Indiana—Btry. B-323 FA.

Nathan F. Fountain, 2700 West Louisiana Ave., Denver, Colorado 80219—Hq. Btry-322 FA.

Norman L. Kruse, 716 South 4th St., Leavenworth, Kansas—Co. B-331.

James C. Redden, 129 Jordan St., Franklin, Indiana—Co. C-308 Eng.

James J. Loughman, 453 South New St., Bethlehem, Penna.—Regt. Hq.-329.

PPS: John Ostrowski also attended a reunion for the first time in Myrtle Beach, but he, too, failed to complete his membership application and we don't know what unit he served with.

John lives at 19912 Kings Highway, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

Hello Buddies:

Here I am once again to extend a word to you the Members of this great Association. I would like to start off by saying that I sincerely hope that each and every one of you had a very nice Holiday Season. Now that the holidays are over and we are starting off on another year, we all hope that the year 1966 will be a better year for all of us. I know that right now there is sadness among some of us, because of some member of our family who is serving in Vietnam or about to go there. The horrors of war are Hell, as we know only too well, but we have no other alternative than to try to endure it. We can only hope and Pray that such a thing will never strike in our own country.

Now, to change the subject and get down to some serious business, as you are well aware, this Association has been going on a good many years, and I sincerely hope that it will continue as long as there is a former 83rd Infantry Division man still living. There are a certain number of us who have dedicated ourselves to this Association, and have worked and struggled through thick and thin to keep it going. We have risen and fallen a couple of times, and at the present time are about to rise to an all-time high in membership. To make this possible, we need the sincere help of each and everyone of you.

A few years ago, this Association was on a downhill slide; we had just recovered from what was almost the end for our Association, when this slide came along. We didn't know which way to turn, when along came our one and only Harry Lockwood, who assumed the job of Secretary-Treasurer of our Association. Upon taking over this office, Harry dedicated himself to the Association. He worked very hard, night and day, trying to contact our unpaid members along with potential new members. Once again we started to rise. We have reached a point now where we are about to pass any and all records. As I sit here and read over the roster of paid and unpaid members, I wonder how any man who saw service with the 83rd Infantry Division, would not want to be a member of this great Association. Right now there are several hundred men who at one time were paid up members but today their names are on the unpaid roster. I dare say that right now, there are over 200 men who were paid up members last year, who are not paid up members at the time of this letter. What is wrong?

I have appealed to you men several times in regards to this. There have been times when my appeal was heard by you and your dues were sent in. How about checking your membership card right now and see if you are a paid up member for this year; if you are not, why not take care of it today. I am sure that there are none of us so bad off financially that we can't spare this \$5.00 dues. How about

giving it some thought today. Show Harry that you are behind him, and do appreciate the hard work that he has done in trying to bring this Association back to what it was or better still, back to what it should be. Remember, there should be about 20 to 25,000 men in the country who saw service with the 83rd Infantry Division. There is no reason why at least 10 percent of them shouldn't be members of our Association. If you have a former Buddy that you would care to know if he is a member, write me and I will try checking the rosters that I have and let you know. Maybe you would like to give him a gift of a membership, to let him know that you haven't forgotten him.

Sincerely,

Larry Redmond

330th Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Here we are starting on the year, 1966. It seems like a long time since the end of World War II, and we returned to our homes once again as a citizen and not a soldier. A lot of things have happened since that time, both with us as individuals and with our Government. The biggest thing that has happened with us as individuals is that we have become a lot older, and most of us more settled in our ways. The period of 20 years has been a long time.

During that 20 years, the great 83rd Infantry Division Association has managed to carry on, it has had its ups and downs, but today it remains one of the largest and most active Division Associations, taking into consideration that this Association is made up of only World War II veterans, it is one of the largest, as most of the other Associations are composed of World War I and World War II veterans.

Now comes the time for you 330th Infantry men to do your part. We still have a vast number of men who should be members of our Association, you can do your part by either writing to your former buddies and trying to sell a membership to them, or better still, let them know that you haven't forgotten them by sending in their name and address and a check for their dues, make your membership a gift to them from you, this way you can not only let your former buddy know that you haven't forgotten him, but you will help make the Association grow.

If you wish to have a list of members of your former company who are paid up members, or delinquent members of the Association, drop me a line and I will try to supply you with this information. Write to Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083. If you are one of the unpaid, please send your check or money order today.

Sincerely,

Larry Redmond—Co. H-330th

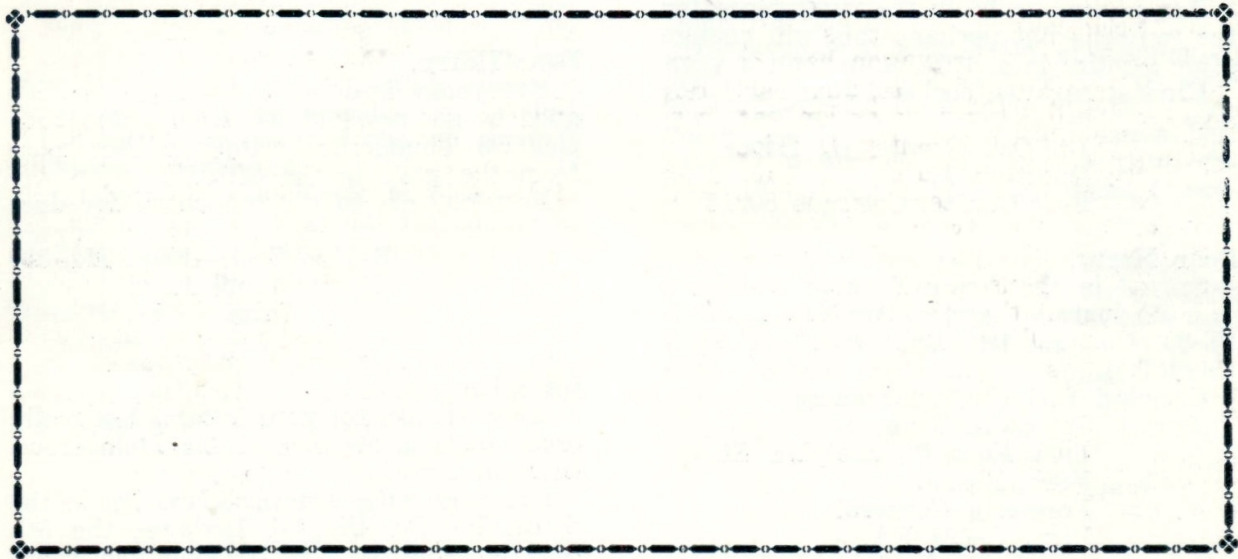
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Dear Harry,

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Enclosed are my dues, for this year, and 25 cents extra for a new decal for our car.

Best regards to all my old buddies.

Robert R. Kull—Co. E-331
747 Colfax
Daytona Beach, Florida 32014

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Dear Harry,

Always enjoy getting Thunderbolt and hearing from you. Exchange Christmas cards with a few artillery buddies each year, from Hq. Btry.-324 FA.

Never seem to be in the right place for the reunions but perhaps this will change after I retire in a little more than a year.

Kindest regards, enclosed find check for dues.

Lt. Col. George W. Irvine
Quarters 17
Fort Carson, Colorado 80913

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Dear Harry,

Stayed in the Army Reserve and have over 23 years of service. Am now 1st Sgt. (E-8) Co. B, 4th Bn., 8830th ARDU (MPRTC).

Enclosed find check for dues.

James B. Boyer
1108 East Philadelphia St.
York, Penna.
Formerly Corporal
Btry. C-323 FA.

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed herewith is check for dues for current year.

Again I want to express my appreciation for the splendid job you have done in keeping our Association together. Your tireless efforts I am sure are much appreciated by all of us.

Very best wishes.

A. D. Folger, Jr.
Btry. C-323 FA.
P. O. Box 107
Madison, North Carolina

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Dear Harry,

Glad you are feeling better and hope this finds you well.

Enclosed find check for dues and a little more.

Thanks for all your efforts in keeping our Association going and for all the interesting news about the old outfit and friends.

Keep well.

Joe Pertusi—Co. G-329
241 6th Ave.
New York 14, N. Y.

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Dear Harry,

Due to the passing away of my father I was unable to attend the reunion but

will surely try to be with you all this year.

Hope you are well again. Best regards and enclosed find check for dues.

August A. Kleen—Co. B-329
Route 2
Franklin, Nebraska

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Dear Harry,

Dues enclosed for continuous membership since beginning of 83rd Division Association.

Regards to officers and men of the 331st Medical Detachment.

Charles P. Snyder, M.D.
(Regt. Surgeon)
634 Brush Hill Road
Irwin, Penna.

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Dear Harry,

Everybody is doing a swell job and it's good to get news of old friends and buddies via Thunderbolt. Hope to hear more from the guys in the 330th.

Best regards to all and check for dues enclosed.

F. Burton Cook—Regt. Hq.-330
16 Terre Haute Road
Danbury, Conn.

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Dear Harry,

Many thanks for your letters. Am really proud to be a member of the Thunderbolt Division Assn.

I've been with Americal Division in the South Pacific, the 1st Division, the 5th Division and the 3rd Division and spent two years in Korea with the 8th Army.

Still have some unfond memories of the road to St. Pierre which put me in the hospital for six months.

Best regards and enclosed check for dues.

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

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed are dues for coming year.

Retired from the Army and from Stars and Stripes and headed for the sun coast of Florida to bask and frolic on the beach.

Only part of that dream has come true, however. In Florida, yes, and living on the beach but have taken a job with St. Petersburg TIMES and now work harder than ever.

Glad you had a good convention. Norm Campbell and family came down from Myrtle Beach and gave me a personal report as well as a scolding for not having attended. Perhaps next year.

Best regards.

Paul C. Rapp—Co. A & E-330
7832 Causeway Drive - South
St. Petersburg, Florida 333707

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is check for 1966 dues.

I was wounded by shell fragments on April 7, 1945 near the Weser River, Germany. Was blind for two years but have recovered fair vision in one eye.

Company Commander was Capt. Walter H. Edwards and I recall a Lt. Williams and Sgt. Chura.

Would like to hear from anyone who may remember me.

Melvin Klancer—Co. C-331
1723 South 22nd St.
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed is membership dues.

Am looking forward to attending my first reunion and am contacting others in hopes that they can come.

Hoping to see some of the old gang in Pittsburgh next August.

Ronald J. Harris
2131 5th St.
Akron, Ohio 44314

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed is check for dues.

Sure enjoy reading Thunderbolt and would appreciate hearing from any of the old gang from Co. M-331.

Charles M. Kerns
Route 3
Bridgeport, West Virginia

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Dear Harry,

Due to wife's illness and hospitalization since March 1964 haven't attended the reunions.

Am in my 28th year as city mail carrier.

Hope I may make some future reunions.

Enclosed find check for dues.

Bill Westlake—Co. A-329
329 South Illinois St.
Pittsfield, Illinois

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Dear Harry,

The Myrtle Beach Reunion was one of the most outstanding affairs I've ever attended. It was my first reunion but surely will not be my last.

I was one of the first enlisted men to go to Atterbury and went all the way with the outfit.

Please send me the names and addresses of those you have on file from the 783rd Ordnance. Perhaps I can persuade some of them to join the Association.

I live close to Cincinnati, Ohio and think we could start a chapter dwn here with a little bit of effort.

I hear from Bill Litrenta of Philadelphia occasionally.

Keep up the good work.

Arthur H. Doggett—783rd Ord.
Verona
Kentucky

Dear Harry,

I picked up the Sunday paper and saw a write-up about the 83rd Infantry Div. Assn. seeking former members and thought it's about time I renewed my mefbership. Enclosed find money order for dues.

I joined the outfit in Camp Atterbury in 1942 and served with Co. I-331.

Was a member of the Warren, Ohio chapter but don't know if it is still active.

Nicholas L. Marciano
2808 Zedaker St.
Youngstown, Ohio 44502

Ed. note: Warren Chapter is still active, Nick. Get in touch with Mike Skovran, 2447 Reeves Road, Warren, Ohio

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Dear Harry,

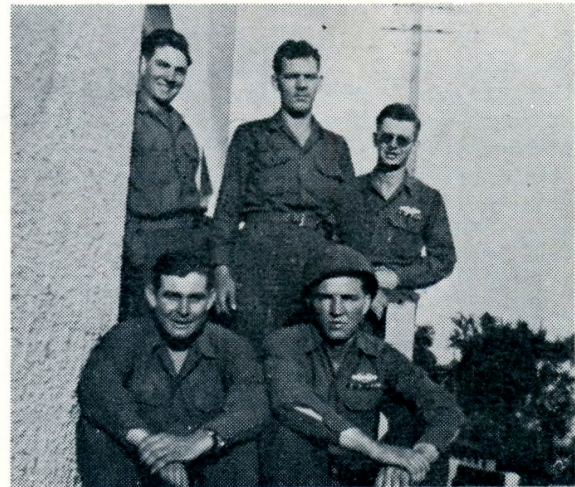
Received your nice letter and happy to hear from you. Thanks also for the copy of Thunderbolt; thoroughly enjoyed reading it and hearing about the reunion last year. You are the only person from the 83rd that I have had any contact with since the war.

Snapshot of me and four fellows was taken in Daylengerode, Germany. That's me in the doorway. I believe the war had ended in the ETO at the time or I probably wouldn't have been smiling.

Best regards to all.

Jack C. Allen—Co. C-329
1491 Summers St.
Hinton, West Virginia

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Dear Harry,

Thanks so much for your prompt reply learned a great deal hearing from you.

Enclosed is check for dues.

Thanks too for names and addresses of men in my old outfit. Sure brought back old memories after 20 years.

Do hope I can attend the reunion but, being in the restaurant business it's hard to get away. However, I'll try.

Dallas A. Williams—Hq. Btry. 323 FA
Jefferson
North Carolina

A little more from your secretary

I had the pleasure of visiting with and attending the meeting of the Fall River, Mass. Chapter on January 15, last at the home of Manny and Adeline Martin at 424 Freeloze St., in Fall River.

It's always nice to say hello, have a few drinks and a little something to eat with the men and women of the Fall River Chapter whenever I happen to be in the neighborhood.

Also on February 12 I attended a meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter at Lou Volpi's Lounge and Restaurant on Baltimore Pike in Lima, Penna.

The food served at Lou's place leaves nothing to be desired and the size of the drinks are more than ample.

Lou opened his new place a year ago and is gradually building up a steady clientele.

Those of you who like good food and an atmosphere of pleasant surroundings should try Lou Volpi's place; I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy it.

Lou served with Btry. A-324 FA and has been a member of the Association for many years and he and his charming wife, Lucy, never miss a reunion.

Lou also operates the Narberth Hoagie Shop and Restaurant at 245 Woodbine Ave., in Narberth, Penna. He has a fleet of trucks that supply hoagies, coffee and soft drinks, etc. to factories and other establishments in and around that area of Pennsylvania. To those of you who may not know what a "Hoagie" is it is the equivalent of a Hero sandwich.

In his spare time Lou does catering jobs and is well known in the area of Philadelphia for his excellent cuisine.

Hats off to the guy; he is not only a genial host but a breadwinner par excellent and a wonderful friend to all who know him.

Pauline Marek Weds

Pauline Marie Marek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marek of Sewickley, Penna., became the bride of John Victor Bortle, of Glenwillard, on January 14, 1966.

Little Pauline, who is no longer little Pauline, started coming to our reunions, with her parents, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all in all, Pauline has attended 16 of the 19 reunions we have had up to this year.

It just doesn't seem possible that so many years have gone by.

To Pauline and John Bortle we extend our hearty congratulations and may their future be ever bright.

Pauline's dad, John Marek, is a former member of Anti-tank Co.-331 and has been a member of the Association since it was organized.

Rita Poland Dies

Writing an obituary is not a pleasant task, especially when it is for a very good friend and we have just been informed of the death of Rita Poland, wife of Walter Poland, of 1270 Commercial St., Pittsburgh, Penna. who served with Co. I-329 during the war.

Rita was a very good friend [REDACTED], a most gracious person with always a smile for those she came in contact with at the reunions.

She and Walter attended many of our get-togethers and, needless to say, she will be sorely missed by those who knew her for the gracious lady she was.

To Walter Poland and his family we express our deepest regret and sympathy from all the members and the officers of the Association and we trust that, in their bereavement, they will look upon the Lord for help and guidance.

Harry Lockwood—Thunderbolt Editor

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Obituaries

We have just been informed of the deaths of the following former members of the 83rd Division.

Carlisle H. Triplett who served with Co. F-330, and was discharged with the rank of Major, died of a heart attack on September 7, 1963.

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Joseph F. Buckles was killed in a hit and run accident in Long Beach, Calif. on October 16, 1965.

During his tour of duty with Co. F-329 he was a bugler and a gunner in the 3rd Platoon and was popularly known as "Red" Buckles.

Red had been recovering from a stroke in the Veterans Hospital and had come home for a weekend visit with his brother at the time of the accident.

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Capt. Francis J. Madden (Ret.) who served with Co. D-330 died suddenly a short time ago at Martin Army Hospital.

Capt. Madden enlisted at the age of 18 and rose to the grade of Technical Sergeant. He received a battlefield commission as 2nd Lt. on Oct. 23, 1944 and served as an officer until July 25, 1945.

He reenlisted in the Regular Army on June 2, 1947 and was recalled to active duty on Aug. 3, 1948. He attained his present grade on Oct. 29, 1952 and in the U.S. Army Reserves on Oct 1, 1953.

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Dean DeLeury, one of the original members of the 783rd Ordnance, from South Bend, Indiana passed away recently at his home. No information was given as to the cause of his death.

Attention Men of Co. D-330

The parents of Capt. Francis J. Madden would appreciate hearing from anyone who served with and may remember him.

Capt. Madden died a short time ago and his obituary is in this issue of Thunderbolt.

Those of you who wish to should write to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Madden, 603 South Willow Ave., Sayre, Penna.

William Bray, Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.-330 who passed away on September 3rd, 1965 from injuries received in an unfortunate accident a few weeks before.

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We have received word of the death of Myron I. Hemming, of Latham, Ohio, formerly a member of Regt. Hq.-330 on January 27, 1966.

Some years ago Myron suffered a slight heart attack but was getting along fine and was teaching school at the time of his death.

Myron was a member of the Association from 1954 to 1960 but has not been active in the Assn. since then.

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Word was also sent to us of the death of John J. Bamonte, 3081 Deshler Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239, formerly a member of Co. C-308 Engineers on January 25, 1966.

John was an active member of the Association at the time of his death and kept in touch with his buddies throughout the years and he will be missed by those who who knew him as the nice person he was.

We regret to report the death of George M. Schuster, formerly Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Bn.-330 and Co. Commander of Hq. 3rd Bn.-330, early in February.

George was a member of the Association a few years ago and, at the time of his death lived at 233 Forest Ave., Narberth, Penna.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our departed comrade.

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We also just learned of the death of Ed. Paulino's father and, once again, we express our deepest sympathy to Ed. and his family in their hours of bereavement.

Ed. has been a member of the Association and has taken an active part in it for many years. He served with Btry. C-322 FA and lives at 4945 Elberta Ave., Cornwell Heights, Penna. and those of you who wish to get in touch with him at that address.

The belated sympathies of the 83rd Division Assn. and of their buddies are extended to the friends and families of these departed comrades, at this time.

Mrs. Harry (Lillian) Paton, passed away on December 1, 1965. Mrs. Paton had been ill for quite some time and was hospitalized last summer. Lillian was the wife of Harry Paton, who served with the 331st Medics and lives at 104 Pratt, Kingwood, West Virginia.

FOR SALE

We still have on sale 83rd Division Insignia cuff links at \$3.00 per set and 83rd Division Insignia Tie tacks at \$2.00 each.

Also decals for your car window at \$.25 each.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
Harry W. Lockwood
43 OAKLAND AVE.
JERSEY CITY, N. J. 07306**

