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When the call of our country was heard, they, as brave men, marched away with abiding faith in their God, their Country and their Flag.

The red of our Country's Flag was made redder by their heroism; the white more stainlessly pure by the motives which impelled them and in the starry field of our glorious banner, the blue has been glorified by the service they have given for American ideals.



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President's Corner

By Sam Klippa—Co. D-331

Hello Fellows:

A hearty hello to all you new members who have helped to make this the biggest year in the history of the Association.



Welcome aboard, fellows, and I'm sure that all of you will find you made a move in the right direction. Hope that you will pass the word along to all your buddies, those with whom you've kept in contact all these years, and try to convince them to join the Association also. We could very easily have passed

that 1000 mark in paid up membership this year if those 150 or so last year's members, who have not yet sent in their dues, had responded. Let's go fellows, let's keep on breaking the record each year from now on as there is no reason why our Association can't be one of the largest of its kind in the country.

This is by far the best year for us but only because of men like Vic Landis and Harry Lockwood who work so hard to see that we get the right kind of publicity and advertising. The news of our membership and about the reunion has been published in all newspapers around the country and, from time to time, I have been hearing it on many of our local radio

stations. I'm sure that the news has reached more 83rd men this year than ever before. Congratulations to Harry and Vic for a job well done and to all the officers and men who are doing their share and to those writing to their buddies to keep them informed about the goings on within the Association.

Time is flying by quite fast these days and it seems like only yesterday that I wrote the last column. Many things have been accomplished since then and this issue carries a lot of news and information about the reunion and its program. Many hours of hard work have gone into making this the best possible program and a program that all will enjoy. Many thanks to the officers and men of the Pittsburgh Chapter for a job well done also.

Here is a rundown on the program:

Thursday, August 11, 1966 — A tour of the Heinz 57 Varieties Food Plant and "Brauns Baking Company." These tours start at 1 p.m. sharp. The evening will be get acquainted night with a one hour T.V. special movie to be shown as a preview to the one that A.B.C. television will show this fall. The movie is titled "Battle of the Bulge - The Brave Rifles" and was produced by a former 83rd man, Laurence E. Mascott of Mascott Productions in California. This is a movie that I'm sure none of you will want to miss because the 83rd is specifically mentioned in it. I've been told by Mr. Mascott that we probably will get some advertising from A.B.C. for the preview showing at our annual banquet on June 4. here in Pittsburgh. This will be the day the executive board will again meet here. All of you who can make it to this affair are invited but you'd better contact us for further information real soon as only a limited number can attend. First come, first served. Write to me at 1500 Mutual St., Pittsburgh, Penna. 15204.

Friday, August 12, 1966 — Buses will leave the hotel about 9:30 a.m. for a tour of the South Hills Shopping Center, the largest of its kind under one roof between Chicago and New York City. It's a fabulous place where you can buy just about anything at all and do it in air-conditioned comfort without leaving the building. Free prizes will be given away on this tour. Friday afternoon will be the tour of the Duquesne Brewery and the evening will be loaded with fun for everybody on a brand new boat that is just being completed. A buffet dinner will be served on board with dancing and refreshments to follow while cruising the rivers. Sea food will be served to those who prefer it.

Saturday, August 13, 1966 — The last day of the reunion is almost standard procedure each year and there isn't much that could be added to it. Business meeting in the morning while the women catch up on some sleep or do their last minute shopping. After the business meeting, unit

Chaplain's Corner

luncheons followed by the Memorial Service with the famous 83rd Banquet to culminate the proceedings in the evening. Bishop Wright, of the Pittsburgh Diocese has accepted our invitation to the Memorial Service. As you can see our schedule is a full one and we are going to insist on everything starting on time.

Just a few reminders before I close. Take a look at your membership card and see if you still are a paid up member. If not, please send in your dues now and help us reach that 1000 mark that we have been trying for all these years. In future correspondence always include your Zip Code number in your address as per new postal regulations.

Hotel room reservation cards in this issue should be sent in as soon as possible as we have an agreement with the hotel to hold the block of rooms only up to 30 days before the Reunion after which it will be on a first come, first served basis. Don't wait until the last minute if you can help it.

I've sent out bumper stickers to each of the other chapters and anyone reading this column who would care to display one on his auto bumper I'd be glad to send it to you. Contributions are on a voluntary basis and will be used to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

The greater Pittsburgh Chapter will be sending out personal invitations to more than 2300 men in my files soon and we certainly hope that the time and effort going into this task will show in the attendance at the Reunion. We still believe we are on the way to the biggest yet so don't let us down. Just remember the dates, August 11, 12 and 13, 1966 at the Pittsburgh-Hilton Hotel.

Don't forget to send in your ads for the program journal as soon as you can and avoid the last minute rush. Personal ads are very important and we are going to try to keep the company ads separate if there are enough of you who send them in. Pittsburgh Chapter men are writing to their respective company members to try for enough to fill a full page. This is a good idea and we'd like to see it carried on by more of you.

So long for now and God bless you all.

Top Ten In Paid Up Membership

Co. F-329	50
Co. G-331	42
Div. Hqtrs.	32
308 Engineers	29
323 FA	25
324 FA	25
Co. F-330	24
All Medics	24
Co. M-331	23
Co. D-330	22
908 FA	22

Dear Comrades:

As Memorial Day approaches, the day we set aside to honor our Nation's dead, let us firmly resolve that their sacrifice shall not have been in vain — by meeting our responsibilities in 1966 to keep this nation free, to fight communism or any other tyranny, whenever and wherever it appears on this earth.



The following Decoration Day Hymn, whose author is unknown, seems so appropriate to relate to you:

Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, those brothers
of ours,
Lying so silent by night and by day,
Sleeping the years of their manhood
away,
Give them the meed they have won
in the past,
Give them the honors their future
forecast,
Give them the chaplets they won
in the strife,
Give them the laurels they lost
with their life.
Cover them over, yes cover them over,
Parent and husband, brother and lover,
Crown in your hearts those dead
heroes of ours,
Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Cover their hearts that have beaten
so high,
Beaten with hopes that were doomed
but to die.
Hearts that have burned in the heat
of the fray,
Hearts that have yearned for the home
far away,
Once they were glowing with friendship
and love,
Now their great souls have gone
soaring above,
Bravely their blood to the nation
they gave,
Then, in her bosom, they found them
a grave.
Cover the thousands who sleep
far away,
Sleep where their friends cannot find
them today,
They, who in mountain, and hillside,
and dell,
Rest where they wearied, and lie where
they fell,
Softly the grass blades creep round
their repose,
Sweetly above them the wild
floweret blows,

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Zephyrs of freedom fly gently o'erhead,
Whispering prayers for the patriot dead.
When the long years have rolled slowly
away,

E'en to the dawn of earth's funeral day,
When at the Angels' loud trumpet and
tread,

Rise up the faces and forms of the dead,
When the great world its last judgment
awaits,

When the blue sky shall fling open
its gates,
And our long columns march silently
through,

Past the great captain for final review.
Blessings for garlands shall cover
them over,

Parent and husband, brother and lover,
God will reward those dead heroes
of ours,

Cover them over with beautiful flowers.
May God richly bless and keep you and
yours forever, Amen.

Faithfully,
William O. Shuman—Divarty
Chaplain
83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Secretary-Treasurer Retiring

Buddies of the Division Assn.

After some very serious consideration, due to health and other reasons, I think it to be in the best interest of our wonderful Association that I retire as Secretary-Treasurer of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc., and as Editor of "Thunderbolt" to become effective at the Reunion in Pittsburgh, Penna. in August of this year.

I have been your Secretary-Treasurer since 1959: it has been a pleasure working with you and for you and I have enjoyed every moment of it.

If I have been, in any way, responsible for the success achieved by the Association these past few years, it is because of and due to the wonderful cooperation I received from some of you members for which I am grateful.

I am grateful, also, for the confidence you placed in me and I trust that my efforts, as your Secretary-Treasurer, met with your approval.

To your new secretary-treasurer and to you, my friends and buddies, I pledge that if, at any time, the experience that I may have acquired during my seven years as Secretary-Treasurer is of any help, please don't hesitate as any advice and assistance I can give is yours for the asking.

Sincerely,
Harry W. Lockwood
Secretary-Treasurer

Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo
Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. - 330

Here we are again and I'm happy to say that we are all thawed out from the big winter.



Received word that Olga Amicone had a major operation and we hope that she is feeling better and back in one piece again.

Chuck Abdinoor, our rug merchant, is very busy working day and night to make enough money to attend the reunion.

We held a meeting at Pat Di Giamerino's house on April 17 to talk over ways of making money to go to the reunion.

We will have a get-together on June 11 at Malden, Mass. and on July 17 we'll have a cook-out at Chuck Abdinoor's place in Dracut, Mass. and are looking for a big time, in each case, as always.

The children were asking if there will be a live T.V. show in Pittsburgh that they can attend. How about it, Sam?

Just received word from Mike Caprio that Mary Del Padre and her three daughters were in an auto accident and that Mary was in the hospital for six weeks. They are getting along well now, though.

Larry Arrigo's son, John, was on T.V. Channel 38 with the St. Catherine's Church Choir. Seems like John made the big time. Oh yes, John, how are your rabbits doing?

Read the story in Readers Digest, "The Last Battle". A very good story, indeed and quite a bit about the 83rd. Read it if you can, I'm sure you'll enjoy it. March and April issues.

Joe Petrucci tells me that the Suburban Auto Garage, owned by Art Tartaglia is going strong after the nasty winter we had.

That's it for now. Hope to see you all at the reunion.

SEND YOUR DUES TO

THE SECRETARY

Harry W. Lockwood

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The cover cut for this issue was done by John M. Noe, Division Artillery and the message was sent in by Manny Pacheco, Co. L-331.

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter News

By Greer Thompson
324 F. A. Bn.

Reunion time is near. We in Pittsburgh have several promotion ideas to try to help our membership grow; besides making plans to attend the reunion.

One of our many active members in promotion this year presented a very attractive and large poster at our last meeting held at New Italian Hall in Monessen, Pa., April 3, 1966.

Another member presented us with several hundred copies of the following drawing:



These copies were mailed to six different chapters so that they could be used in advertising our reunion. Let them all know we're very much alive, fellows, and join our great association.

Some fifty members and wives attended a very outstanding meeting in April by the Monessen members of the Pittsburgh Chapter. A surprise birthday cake with all 25 candles for our Division President, Sam Klippa, highlighted our delightful meal.

A new member, Harry Hudson and wife, attended the April meeting. Harry was in 322 F.A. Bn. Service Battery. Welcome, Harry, hope to see you often. Also new was John Caruso, Reg. Hq.-330. Nice to see our meeting attendance increasing. You fellows in Monessen are good hosts.

Our Chapter Treasurer, Alfred Gruber, has made arrangements for another night out, a dinner-dance, and we know a good time for all is in store. You're doing a good job, Al, keep up the good work.

A member of Co. A-331 made a plea for fellows to get out of their sacks and plan for the 1966 Reunion. Just want to show you a picture of some of the fellows who made the 1954 Pittsburgh Reunion. Thanks, Charles Caven, for the picture. Hope it brings back some good old memories.



L to R: Dave Feig, Dave Benick, Charles Caven, Glen Wible and Dick Ammon.

Warren Chapter Ladies Auxiliary

By Millie Kelly

Hi Everybody,

Hope you all had a very nice Easter and are patiently waiting for the warm weather.

Lee and Birdie Titus have joined the Grandparents Club of the Warren Chapter. Their son, Leroy, Jr., and his wife are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, born on April 6 and, incidentally, Lee and Birdie celebrated their wedding anniversary on the same day.

There are two 25th wedding anniversaries coming up also. The Kelly's celebrate theirs on April 17 and the Minotti's on May 31 and we are looking forward to a get-together on these dates. Everyone invited.

We women have completed two projects so far. The selling of Christmas cards and our annual Spring Candy Sale. We do this to raise money for our pet charities and everybody pitches in and does all they can at these times.

Joe and Mary Nuzzi's twins are in the Air Force and Mary is putting away a lot of left over food.

Dimps Minotti finally won her bout for a new home and we are all meeting there this month for our monthly meeting.

The new officers who will be officiating are: Mary Nuzzi, President; Theresa Gautschi, Vice President; Elizabeth Skovran, Secretary; Angela Phillipone, Treasurer.

We are planning to make the convention in Pittsburgh and hope to renew a lot of old friendships.

So long for now.

Your Secretary's Report

For the seven years that I have been secretary-treasurer of our Association I have seen the paid up membership rise from 334 at the end of the 1958 Association fiscal year to the present 900, at this writing which should be well over the 900 mark by the end of this fiscal year on July 31, next.



In that time, also, our total assets have increased from \$812. to well over \$5,000. in savings and checking accounts.

This, of course, is due to the wonderful cooperation I received from those of you members who helped in our membership drive each year by contacting your old buddies and selling them on the idea of membership in the Association, by your generosity in sending in a buddy membership and on the success of our yearly publicity campaign.

Each year we reach many men who have never heard of the 83rd Infantry Division Association and I'm amazed at the amount of new members we sign up through the attendance at the Reunion and during the rest of the year even though it has been more than 20 years since the end of activities in the E.T.O. and we cannot praise our publicity director, Vic Landis, enough as it is through his efforts that all this has been made possible along with the efforts of those I mentioned previously.

It is also surprising and somewhat disappointing how many of the old regulars do not respond each year in spite of three or four notices sent to them. If these men sent in their dues our paid up membership could reach fantastic heights and that 1000 membership we have been striving for all these years would, long since, have become a reality.

This being my last year as your secretary-treasurer I would like to thank all of you for the many courtesies extended to me, for your wonderful cooperation and for the remarks, comments and criticisms that helped make my tour of duty a most pleasant one.

To the many friends I have made during my 20 years of membership in the Association it has been a pleasure, it is now a pleasure and will always be a pleasure to call you "friend" and I hope you all feel the same as I do.

My apologies to any of you who may have been caused any inconvenience through an error or goof I might have

made somewhere along the line; it was not done intentionally and no offense was meant.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion in Pittsburgh.

See you in the next issue. Best regards.
Harry W. Lockwood
Regt. Hq. - 329

New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry W. Lockwood
Regt. Hq. - 329

Like other chapters in this part of the country we, of the New Jersey Chapter are happy to know that nice weather is just around the corner.

The past two months our attendance at the meetings has fallen off, for one reason or another but we look for things to pick up as soon as the weather breaks.

Needless to say we are all looking forward to the reunion coming up in August and this has been the principal topic among those of us who have been present at the past couple of meetings and I'm sure that the New Jersey Chapter will be as well represented at that annual affair this year as we have been in previous years.

To those of our chapter and any 83rders who may care to come, the V.F.W. Post 2867 in Garfield will hold a Cabaret Night at the American Legion Post around the corner from the V.F.W. Post on June 11 and expect a full house. They are asking that all who plan to attend get their reservations in as early as possible.

Tickets for this affair are \$6.00 per couple and we are trying to get a group of 83rders together to have our own area set off with a banner designating the 83rd.

Tables will seat ten people and if we get our reservations in right away we can have as many tables as we need. Come on fellows, make it a night out for you and your lady, (I'm sure she deserves it) and help support our buddies in the V.F.W. Post and, at the same time, enjoy the company of a real nice group of people. Get in touch with me as soon as you can and leave the rest to me.

The New Jersey Chapter was saddened by the death of Jim Bowie's father on March 2, 1966 and by the death of Charlie Sihlanick's mother 16 days later on March 18. We, of the Chapter extended our deepest sympathies to both of our buddies in their hour of bereavement.

Charlie Sihlanick and the New Jersey Chapter wish to thank the V.F.W. Post for their thoughtfulness in sending flowers on behalf of his departed mother.

Vito Lascari, president of the Chapter, wants all members to know that he is expecting to see a good turnout at the next meeting.

Good health to all, see you in the next issue.

Signal Musings

Another Memorial Day, a day to remember and honor those who have given their lives for their country. Let us not forget to remember the buddies who lived through the various battles of our history. It is the living who must carry on to achieve the ideals and principles for which these men died. I think the 83rd can again be proud for the efforts in this direction on the part of Larry Redmond and Edgar Cormier.

May I add my personal thanks to these two individuals and those who supported them.

You fellows have been suffering from broken arms from all the mail I have received recently— sorry about that! Sgt. Chicos sent me a long list of addresses quite some time ago and I am in the process of checking the known addresses for accuracy. At the present time I have about 10 letters and cards from his listing but no response as yet. Steve, I am using the list and thank you a lot. To support the efforts of Sam Klippa and the Pittsburgh group I am concentrating on the Penn. boys. Hope it will help you guys out for the 1966 Reunion, Sam. Elsewhere in this issue is a picture I hope someone can help me identify. I hope it is good enough to get a print of it — I left that up to Editor Harry Lockwood. It looked like Spencer Heit, formerly (perhaps still) of Rochester, N. Y. Should be a picture of me before and after if Harry dares to print it. Thought it might help some of you to remember me.

You fellows that can make the Pittsburgh boys happy at the 1966 Reunion by Start Planning Now! Sorry, I have no inside information for this issue but I hope to have information from some of the new contacts for the next issue. Until next issue, please be patient; I can't help but improve.

Don Hinz

Birth Announcement

Congratulations are in order to Manny and Adeline Martin on the birth of Karen Ann born April 23, 1966.

She weighed in at 5 pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces. Mother and Dad are doing fine. Manny is a member of the Association's executive board. He lives at 424 Freelove Ave., Fall River, Mass.



Don Hinz - 1945



Don Hinz - 1966

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The following picture was sent in by Don Hinz, 219 11th Ave., Worthington, Minnesota. It was taken at the Castle Rest Center in Passau, Germany in the summer of 1945. The Signal Company was at Vils-hofen at that time.

Don would like to know if he is correct in thinking the G.I. in the picture is Spencer Heit of Rochester, N. Y.

Anyone having this information contact Don.



Co. F 329 News and Side Lights

By Vic Landis

A glad to report at this writing that F-329 is leading the pack in paid up memberships with 50. G-331 as always is close behind with 42. It has been ever thus and our two units usually have over 10 per cent of the total paid up memberships. Hats off to Ed Murphy and his gang for the wonderful work they have been doing for G-331. We, of F-329 love their friendly competition. Come and catch up boys.

Note that George Whitehead, Hubert Degnan, Bill Hutton, Doc Keith, Gerry Morrison, Bill Fleming, Ralph Klug, Pop Maranovich and Joe Putnak have not paid their dues. Get off your duff and send in your five hoggies.

Sorry to report that Jim and Trudy Fowler will probably not be with us at Pittsburgh, as they will make a trip to Tripoli and spend quite some time with their daughter, Janice, her husband Saleh and their grandchildren. It will be during our reunion dates. Good luck nice people.

That's about all. Let's all get in there and "Charge".



Part of Co. F-329 taken at their C.P. in Myrtle Beach.

Hello Buddies:

Here we are past the half way mark of another great year in the history of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. To those of you who have joined us for the first time, we, the old timers in this Association extend to you a most cordial welcome. To those of you, who like myself are more or less dedicated to this great Association, we can feel proud that the Association is able to brag of another most successful year. As it stands right now, we have about the largest membership that this Association has ever seen. Were it not that we have so many of our members who have failed to send in their dues as of this date, we would have been able to brag of that goal of 1000 that we have set out to reach all

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis—F-329

Due to the illness of my three sisters and my brother, Rev. Ted H. Landis, publicity on the whole has lagged the past few months, but am preparing an all-out effort, from here on in. Have high hopes it will be the best campaign ever. Will have the nation and Canada covered like a tent.

Hate to keep repeating myself, but one of greatest publicity angles, is YOU BUDDIES WRITING YOUR OLD BUDDIES AND TELLING THEM ABOUT OUR GREAT REUNIONS.

Explain to them the great times we have and our fine programs and entertainment. Let them know they will be met with open arms and more than merely welcome.

Hope all of you read the April issue of the Readers Digest's "The Last Battle" and noted the wonderful write up on the old 83rd, the rag tag circus. It should make all of us throw out our chest and be proud we were the fighting men of the 83rd.

It is not too late for all you old regulars to send in a buddy membership. Try it once, you will feel better.

these years.

I am sorry to say that as of this date, we have better than 200 of our members, who were paid up members last year, who are not this year. We ask ourselves, "is it because of something said or done in the Association that has kept these men from being a paid up member?", no, I dare say it isn't that reason, the main reason is nothing more than carelessness on their part that they have failed to send in their dues. Check your wallet today. See if you have a paid up membership card. If not, invest that \$5.00 today to make you a paid up member in the greatest Division Association in the country. Other associations are jealous of our Association. Having been a national officer of this Association, I have had the opportunity to correspond with several other associations. They can't seem to realize that our membership holds up like it does and that we have the turnouts that we have at our reunions. Even though we are past the half way mark in our Association year and dues will be due again in August. If you are not paid up, please send it today. It costs money to operate this organization, please do your part. Be proud to be able to be a member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, just as you were proud to have served with the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II.

Larry Redmond
Co. "H" 330th

Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco—Co. L-331

Hope this finds everyone in good health, high spirits and that you all had a Happy Easter.



Manny Martin was hospitalized recently, nothing serious, thank God, and he was released with a clean bill of health.

Our Buffet and Dance, held on Feb. 19, 1966, was a big success and all who attended had more than enough to eat, lots to drink and everyone had a ball. To all who assisted in making this affair

possible and successful, my heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Our next Buffet and Dance is planned for June 18, 1966 with music by that ever popular BEBE and His Musical TOPS. A grand time is in store for all and tickets will be limited.

According to all reports thus far on the coming reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa. it has all the earmarks of becoming the finest reunion we have ever had the pleasure of attending. The gang of the Fall River Chapter is excited over the fact that reunion time is fast approaching and plans are being made to attend in full strength if all goes well. Let's hope it does.

The following pictures are from our Buffet and Dance.



Getting the tables ready — Tony Telles and Henry (Peanuts) Cyr.



Mary and Lenny Torres and friends.



Too Pooped to Pop. Doris Cyr.

Chicago Metropolitan Chapter

By Jim Burton—Co. D-329th

Here in the windy city of Chicago things are looking up and we're starting to think ahead to the convention in Pittsburgh when we will be able to meet again with old friends and hope we meet some buddies who may be new to the Association. After our return we will be going F-U-L-L B-L-A-S-T to make ready for the 1967 convention here in Chicago. We hope we will have the biggest turnout in the history of the 83rd Association.

Last month we had a social get-together on St. Patrick's night and we all agreed that it was a terrific evening as everyone there had a wonderful time. Terrific refreshments and dinner and of course we sang our share of Irish songs.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and may we all remember our fallen buddies and pay homage to their memory and their sacrifice.

SEE YOU IN PITTSBURGH!

20th Annual Reunion Program

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1966

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Registration Mezzanine
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Tours of Braun's Bakery and Heinz Food
7:30 P.M. - ? Get Acquainted Party, 83rd Movies and Refreshment

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1966

9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Registration Ball Room Foyer
9:30 A.M. - Buses leave for tour of South Hills Shopping Center
for WOMEN. Buses return to Hotel by 5:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M. - NOON Business Meeting Ball Room No. 3
1:00 P.M. Buses depart for tour of Duquesne Brewery
6:00 P.M. Board Party Liner for Buffet Dinner, Cruise and Dancing.
Refreshments will be served aboard.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1966

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Registration Mezzanine
10:00 A.M. - NOON Business Meeting Ball Room No. 3
12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Unit Luncheons
2:00 P.M. Memorial Service
6:30 P.M. Famous 83rd Banquet Ball Room No. 1
8:30 P.M. Dancing and Refreshments to follow Banquet. Pittsburgh
Chapter Hospitality Room will be open at all times
except during meetings and Memorial Service.

Convention Chairman's Corner

By Charles Altomari—Co. C-308 Eng.

In this issue of Thunderbolt you will find the program of events for the 20th Annual Reunion to be held at the Pittsburgh-Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh, Penna. on August 11, 12 and 13, 1966. We trust that it meets with your approval. If any changes are made, they will appear in the Convention issue of Thunderbolt which comes out in July.



We, here in Pittsburgh, have been meeting very often lately, getting written contracts for our various functions and, as of this writing, plans are coming along smoothly.

We are working on our Program Book and the ads are starting to come in. We are putting on a tremendous drive with our publicity and advertising campaign and also for membership. We are hoping it pays off. Many of our members are writing to their buddies and we are expecting the largest turnout ever and the hotel is the finest and best in the city of Pittsburgh.

The hotel has cooperated with us to the fullest extent and there should be no difficulty getting rooms this year. Please, though, send in your reservations as soon as you can so you can be assured of getting the type of reservation you desire.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion. Meantime, I'll see you in the next issue of Thunderbolt; till then best regards. In closing, I might mention that we would appreciate an ad in the program journal from all who would like to help the cause along and a booster or patron ad from any and all members of the Association. Please help us put this thing over with a bang.

The following pictures are of the 908th FA:



Sgt. Matt "Boom-boom" Brumbach's section on Christmas, 1944. That's Matt squatting in the center, first row.



Sgt. Sam Aiello's 4th Section, Christmas, 1944. Sam is the little guy in the center, rear.



Sgt. Sam Aiello's gun crew in Hurtgen Forest, December, 1944.

Thanks To James Sanders, 2 Shore Road, Wayne, N. J. for he use of them.

Frankly Speaking

I would like to devote my article of this issue to the men of "D" Company, 330th, and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those men who sent in their national dues this year so far and made it possible for "D" company to be in the top ten in the Paid Up Member Roster. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask any of you fellows, who have not sent in their dues as yet to please do so and this will help us to get into the top



five!

I am also proud this year to announce that we now have Sargent Claude Dodd, who was our First Sargent in Company "D" and I am most sure you all remember him. He also promised me that he will be in Pittsburgh this year in August for the reunion and I certainly would like to see a good turnout of all the men of company "D" this year just like we had back in 1949 in Pittsburgh. I am most sure that Dodd will be very pleased to see all of our faces again and to give us orders. Ha! Ha!

I hate to mention names in this column and, therefore, I am not going to do it but I know of about five or six of our men who were always good paid up members have failed to send in their dues this year. Therefore, all of you take out your membership card and see if it says "1966". If not, please send in your dues before it is too late.

This is about all I have at this time but there will be another issue before reunion time and at that time I will tell you how successful I was with this article. Please help me in every way possible even if you have to pay a buddy's dues in order to put us on top.

Hope to see all of you in Pittsburgh, August 11, 12 and 13.

Frank McGrogan
Company D-330th

Attention All Members

The Post Office informs us that no bulk mail will be delivered unless the Zip Code is included in the address.

This is to go into effect on January 1, 1967 but we would appreciate it if you will send your Zip Code number to the Secretary-Treasurer as soon as you can.

Send it to the following address:

Harry W. Lockwood
43 Oakland Ave.,
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Now that we have passed the half way mark of another year in the history of our Association, the months will start rolling



by and before we know it, Reunion time will be upon us. Let us all start today making plans to attend this Reunion. As you well know, Pittsburgh will be the Reunion City, and unfortunately for some of us who are always able to get our vacations the third week in August, we are going to have to make other plans,

as the Reunion will be a week earlier this year. This will be the weekend of August 11, 12 and 13. Let's all get on the bandwagon and make this the largest Reunion yet.

Well, now to get back to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter. We have had a very wonderful and successful year, along with some sorrow. This year we have had the misfortune of having had several deaths in the families of our members. Whenever possible we had representation at the wakes to pay the respect of the Chapter. In the line of our good times during the year, we have tried something different. Ever since our Chapter was organized, we held our meetings on the third Thursday of the month, we have made a change on that, and now hold them usually the third or fourth Saturday of the month, and make it a combined Meeting and Social. This has turned out pretty well; we have been fortunate in having a larger turnout and it has been something different. We have been holding it at Lou Volpi's new restaurant, on Baltimore Pike in Wawa. (To those of you driving through our great city, by way of Route 1, be on the lookout for this restaurant.)

At our last meeting and social we had a very wonderful time, we had a buffet dinner, which was out of this world. It was really a Chef's Special. There was plenty of food for all and a delightful menu prepared. I am sure that among us, some of the men had to leave a notch out on their belts after finishing the food that was set out for them, I am sure that some of the women had an over abundance of food also. We had approximately 70 in attendance at this affair. After the dinner, we adjourned to a private room where the regular Chapter meeting was held. At this meeting we held election of officers for the coming year. They will be installed

at the regular Chapter Banquet to be held on Sunday, May 29th. This promises to be a very gala affair.

The real purpose of this Buffet Dinner, was that it was a farewell party to one of the Charter Members of our Chapter. Ed Paulino, past President of our Chapter, past vice-president and reunion chairman of the Association, has been transferred in his job to California and has left the Philadelphia area. He will be sadly missed by our active Chapter members who have been in such close contact with him. We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ed on his promotion. I am sure that Ed will make many new friends in California. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter presented a very beautiful Silver Platter to Ed and his wife Ruth, as a token of our sincere feelings towards him. May God Bless them and grant them good luck in their new home.

This affair appeared to be one of the greatest times that we have had as we had the good fortune of two of our Chapter members meeting buddies that they hadn't seen since they were in Germany. The most unusual meeting of all was between two members, both of whom have been active in the Chapter for several years, yet not having had the opportunity of meeting one another. I was quite amazed when Ken Seiger, Co. H-329th, came up to me and asked if Art Federici was going to be there. I told him that he was there and pointed him out. Both men met for the first time since the war and neither recognized the other. Ken has been a past Chapter President and was active in the Chapter for years. Art has been a Chapter member for years and was quite active, but never happened to be able to attend a meeting when Ken could, and when Ken did, Art was missing. Another meeting for the first time since the war was between Paul Hancher, Baltimore, Maryland, 308th Engineers, and Lester Hauck, 308th Engineers. Paul happened to be in Philadelphia visiting his buddy, Harry Kirby, 308th Engineers and came to the affair with him. This helped make this a very successful affair. It just proves how easy it is to meet an old buddy, that is why I keep trying to entice men to join the Association and try to attend Reunions. Some men tell me they dropped out because they never met anyone they knew. I did that for years, today I know everyone.

Well buddies, as of the publication of this issue, we will be celebrating Memorial Day. Let us all take an extra minute out to pay our respects to our less fortunate buddies, who lay in the veterans' cemeteries in Europe as well as here in the United States. Let us always remember, were it not them, it could have been us.

Larry Redmond—Co. H-330th

"We Wish Them Luck"

It is always difficult to say farewell to friends. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division will miss



Ed and Ruth Paulino who will soon be leaving us and go to California, where Ed has been given an opportunity to manage a new plant. We all know that Ed is a hard worker, and we know he will be successful in this new endeavor.

Ed has always been an "Eager Beaver" to make the Philadelphia Chapter a success. He has held many offices in our organization. He has often volunteered and served on many committees to make our Chapter number one on all of their endeavors. We will always remember how skillfully he served as Convention Chairman of our Atlantic City Convention. A Reunion that everyone who attended, acknowledged as one of the best held. It will not be easy to replace a pair like Ed and Ruth. They will always be remembered as a team, who gave the Philadelphia Chapter, all they could and then some more.

We, his friends, are grateful for this opportunity to extend to Ed and Ruth the fact that we will always treasure their friendship, and be proud to call them friends.

To Ed and Ruth — we wish the best of luck in all their endeavors.

Dave Rosenberg—Co. F-331
Philadelphia Chapter

330th Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Once again I wish to say hello to those of you who served with the 330th Infantry Regiment. In checking over the roster of members in the Association, I feel mighty proud of the men of the 330th Regimental Unit for the growth in membership in the Association this year. As I glance over this roster, I see several names on it that were not on it last year or the year before or the year before that, which means that the 330th has picked up several new members.

We have tried and tried to contact our former 330th buddies; some of us have been successful, others, have had no luck. Let us all make a last ditch stand on our membership drive, let each and everyone of us try contacting as many of our former buddies as possible and try to sell

Detroit Chapter News

By Jack Daugherty—Co. L-329

Here is it time for another issue of Thunderbolt and I look forward to every issue.

There's not too much to report from the Detroit area at this time. Spring sure has been slow in coming this year but I know the weather will improve soon.

This being the Memorial Day issue I guess we all have a lot to be thankful for and hope that by next year, this time, all those young boys that we are sending over to Vietnam will be home with their families.

Bill Palazzolo was out to see us last week. Bill and Virg's boy, Joe, is in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and is just about to go to Vietnam so Bill and Virg are taking a trip down to see Joe.

The Pittsburgh Chapter said, in the last Thunderbolt, that they would keep everyone posted on their next party. Well, if and when, just let us know here in Detroit, by dropping a card to me, John Daugherty, 19920 Inkster, Romulus, Mich. Hope that Sam Klippa is feeling much better by this time.

Received a letter from Dennis O. Dunn, of Clinton, North Carolina. He and his wife are looking forward to making the reunion in Pittsburgh in August and it will sure be good to see them.

I got a real kick out of seeing that picture of some of the boys of my old outfit, especially the one of Vernon Callihan and John Owens. I sure remember you two guys. If I am not mistaken Callihan was cook for our outfit and was better known as the "Belly Robber".

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ed. Paulino's father and we extend our sympathy to Ed. and Ruth.

See you all in the next issue.

him a membership. Remember, a team is no better than its players. We are a team, as it stands right now, we have the bases loaded with two men out, you are the batter coming up, it depends on you to drive in the winning runs or strike out. Let us remember, several years ago we set a goal of 1,000 paid up members; as of right now we need more than 100 to reach that goal. You can help reach it.

This issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" will be the Memorial Day issue; let each and everyone of us of the 330th Regimental Unit, bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer for our departed buddies who sacrificed their lives for a great cause. Let us always remember that buddy next to us; were it not he that got it, it may have been you. He is deserving of your prayers and your respect.

Sincerely,

Larry Redmond

Co. H - 330th Regt. Unit

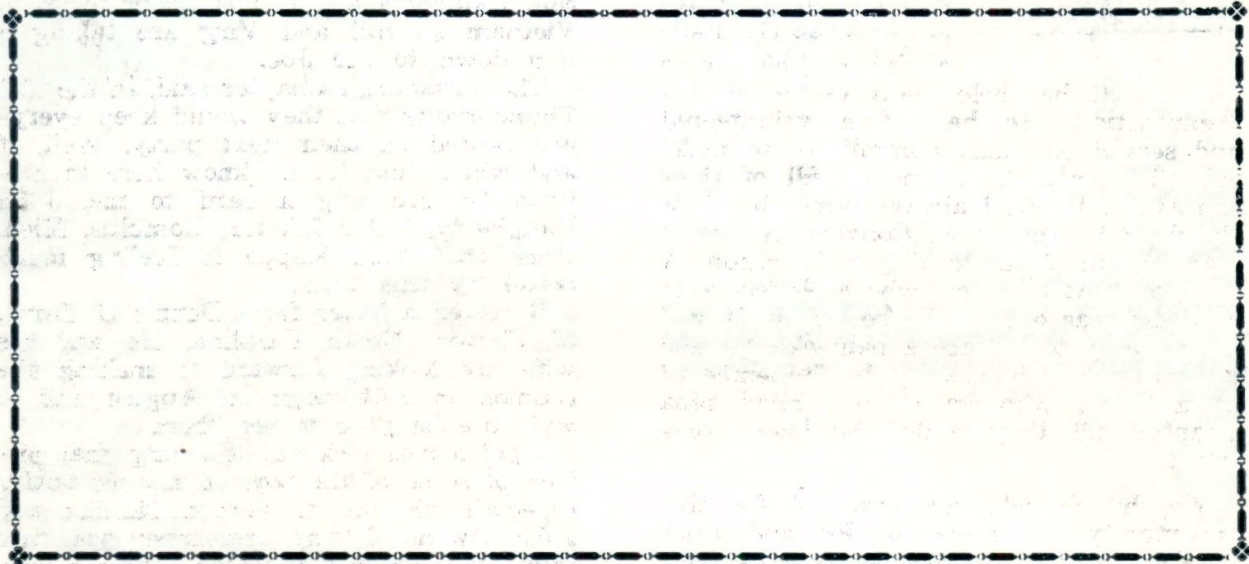
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G Co. 331st Reporting

By E. J. "Spud" Murphy

Old friends, here we are with less than three months, until our reunion in Pittsburgh come August. Have you all finalized your plans to be with your old buddies? Don't let them down. They have been counting on seeing you this year for a long time now.

Our national office informs me, that to date, old G Co. has 42 paid up members. Now if we can make as admirable a showing attendance wise in Pittsburgh, we can advance on the smoky city with pride in ourselves.

Janet Gaynor sends word along that our old buddy Mort, was the victim of an unfortunate accident at his place of work in mid-March. Seems that an electrical flash at a sub-station left old Mort pretty badly burned. At last word we had, there was still a question of a skin graft on his hands. Your old buddies are united to the man Mort, in their fervent hope that by the time you read this issue of the T-Bolt, you will be fully recovered, and reunited with your family. Let the old boy hear from you guys. You can send him a card at 464 Welch's Point Road, Milford, Conn.

News in a lighter vein arrives from Joe Kuzma. Joe would like his old pals to know that he took the vows on January 15. After a honeymoon in Canada, Joe and his new bride are back at Joe's old address in Bayonne. Congrats to the "Kooz" and the Mrs. from the old gang.



Joe Kuzma (Co. G-331) and his lovely bride.

Let each of us in his own way remember his dearly departed buddies this Memorial Day and all year round. Be ever mindful of what their supreme sacrifices have meant to the country, and the world at large.

Despite repeated reminders, a few of you old reliables still forgot to remit your dues. How about writing out that check before you put this little mag down tonight, so it won't slip your mind again? It isn't too late to improve upon our membership roster.

Hope you all sent Al Seuss a buck apiece at 2371 Shelly St. in Pittsburgh, so we will see your name on the Booster roster.

A Little Bit From Co. C - 308th Engineers

By Lester Hauck

It's been awhile since you've heard from me but I can assure you that news is hard to get when you live in Perkiomenville, Penna. (Indian translation for Perkiomen means "somewhat clouded").

At Christmas time I got a card from John Heard, Route 1, Canton, Georgia, who said he had lost all contact with the 83rd after he was wounded and never got back to the outfit. I've sent him some addresses and a little bit of gossip so how about some of you Co. C men dropping him a line.

I've also gotten in touch with Kendall Wilson of Marion Station, Maryland. He is in the tomato canning business and cannot get away in August, September or October.

At the last reunion in Pittsburgh two men from Co. C-308 Eng. were present but we since have lost contact with them and would appreciate it if anyone in the Pittsburgh area could supply us with information on them as we'd like to get in touch with them and have them at the reunion this year. They are Raymond Pike, last known address: 92 Sprucewood Drive, Bethel Park, Pa. and Louis Nech whose last address was 146 Van Buren, Pittsburgh. Pike, at that time worked for the Corp. of Engineers as a diver on the River Locks and Nech was a truck driver for a meat distributor.

Hope you can help us locate these men. Send all information to me, Lester Hauck, Perkiomenville, Penna. or John Robinette, 916 North DeQuincy St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Many, many thanks to Cornelius Ryan for the wonderful write up he gave the 83rd Infantry Division in his book, "THE LAST BATTLE" a condensed version of which appears in the March, April and May issues of Readers Digest.

I found it to be thoroughly enjoyable reading and can recommend it highly to any and all who enjoy good books.

Mr. Ryan also wrote "THE LONGEST DAY" a story of the Invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944 which, also, was a thoroughly enjoyable book.

Appropo of this is an article I received from Harry Fetzner which may bring back a bit of nostalgia to many of you old 83rdrs.

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Dear Harry,

If nothing happens in the meantime I hope to see the gang at reunion in Pittsburgh.

Enclosed is an article I found in an old issue of Stars & Stripes, thought you might like to use it in Thunderbolt.

Harry Fetzner
503 Decatur St.
Cumberland, Maryland

RAG-TAG CIRCUS — THEY MAKE HISTORY.

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

With 83rd Inf. Div. Across the Elbe April 14, (Delayed) — Gen. Simpson, himself, sent down to find out how they did it.

This Rag-Tag "traveling circus", that rode and fought over 200 miles of Germany in some ten days, keeping up with the best of American armor, just didn't belong in the books of modern warfare.

It was impossible but the 83rd Inf. Div. did it. From the time they were relieved from the bridgehead they had secured across the Weser to the crossing of the Elbe and the holding of the bridgehead on the far side, they had not only kept up with the armor, they had outstripped it.

They used any kind of transport you can name—tanks, TDs, trucks and jeeps, all bursting at the seams with GI passengers and then, added to that were German cars, trucks, fire engines, bicycles and even wheelbarrows.

Except for a day or so they had absolutely no attached trucks to haul their fast freight so they had to dod with whatever they could find along the road, and they found plenty.

Strange things happened in that ten day Blitz — things that could only have happened to this "Coxey's Army."

The other day, as they were rolling along, a little German sedan was weaving in and out of the column, passing vehicles. No one would have noticed it — there wasn't anything unusual in this convey about a German vehicle — if the driver hadn't kept honking his horn imperiously.

Pfc. David Webster, a Signal Co. man from Terre Haute, Indiana, took a second

look at the car and saw that the guy inside had on a German uniform — with red collar patches. The 83rd had captured a German General who was going east in even a greater hurry than they were.

In another case, the column overtook a German convey, consisting of a Colonel and his staff, traveling the same way on the same road.

Up with the 1st Battalion of the 329th Inf. Regt., fighting their first real battle since they took off, the men were still reminiscing about ducking shells at the perimeter of the Elbe bridgehead. They were bitter about some of the things they saw.

S/Sgt. Dean Derey of Bristol, Tenn. described the British and Americans, they had freed in their sweep, about how they had cried when the 83rd came along and how the German guards had previously beaten the civilians who had so much as offered them a glass of water in their death march across Germany.

Sgt. George McKana, of Augusta, Kentucky, told of taking 57 pistols, a shotgun and a rifle away from some German Army doctors who insisted they had a right to carry them. Pfc. John Shuford, of Marion, North Carolina, told of his capture of two boys, one nine years old, and another 11, wearing a full Wehrmacht uniform in a trench by a roadside.



Clifford Canfield sent in this picture of four men of his platoon taken in August or September, 1944.

Left to right: Sgt. Valavitch, Sgt. Canfield, Eddie Fagner. The other man unknown.

Canfield was in Co. C-329.

Dear Harry,

As to this dues business, I had good intentions. Well, the other day I got around to cleaning out my desk and lo and behold, what popped up but my expired yellow membership card. Sorry I'm late but enclosed is check for this year's dues.

I look forward to each copy of Thunderbolt and want you to know that I'm sure we all appreciate the long hours you and your staff put in on the publication.

I haven't attended many reunions, due to working conditions but hope to attend more in the future.

In all issues I rarely come across names of men I served with but that is understandable. How our lives and ways change as years go by.

Best regards and I hope your health is better and that the GOOD LORD will give you the strength to continue your most active duties.

The following pictures were taken in Zwiesel, Germany of some of the boys in the A&P Platoon of Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.-329. Perhaps you can find room for them in some future issue. Wonder how the boys look today?

Eldon S. Brissman
Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.-329

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Engr. Squad: front, l to r: Ferguson, Hepburn, Watkins and Sgt. Brooks; rear, l to r: Roth, Mabe, Babit and Malec.



Ammo Squad: front, l to r: Wear, Asbury, Brissman and Sgt. Glasscock; rear, l to r: Ruane, DeFonseca, Martin and Ford.

New members since the last issue of Thunderbolt:

J. E. Boroughs, Crumwell Road, Savannah, Tennessee—Hq. Co. 1st Bn.-331.

Charles Shipley, 114 Hardin St., Winchester, Illinois 62694—Co. E-329.

Marvin E. Vick, 1450 Woodaton Road, Memphis, Tennessee—Co. D-330.

Frank L. Martino, 1505 Edgeway Drive, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554—Medics -329.

Robert Harrell, 706 Olive St. N.E., Warren, Ohio—Co. D-330.

Angelo C. Cadena, 417 S. Main St., c/o Schroth Jewelers, Orange, Calif. 92668.

John E. Walsh, 670 Flatbush Ave., West Hartford, Conn.—Co. L-330.

Herbert J. Brandt, 229 East Van Hoesen, Kalamazoo, Michigan—Co. M-331.

Theodore Pagani, 315 Third St., LaSalle, Illinois 61301—Co. D-330.

James D. Jewell, 4405 Grand Ave., Shadyside, Ohio 43947—Co. G-331.

Walter T. Sokolski, 3304 Cranbrook, Kalamazoo, Michigan—Co. D-308 Medics.

Carl L. Anderson, 2274 Yankee Street, Niles, Michigan 49120—Div. Hqtrs.

William F. August, 20 Rockwell Street, Winsted, Conn. 06098—Cannon Co.-329.

Joseph A. Cintofanti, 215 Vista Street, Feasterville, Penna.—Co. L-329.

William H. Clem, Route 3, Box 269, Manassas, Virginia 22110—Co. B-330.

Norman Schuster, 66 Fairview Ave., Sellersville, Penna. 18960—Co. D-331.

William E. Holt, 15 Pontiac Road, Wellsburg, West Virginia—Co. E-331.

Members reinstated since the last issue of Thunderbolt:

John A. Mason, 1223 South Weadock, Saginaw, Michigan—Co. H-331.

Wilbur A. Campbell, 911 Soles St., McKeesport, Penna.—Co. D-331.

Leon J. Hutto, P.O. Box 181, Blackville, So. Carolina—Co. H-330.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find check for dues. Hope to hit the 1000 mark this year.

Sorry I could not get to Myrtle Beach but could not get my vacation to coincide with those dates.

I work at the Post Office here and sometimes my schedule conflicts with things I'd like to do.

Would like to stay abreast of goings-on in Dixie Chapter. I see in Thunderbolt the time and place of a meeting in High Point and will try to be there.

Best regards to you and the rest and keep up the good work you are doing.

If anyone is ever in this neck of the woods, please look me up.

John W. Heffner
Co. K-330
Maiden, North Carolina

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Had a wonderful time at Myrtle Beach, wish you could have been there.

Enclosed is a picture of the men of Co. B-329 who attended the reunion in Myrtle Beach.

Hope to see all in Pittsburgh.
Edward B. Thomas
954 Rockland Ave., N.W.
Roanoke, Virginia
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L to r: Worth Wells, Howard Day, Edward B. Thomas, Bob Uher, Joe Lang, Joe Stek and Billie Walker.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find my dues for this year. Scrry about the delay.

The following article may be of interest to any of the men who were in St. Malo.

I wrote a letter to the Mayor of St. Malo that, having just read the new book, "Is Paris Burning", reminded me that 20 years ago, while guarding with Tipacs platoon of MP's a warehouse filled with Naval Stores, a young Frenchman and I found the whole place loaded with explosives and sea mines set in the floors to blow it and St. Malo off the face of the earth. I reported it and it was removed.

While there the German commander, wounded and a prisoner of a GI wanted whiskey from his office. I ran him off.

I wonder if the GI remembers that and if he is a member of the Association?

I received a very nice letter from the Mayor of St. Malo — they dont know who the Frenchman was who warned me.

One more war story; hope it is of interest to some. Hope to see you at the reunicon.

W. Kent O'Connell
Div. MP's
183 Acre Lane
Hicksville, Long Island
New York
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Dear Harry,

Received my membership card and car window decal. Thanks very much.

Here's something that happened to me a short time ago. At a friend's night club, here in Younstown, Ohio, as he and I were having a couple of drinks a couple walked in and I noticed that they spoke broken English. As we got acquainted he asked me what outfit I was with overseas and when I told him the 83rd Infantry Division he almost fell off the stool.

He told me that my Commander's name was Gen. Macon and I almost fell off the stool.

He then told me that he is a piano player and that he used to play for Gen. Macen in Vilshofen, Germany in 1945-46. He also said the General's favorite song was Estralita.

Things like this happen once in a million.

Would appreciate it if you will send me Gen. Macon's address so that he and I could write to him.

I mentioned the renuion in Pittsburgh this year and he said he would like to come with me.

Best regards and hope to see you in Pittsburgh.

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

Enclosed find my dues for this year.

Sorry I did not get to the reunion in 1965. I had called for a hotel room but got sick and could not make it.

Haven't gotten along very well since I was wounded in 1944.

Read in the last Thunderbolt what was said about the Viet Nam situation and can say I am very proud of the small part I played in World War II. No one knows what it is all about except those who went through it as we and many others did. I'm sure that the 83rd would give a good example of itself if called upon to do it again.

I think that you and the boys are doing a real good job keeping the Association going and I want you to know we appreciate it.

Say hello to all the gang for me.

Leon J. Hutto
Co. H-330
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Dear Sir,

Attended the first reunion in Cleveland, one in Indianapolis, one in Pittsburgh and one in Detroit.

My wife and I plan on coming to Pittsburgh this summer and hope to see my old buddy, Warren Guttendorf.

Enclosed check for dues.

John A. Mason—Co. H-331
1223 S. Weadock
Saginaw, Michigan

Dear Harry,

Enclosed my check for continuing my dues to the Association.

I wonder if you could send me another copy of the Thunderbolt (Jan.-Feb.-Mar., 1966). My son, who was the first baby baptized in the new 330th Regt. Chapel at Camp Atterbury in the fall of 1942, is now a 2nd Lt. with the 25th Inf. Division in Viet Nam. I would like to send him a copy of the publication; I think he would find some articles of real interest in it.

Thanks again for your hard work in keeping the Association going in such a fine manner.

William O. Sabom
Co. K-330
10880 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas

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Dear Harry,

Sorry I held of my membership so long. Am glad it's finally on the way.

Enjoyed reading Thunderbolt and most especially the article pertaining to the Viet Nam situation. This part really showed me I should join as all former 83rd Division men should.

To the best darn outfit in the ETO I wish you and the Association success and enclosed are my dues for this year.

John E. Walsh—Co. L-330
670 Flatbush Ave.
West Hartford, Conn.

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed find dues for this year; sorry I'm late.

Would like to commend you fellows on the terrific job you are doing in keeping the Association together and going strong year after year. I know you must go all out and give everything you have to get such magnificent response at the reunions each year.

Keep up the good work. Anne and I, and my two sons, Glen and Mark, will see you in Pittsburgh in August.

George Trebonyak
Co. F-329
1630 Cleveland Street
Lincoln Park, Michigan

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Dear Harry,

Sending in my long overdue dues; sorry to be late.

Won't be able to attend the reunion this year but will try to make it next year in Chicago.

Here's a big Hello to the gang from Co. A-330 and hope I may get to hear from them one of these days.

Paul N. Graff
2177 South 94th
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53227

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Dear Harry,

Received a copy of Thunderbolt from an old buddy, Frank McGrogan. It is very interesting and I've read every word in it.

Lost all contact with the old outfit until last fall when Paul E. Smith, of Kansas City, Mo. came by and we had a real good visit.

He gave me a list of former members of Co. D-330 and I wrote to and heard from most of them in a few weeks.

I was 1st Sgt. of Co. D-330 from Atterbury until the end of activities and hearing from the old gang sure brought back a lot of memories.

Enclosed find check for dues and hope to see a lot of my old buddies at the reunion in Pittsburgh.

Claude W. Dodd
527 Bornman Street
Belleville, Illinois

Obituary

We regret to report the death of John Speer, Route 23, Acra, New York 12405.

John passed away on December 30, 1965 after an illness of six months.

John served with Co. G-31 during the war and had been a member of the Association for the past few years.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to John's widow, Rose and his family and friends in their bereavement.

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We've recently been informed of the death of John L. Vrtachnik, Jr. on February 7, 1964 in Deaconess Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

John was a member of Co. E-329 during his time in the 83rd.

Our belated sympathies are extended to John's widow and four children at this time.

We do not have John Vrtachnik's address and would appreciate it if anyone knowing it please get in touch with Ralph J. Knorr, P.O. Box 144, Wheeling, West Virginia 26004.

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We've just received word of the death of Albert Shola, on October 16, 1965.

No other information was sent and we do not know what outfit he served with.

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Frank DeLong of 560 Federman St., Toledo 9, Ohio, passed away a short time ago.

Frank was a member of Co. A-308 Medics from Atterbury to the end of the war and, although not a member of the Association, I'm sure that some of his old buddies may want to express their sympathies to his widow, Paula, and son Gary, at the above address.

Our belated sympathies are extended to the families and friends of our departed buddies.

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