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## The President's Corner

By Samuel Klippa — Co. D-331st

Dear Buddies:

Here it is already, the last article during my term as President of this 83rd Infantry Division Association. Time certainly goes by the board quickly when you get involved in something as big as putting on a convention such as ours. I'm proud to have been a part of the best year in our history and my only hope is that we continue to grow each year from now on. The thanks for our growth belongs to many men in the Association

who are really devoted and help in every way that they can, and the success of our Reunion this year will prove that the men of the Pittsburgh Chapter have worked hard so that all of you will have a good time in the "Renaissance City" of America. There are many, many things to write about in this article that are important and I hope none of them are left out.

First of all I want all of you to know that Harry Lockwood our Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of "The Thundrebolt", has been seriously ill and hospitalized since

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## Your Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here is this great nuisance again, this time striking from another angle. As you no doubt know by now, our great, and I



do mean great, Secretary-Treasurer, Harry W. Lockwood has suffered a severe Heart Attack and was confined to the hospital in very serious condition. I just learned that he has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at home. At the present time, he is in no condition to handle the duties of Secretary - Treas-

urer, and due to us coming down the home stretch, something had to be done. The Executive Board held a meeting in Pittsburgh and appointed me to fill in the balance of the term for Harry for this year. Believe me, it is a hard job trying to fill the shoes of a man of Harry's calibre, but with your kind help, I will do my best.

A few weeks ago, I was at work and a phone call came for me from Emil Wehling of the New Jersey Chapetr. He left a message for me to call him. I called as soon as I arrived home and learned from him about Harry having been taken to the hospital. I called there and learned that his condition was very serious. I knew right then that something had to be done, so I immediately started calling all of the Executive Board members as well as the President, informing them of what had happened. They then requested me to come to Pittsburgh to the Executive Board meeting, also to take over the duties of the office pending this meeting.

Well Buddies, all I can say is that I ask each and every one of you to say a special prayer for the speedy recovery of Harry. No matter what your religious belief is, I am sure that each and every one of you have a special prayer that has helped you at some time or another, please say it for Harry. As you remember, in the last issue of "THE THUNDERBOLT" Harry made the announcement that he was retiring this year, if it is his wish to retire, (even though we never wanted to see him do it), please God, let him retire in good health. He is well deserving of the rest, away from the excitement of all the letter writing that has to take place in this job, along with the pressure that there is trying to make everyone happy.

Now comes the job of trying to really take the place of Harry. There is too much to be done and too little time to do it in. As I sit here at this typewriter, trying to

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piece together enough material to publish our last issue of "THE THUNDERBOLT", for this year, I wonder how Harry has done it so well these past years. I am going to ask each and every one of you to bear with me, and lend me your support. I can assure you one thing, this issue of "THE THUNDERBOLT", will be nothing in comparison with what you have had in the past, but I will do my best under the circumstances.

I would like to apologize to any of you who have sent letters in but haven't received answers as yet. I am trying to get to them as fast as I can, but there are certain things that have to be taken care of first.

Well Buddies, as you no doubt know, our Membership for this year has hit well over the 900 mark, but just short of the 1,000 mark which we had hoped to hit. Here again we owe the credit for this great year to our number one and two men, none other than the great team of Harry Lockwood and Vic Landis. Without these two men, I hate to think of where our Association would have been. Let us all take a minute out to give a vote of thanks to these two great men. May God Bless them both. During the years of this Association, it has risen and fallen like our stories in History of the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. Some years ago we had a very strong Association, along came the Boston fiasco and we fell, only to be pulled out of the deep by a few great men. We once again rose and fell and along came the team of Lockwood and Landis and here we are on the brink of success once again. These men have done more than their share for the Association and we the members of it. It is now our turn to show these men how proud we are of the great job they have done, those of us who are reading this issue and are not a paid up member of the Association, let us send in our dues at once. Show these men how we respect them. If you are not able to attend the Reunion, please don't forget to send in your Dues. I am sure that the \$5.00 you spend for Dues is money well spent when you get a chance to read "THE THUNDERBOLT" and learn of your long lost Buddies.

About three weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending the Executive Board meeting along with my wife. We both wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Board as well as the members of the Pittsburgh Chapter who extended such a warm welcome to us. I sincerely wish them the best of luck with their Reunion.

I have been hoping against hope that by the time this issue goes to press, that a letter from our very wonderful Secretary-Treasurer Harry Lockwood will arrive at the printers and this letter will be sidelined. Once again, we all wish Harry a speedy recovery. May God Bless him and

bring him back to us real soon, we all need him.

In trying to fill in for Harry at this time, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Executive Board for having the confidence in me that they have. I sincerely hope that I never let them down.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Pittsburgh.

Larry Redmond  
Co. H, 330th Infantry  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Comrades:

I had intended for some years to quote you a well-known poem by Joaquin Miller entitled "The Greatest Battle That Ever Was Fought" but it just seemed that I never got around to it. I sincerely hope that each of you will read it and cut the poem from our paper and keep it at a safe place for future reference. It certainly pays homage to womanhood, is so timely and I felt worthwhile to print for your information and perusal.



### "THE GREATEST BATTLE THAT EVER WAS FOUGHT"

By: Joaquin Miller

The greatest battle that ever was fought—  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not:  
It was fought by the Mothers of Men.  
Not with cannon or battle shot,  
With sword or nobler pen;  
Not with eloquent word or thought  
From the wonderful minds of men;  
But deep in a walled up woman's heart;  
A woman that would not yield;  
But bravely and patiently bore her part;  
Lo! there is that battlefield.  
No marshalling troops, no bivouac song,  
No banner to gleam and wave;  
But Oh these battles they last so long —  
From babyhood to the grave!  
But faithful still as a bridge of stars  
She fights in her walled up town;  
Fights on, and on, in the endless wars;  
Then silent, unseen goes down!  
Ho! ye with banners and battle shot,  
With soldiers to shout and praise,  
I tell you the kingliest victories fought  
Are fought in these silent ways.

Faithfully,  
William O. Shuman  
83rd Infantry Division  
Association Chaplain



## President's Corner

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about May the 18th. This came as a real jolt to all of us that know about it and I am sure that all of you feel likewise now. Those of you that wish, can send Harry a card C/O Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City. I'm sure he will appreciate it very much.

On June 4th the Executive Board met at the Hilton Hotel here in Pittsburgh to approve our program and to install Larry Redmond as secretary treasurer for the rest of the year. This had to be done legally and I wish that all of you will help Larry in every way possible to make his job a bit easier. It's not easy to take over so close to convention time. I'm sure that Larry will appreciate all the help he can get.

Manny Martin was not at the Board meeting because his wife ran into some serious appendix trouble. I'm not up on the details but I sure hope that she is completely recovered before August 11 rolls along. The convention won't be quite the same if she isn't there. Best of luck to you always, Mrs. Martin.

Those hotel reservation cards in the last issue of "The Thunderbolt" were misprinted as far as suites go. For those interested, the studio suite is \$35 instead of \$42. The corner suite (twin bedroom and parlor) is \$45 instead of \$55 and the corner suite (two twin bedrooms and parlor) remain the same. The hotel does have a "family plan" which admits children under 13 years of age free. There are also many family services which are available. Those of you that haven't received your confirmation for reservations, please be patient because I was told they will start mailing them out about June 19.

I learned at the Board meeting that the South Hills Village Tour that we had planned for the ladies of the twelfth of August was too long so we cut it down to a four hour affair. It will start at about 11 a.m. and will finish at the Hotel at 3 p.m. There will be tickets available for a T.V. show for those that don't go on the tour. After the boat ride on August twelfth we will go back to the hotel and ballroom No. 4 for more dancing and refreshments. Information on tours of our city and other activities will be available at the hotel for those arriving early. The Mets will be in town for those interested in baseball. Drop me a line for reserved seats if you want them.

On May thirteenth I traveled to the Pines Hotel in the Catskill Mts. of New York to look over the place as the future site of one of our conventions, possibly the one in 1968. It was through the invita-

tion letter that the Pittsburgh Chapter sent out that Bernard Plotnicov of D-331 got in touch with me and invited me to visit with him. Being an 83rd man and maitre d' at the hotel he promised that he would personally go all out to make our stay there the most memorable of them all (conventions that is). I just couldn't believe that all I had seen there was offered to us at such a reasonable price. The room rent of \$18 per day per person includes your meals, dancing to two orchestras each night, two shows nightly, a free cocktail party and smorgasbord, indoor and outdoor swimming, ice skating, roller skating, horseback riding, nine hole golf course, putting greens, lessons for folk dancing and most important of all, there is a day camp for the children where they will be taken care of by professionals. The youngsters have their own swimming pool also. This idea is worth thinking about and I'd appreciate your comments on this at the convention.

On May 29th Gene Costanzo of G-331, Al Suess of G-331 and I journeyed to Philadelphia for the annual banquet of their chapter. We had ourselves a real ball out there and met many nice people. The affair was at Lou Volpi's new restaurant and Lou treated us royally. Many thanks to the boys of the Philly Chapter for a job well done.

The Pittsburgh Chapter held their annual banquet on June fourth the same day of the Board meeting and even though the crowd was small, everyone enjoyed themselves. Graduations and the wedding of the son of Adam Hassick B-308th Eng. cut down on the attendance. Our movie "The Battle of the Bulge — The Brave Rifles" was enjoyed by all and we are hoping to have it again for the reunion.

Joe C. Rawdon of D-508 Medics is still in the service and would like to hear from all of his former buddies. Write to T/Sgt. Joe C. Rawson 15045931, T.S.U. Log. Det. 119, A.P.O. N.Y., N.Y. 9224.

Right now I'd like to take time to thank all of you that took the time to send me your address lists and those of you that sent me any information that I had requested. My thanks to all of you that sent your yearly dues to me and those that sent in ad money. We are in the process of making up the ad book now and it would help us very much if all of you wishing to do so would send your ads in now.

So long for now and may God bless each and every one of you. See you at the reunion.

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**PITTSBURGH IN '66**  
**AUGUST 11-12-13**



## Convention Chairman's Corner

Charles Altomari  
Co. C, 308th Eng.

At the Executive Committee Meeting at the Hotel Hilton in Pittsburgh on Saturday, June 4, 1966, the Reunion Program was accepted with a few minor changes.



The one big change was in favor of the women's program. We had scheduled a trip to the South Hill Village Shopping Center, which would take 5 hours for the entire tour. It was suggested that we make this tour optional, or the women could go on a TV Show at a nearby TV Station, or if they would rather be with their husbands, they could make the tour of the Duquesne Brewery with them.

Another change in the program was that after the Boat Trip in the evening, we return to the hotel and have dancing and refreshments. Both of these changes were unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

We would like to make an appeal to each and every one of you to make your reservations as soon as possible. The rates are \$10 for single, \$15 for double, additional roll away beds, \$4 and all children under 13 years of age, free under the family plan.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Reunion Chairman, and sincerely hope that you have an enjoyable time. Hoping to see you all at the Reunion.

## G Co. 331st Reporting

By E. J. "Spud" Murphy

This will be the final edition of the T-Bolt, which you will be receiving this year. With this in mind, we are taking this opportunity, to urge one and all, to come and join the old gang in convention at Pittsburgh come August 11th. The boys who comprise the Pittsburgh Chapter, have worked diligently all year long to insure the success of this reunion. The very least, that the rest of us can do, to reward their diligence, is to make an effort to make the scene.

We were all shocked, and saddened, to learn of Harry Lockwood's most recent illness. We are all hoping, that as this is

read, our old buddy is well on the road to recovery. It is our fervent hope that Harry will be sufficiently recovered to join us in Pittsburgh at least on a limited basis.

Time continues to march on, despite man's efforts to turn back the clock. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Titus, became the proud grandparents of a baby boy on April 16. How about that old goat? Lee sent word along that he intends to be in Pittsburgh for the reunion next month.

If everyone shows, who has indicated he will, then old G Co. should have a real representative turnout.

Due to Harry's recent misfortune, I am unable to inform you guys as to our latest figure, of paid up memberships. The last word which I had from national headquarters, left us with 42 paid up memberships. This we consider a pretty fair figure in any man's league. This was our mark at the end of March, so we have every reason to expect that the figure is higher as of this printing.

This will wind up the column writing for this year. I wish to thank all who sent in little tidbits, for relay to Harry for publication. These columns, wouldn't be possible without your cooperation.

Sit down tonight, and send your buddies a card, and urge them all to meet you in Pittsburgh. Come and join the old gang, and we hope to see you all there.

## Detroit Chapter News

By John Daugherty  
Co. L, 329th

Hello Buddies:

This being the last issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" before Reunion, there is not too much news to report from Detroit, at this time I did receive a phone call from Joe Minotti the other night. He told me that he was down in Pittsburgh, and that the boys there are all set for the Reunion. With all the paid up members we have at this time, this Reunion should be a huge success. As you well know fellows, there are a couple of guys that have done much for this Organization, that we just couldn't start to thank them enough. They are Harry Lockwood and Vic Landis, and we couldn't overlook Larry Redmond. I just received a letter from Larry, informing me that Harry Lockwood has been a pretty sick little fellow. I hope that by the time this issues comes out, Harry is well on the road to recovery. We sure need that great little guy.

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



## Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

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

Well buddies, by the time you receive the next issue of the THUNDERBOLT, the 1966 Reunion will be here and gone. "Pittsburgh Hilton, here we come." I sincerely hope that is what everyone will be saying come August 11, 12 and 13.

We of the Pittsburgh Chapter are well on the way in preparations for a great reunion. As you know this is a tremendous undertaking by all; but we feel it will be worth your attendance. You all will thoroughly enjoy these three short days.

Our Chapter meetings have been well attended these past months. A group picture was taken of the Chapter members. We regret that not all members are shown on the picture due to illness or some other reason beyond our control. If anyone desires a print of this picture, see Al Gruber. Of course, there is a slight charge for each print.

Denis E. Hassick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hassick, graduated from West Virginia University, May 29, 1966 and accepted a position with Goodyear Rubber, Akron, Ohio. On Saturday, June 4, 1966 he married Roberta Richards and they spent their honeymoon in the Poconos. Congratulations, Denis and Roberta, and may the coming years be filled with much happiness and success.

Paul Bostic, 83rd Division Artillery, paid a surprise visit to some chapter members in the Pittsburgh area. Good to see you, Paul, and hope you can make the reunion. Paul has paid his annual dues and also helped the Booster Club.

All members of our Chapter send best wishes for a very speedy recovery to our devoted and outstanding editor of the THUNDERBOLT, Harry W. Lockwood. Sure do hope he's up and at 'em soon.



Part of the group attending Pittsburgh Banquet.



National President and Mrs. Sam Klippa at Pittsburgh Chapter Banquet.



Mr. and Mrs. Gene Constansi and Mrs. Sam Klippa at Pittsburgh Chapter Banquet.

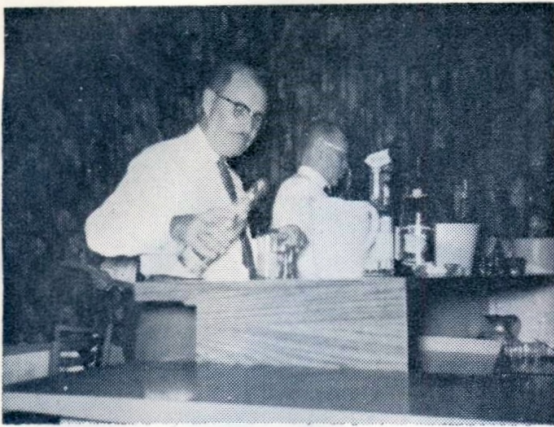


Sgt. Ira S. Rion, Jr. taken at Pittsburgh Chapter Banquet.



## Fall River Chapter News

by Manny Pacheco  
Co. L, 331st



Frank McGrogan at Pittsburgh Chapter Banquet.



Mary and Larry Redmond at the Pittsburgh Chapter Banquet.



Joe Minotti and Mary McGrogan at Pittsburgh Chapter Banquet.

Hi Folks:

I hope that this issue finds everyone in good health and high spirits.

Congratulations are still in order to the Martin's for the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Karen Ann, born April 23, 1966. Since the arrival of their new born, many well wishers from near and far came to see their baby. May the Martin's be blessed by all of the happiness Karen Ann will bestow them. May God grant her a full life of health and



happiness.

Adeline Martin was hospitalized recently. She underwent surgery and is back home recuperating and doing fine.

A gala lawn party was held at the Martin's in honor of their daughter. The lawn was beautifully decorated with multiple colored overhanging lights and mushroom lamps. The food prepared by Manny Martin was delicious and plentiful, ice tingling refreshments were also served to quench the thirst. Music was furnished by Beebe and his Musical Tops. John and Mary Raikos flew in from Indiana to pay their respects and attend this affair. They and all who attended had a wonderful time indeed.

The Fall River Chapter held its annual Buffet and Dance, June 18, at St. An's Fraternity Hall, formerly the Miguel Corte Real Club. It was another successful affair. Music as usual was played by Beebe and his Musical Tops.

A possible moonlight sail is planned for sometime in September, nothing definite as yet. More details on this later.

Plans are being made by those of the Fall River Chapter, who are to attend the Reunion in Pittsburgh, if all goes well, a good showing will result.

We of the Fall River Chapter, extend to Harry Lockwood, our deepest regret of the news of his illness. We wish Harry God speed to a quick recovery.

To the members of the Pittsburgh Chapter, the Reunion Committee and all responsible for the coming Reunion, lots of luck and a huge success. May this Reunion be tops in every respect.

Good luck, good health to all fellow THUNDERBOLTS and families.

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## Warren Ohio Chapter

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

With August 11, 12 and 13 practically just around the corner, all roads will point to Pittsburgh, Pa. and another great 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. Reunion. The Warren Chapter is planning to attend in full force this year thanks to the proximity of Pittsburgh to Warren, so we'll see you all there.

The Warren Chapter celebrated another Chapter Anniversary on May 21, at the Chateau Dining Room. Our ladies never looked lovelier, the food and booze was never more plentiful and the "boys" never over-indulged more. However, a fine time was had by all especially with so many Cleveland Chapter members present to help us celebrate this joyous occasion.

Joe Minotti's Cafe was the scene of two of two more recent celebrations. On April 10th Millie and Dick Kelly celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with their children, grandchildren and many friends including the Warren Chapter. Then as an encore on May 29 Demples and Joe Minotti did likewise and celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with their children, grandchildren and many friends including the Warren Chapter. Sincerest congratulations and much continued happiness to two fine couples.

The first summer festivity to be held by the Warren Chapter will be a Golf Field Day and Family Picnic. Charlie Tomazin and Charlie Russ are co-chairmen of this event.

The Warren Chapter wants to take this opportunity to say to Harry Lockwood our gallant secretary these following few borrowed words: "Wishing more sincerely than any words can say — a very quick recovery and better health each day!"

See you all at the reunion.



Louise, Mary and Laura and Hubbies and Friends at Chateau.



Chateau Supper Club 83rd Men's Club Anniversary.



Joan, Alma and Eleanor with Husbands Came Down For The 83rd Men's Anniversary at Chateau Supper Club.



Olga, L'z, Berdie and Theresa from Warren at Chateau.



## Warren Chapter Ladies Auxiliary

by Millie Kelly

Hi Everybody:

Isn't this warm weather wonderful? Makes you want to get out and do things.

Which brings us around to the Convention in Pittsburgh. We are all planning to be there, and hope to have a wonderful time.

To get back to the Warren Auxiliary, we have been getting together quite a bit lately and have really enjoyed ourselves. Gave us a chance to get dressed up in our finery and see how handsome our husbands really are. You know, we take them for granted for so long, and then you have to stop and say to yourself "now what would we do without them?" "Happy Father's Day Gentlemen".

Dick and I celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary in April and were very happy to see all of our friends who came out to help make the day a memorable one.

Joe and Dimps celebrated theirs the following month and I know they feel the same sentiments as we. Anyhow, we had a good time on both occasions.

The Chateau Supper Club was the scene of the next get together on May 21. The occasion was the anniversary of the men's 83rd Organization. We were very glad to see the couples who came in from Cleveland and we think that they enjoyed themselves. Enclosed are a few pictures taken during dinner. Hope to see them all again at the combined Warren-Cleveland picnic to be held in the near future.

Our families are all going out to Farmer Jim's Picnic Grounds to spend the day on the 26th. This is the time of the year that the Kiddies enjoy, as they get to go swimming and play games. They look forward to our summer activities.

Of course, the men get a head start on the women. They are meeting at 8:00 a.m. to start their day off with a golf game. See you later fellows.



Joe and Dimps Minotti's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

A recent article in the Warren Tribune Chronicle, concerning an 83rd man reads as follows. The teamwork of Joseph and Ray Minotti and their employees and the zeal with which they managed to raise the sum of \$950.00 for the American Cancer Society at their Cafe 83, created so much interest in the area, that Tavern Owners and other ACS volunteers visited the establishment just to witness the enthusiasm and the excitement the "Buck Cancer With A Buck" event generated.

Our best wishes to Adeline Martin and I hope she is doing very well after her recent illness.

We all hope to see Harry Lockwood in his usual good spirits at the Pittsburgh Convention. Good luck, Harry.

Our sincere sympathy to Col. Norman Campbell upon the death of his wife.

So long for now, see you all in Pittsburgh.

Ed. note: Pictures taken at the Warren Dinner have been turned over to the printer. We hope that they can be printed in this issue.



Dick and Millie Kelly's 25th Wedding Anniversary.



Chow Line at Kelly's Anniversary.





**20th ANNUAL REUNION  
PITTSBURGH-HILTON HOTEL**

Pittsburgh, Penna.

**August 11 - 12 - 13, 1966**



# 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
11:00 A.M. -	Buses leave for tour of South Hills Shopping Center for WOMEN. Buses return to Hotel by 3:00 P.M. Tickets will be available for TV Show. Or you may accompany men on afternoon tour of Brewery.	
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. Return to hotel for dancing and liquid refreshments in Ball Room No. 4.	

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1966

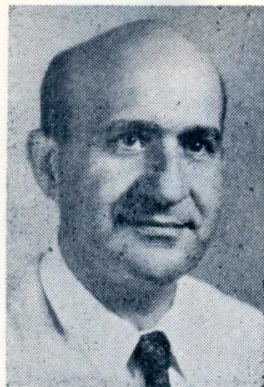
9 00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration .....	Mezzanine
10 00 A.M. - NOON	Business Meeting .....	Ball Room No. 3
12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Unit Luncheons	
2:00 P.M.	Memorial Service	
6:30 P.M.	Famous 83rd Banquet .....	Ball Room No. 1
8:30 P.M.	Dancing and Refreshments to follow Banquet. Pittsburgh Chapter Hospitality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



## Greater Philadelphia Chapter

### BANQUET A SMASH

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter held its annual banquet at Lou Volpi's Restaurant, Baltimore Pike, Wawa, Pa., on May



29, 1966. This affair was truly a whopping success. Nearly 200 guests were treated to a wonderful display of Volpi arranging and planning. No sooner did one enter into the beautiful restaurant, when huge trays of canapes, hors d'oeuvres and tid-bits were passed out to the guests and drinks of all kinds were offered

to our friends. The cocktail hour was for one complete hour, and never once did the tasty tid-bits and drinks stop.

Amid the strains of fine music and organ solos the entire assemblage marched into the lavishly decorated banquet room. Our host Lou Volpi had arranged the tables so that it was not too difficult for all to join in the fun and merriment that marks every Philadelphia Chapter social function.

The head table was graced by the officers of the Chapter and included: William Murray, our outgoing president, and his lovely wife Lillian, our secretary Larry Redmond and his lively wife Mary, our treasurer Bill Pugh and his vivacious wife Virginia, National Executive Board member Frank McGrogan and his charming wife Mary, National Association Judge Advocate Reggy Rugienius and his attractive wife Helen, our new chapter President Lester Hauck and his charming wife Elsie, and our National President Sam Klippa.

With Larry Redmond acting as toastmaster the speeches were held to a minimum. Memorial prayer was offered to our

departed buddies and a moment of silence was accompanied by an organ solo. All in all the business portion of the banquet was accomplished very well.

The party was a huge success and it was not until the wee hours of the morning that the guests left. A wonderful time was had by all.

Dave Rosenberg  
Co. F, 331st



Lester E. Hauck, New President Philadelphia Chapter and Outgoing President Bill Murry.



Larry Redmond and Frank McGrogan Shaking Hands and Bill Murray and His Wife at Philadelphia Chapter Banquet.



Willard A. Pugh, left, presenting a plaque to Outgoing President Bill Murray at Philadelphia Chapter Banquet.



Bill and Virginia Pugh along with Helen and A. A. Rugienius at Philadelphia Chapter Banquet.



## The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Here we are once again, coming closer each day to another great Reunion. Those of you who have ever attended a Reunion in Pittsburgh, know only too well how these boys can really put on a great Reunion. I am sure that the men who are running it this year will give us one equal if not better than any we have had in the past.

Well fellows, back here in Philadelphia, we still go on being as active as ever. We have made a change in our meetings, we used to hold them on the third Thursday of the month, and the attendance kept dropping off. We now hold it on the third Saturday, and believe it or not, we are getting men there that haven't attended for years. There are still that certain few who were regular attendants at meetings and we look forward to seeing them again in the near future. We have made a change from just a meeting, to a Social and meeting. We have been holding it at Lou Volpi's new restaurant, on Baltimore Pike in Wawa, just a short distance outside the city limits of Philadelphia.

Last month, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter held their Annual Banquet, it was a Banquet that will be talked about for many years to come. The food was a gourmet's delight, it was a fabulous dinner, as put on only by the Volpi Chef's. We were quite amazed at the great turnout for this Banquet. It was just a little short of a sellout in tickets. Among our guests was none other than our National President, Sam Klippa, he was escorted from Pittsburgh by the Reunion Chairman, Charles Altomari, plus one other Pittsburgh Chapter man, he was, Al Suess, Co. G, 331st.

We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter wish to thank all who attended our Banquet, both members and for the support that they offered us. I may sound prejudiced, but I still think that Philadelphia is the number one Chapter in the Association. We of the Greater Philadelphia stand ready at all times to lend our support to the Association in any way we can. Each year we go into a Reunion with open arms, ready to extend a welcome to the Association, in the event there is no Reunion City ready for us. Right now, I have the Convention Bureau standing by waiting the signal from us that the 83rd Infantry Division Association wishes to hold its Reunion in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love.

Now to change the contents of this letter and get down to some real serious business. We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, were deeply shocked, when the telephone call came here informing us that

our own Harry Lockwood was in serious condition in the hospital with a Heart Attack. Last year at Reunion time, Harry was in the hospital with back trouble, now he is hospitalized once again, this time even more serious. We sincerely hope that God willing, he will soon be back on his feet and well on the road to recovery.

To the members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, Harry was always like one of us. It was very seldom that the Greater Philadelphia Chapter had an affair that Harry wasn't with us. It has been years since Harry missed our Annual Banquet. This year he was very sadly missed. We all hope and Pray that by the time the Chapter has another affair, that our one and only Harry Lockwood can be our guest.

Well buddies, we are looking forward to seeing all of you in Pittsburgh in August.

Larry Redmond  
Co. H, 330th Infantry

## Cleveland Chapter News

By Al Uridel  
Cannon Co. 329th

Hello Buddies:

Here we are rounding third and heading home toward another Happy Reunion. We of the Cleveland Chapter are happily

looking forward to this gala event. I must look up one long drink of water named Max Holtz, an old buddy of mine.

Cleveland Chapter went to see the "Battle of the Bulge" a couple of months ago and from there we all went to dinner. Needless to say it turned out to be an enjoyable day for all concerned.



We received a radiogram from Vietnam that concerned our son Johnny. The news was bad. Johnny is on his way home with a banged up leg. How serious it is, we know not. Must be serious enough for the Navy to send him from Da Nang, Vietnam to the Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

Our summer program is planned for the same picnics and meetings and possibly a joint Cleveland-Warren family picnic in the future.

We are sorry to hear about Harry W. Lockwood, so speaking in behalf of all the boys here, "Get well quick, Harry". We need you and the Association needs you.

Dues are always due. Those of you who are not paid up, get hep to yourselves and send them in.

See you all in Pittsburgh at the Reunion.



## 330th Infantry Regimental Unit

By Larry Redmond  
Co. H, 330th

Hello Buddies:

Here we are once again, with just a matter of weeks until Reunion time. Before we know it, the first of August will be here. If you haven't made plans as yet to attend the Reunion this year, do so today. Send your reservations in at once, so that when Reunion time rolls around, you are not left out in the cold without a hotel room to go to. Every year we have a certain few people that come to a Reunion without previous Hotel Reservations, and complain because they either can't get a room at all, or can't get the room they wanted.

Enough of that, I have warned you, the rest is up to you. I would like to change the subject a little and talk directly to you of the 330th Regimental Unit. Each year our 330th Membership seems to get bigger and bigger. Right now I think that the 330th Regimental Unit is one of the largest represented units in the Association. If it weren't that I am in a race against time to get this information to press, I could make a definite count and tell you just which unit is tops.

Last year at the Reunion in South Carolina, I was amazed at the large turnout we had for the Unit Luncheon. This year I hope that we can even have a larger group. We will try to appoint a committee as soon as we get to the Reunion to work on this Unit Luncheon. Let us all get behind it and show the 331st that we can even top them.

Well Buddies, along with having Harry Lockwood in the hospital with a serious Heart Attack, we have a little sorrow right in our 330th Regimental Unit. Our good friend and great 330th Man, Colonel Norman Campbell, lost his very wonderful wife. Mrs. Campbell died on May 13, and I am sure that each and every one extend your deepest sympathy to Colonel Campbell. Although Mrs. Campbell was incapacitated, and in a wheelchair, Colonel Campbell never once hesitated in taking her anywhere he went if at all possible. We of the 330th Regimental Unit, admire Colonel Campbell for the respect that he showed his wife. We sincerely hope that he will be rewarded in years to come for all that he did for Mrs. Campbell. May God Bless him.

I am sure that there is more that I should say about and for the 330th Regimental Unit, but at this time, I am having all I can do to make deadlines on my let-

ters for the "THUNDERBOLT". I can assure you that after Reunion time, I can try to devote more time in getting my letter writing done, so that I won't be rushing at the last minute.

Well Buddies, let us all get set for a great Reunion in Pittsburgh. Here's hoping to see you all there.

## Frankly Speaking

Dear Buddies:

Here we are coming down the home stretch of another great year. Thanks to the fine leadership to President Sam Klip-



pa and the hard work put forth by our Secretary - Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, we can proudly say that our membership is on the upward climb again. We can also give a word of praise to Vic Landis, our National Publicity Director, who has done such a tremendous job in exploiting the association and the coming reunion

this year.

All the laurels that can be handed out, along with the gratitude and appreciation of the membership must go to Vic Landis for a really, truly wonderful job and it has been the combined efforts of these three men, in particular, who have made the increase in membership possible.

I also would like to extend a word of thanks to the chapter members, and those not connected with chapters who participate in our membership drive. You, too, helped by adding a member here and there and by sending in names and addresses for us to contact.

It is surprising how many answered our letters. A sizeable number responded with dues and those who did not at least know of the association and some are likely prospects for the future.

With continued cooperation, of this kind we can look forward to having one of the largest and most active Divisions Associations in the country. Again, thank you, thank you very much.

Our reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is upon us and I sincerely hope that all of you who can will attend and show our national officers and the association that you are behind them one hundred per cent.

I trust, too, that you will continue your efforts for the officers elected for the coming year. With such cooperation and determination HOW CAN WE FAIL?

FRANK MC GROGAN  
Co. D-330th



## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis — F-329th

Publicity is in full swing and many papers are publishing the release, for the second and thrid times. Radio and television stations are doing the same thing. Each time the release is published, aired over the radio stations, or flashed on the television screen, a former member of the old 83rd may note it, who has never heard of our Association. It will be ever thus.

It is not too late for each and every member of our Association, to take pen in hand and write to some buddies, who never have attended a reunion. It would really help and the guy would have one hell of a time.

We are all very sorry to hear of Harry Lockwood's serious illness and sincerely hope he makes a full recovery and is able to attend the affair at Pittsburgh. Thank God we have a Larry Redmond to take over for him. We all owe Larry a deep vote of thanks and he richly deserves the title MR. 83rd. He, along with his wonderful wife Mary has worked hard and long for the 83rd, since its inception. Long may they be able to do this.

## Signal Musings

By Don Hinz

One of the guiding lights of our organization is Harry Lockwood and I have been notified by Mr. Redmond that Harry has



had a heart attack. I urge every person connected with Signal to drop a card or letter to him wishing his speedy recovery. The address: Harry W. Lockwood, Jersey City Medical Center, Baldwin Avenue and Montgomery St., Jersey City, N. J. Harry has done a tremendous job with our Association and we wish him our best for a

speedy recovery.

Signal newswise things are pretty slow, but there is at least one bright spot. In the Memorial Day issue I ran a picture of a fellow I could not identify (sent to me by Wallace Bostick) and we have good results. The results were in the form of a letter from Elbert Sheppard, R.D. No. 4, Box 281, Jefferson, Ohio 44047. He identified the picture as that of George Harles who served with the Division Signal Office. My humble thanks to you Elbert for your promptness in helping me out.

Elbert served as Chief Clerk with Division Signal and stated he has again renewed his membership in our Association. Wish we had more like you Elbert, buddies that would write me a line and also get with the 83rd Association. Well, we will have to keep urging non-members to get with it — NOW! Elbert has some pictures that he believes will jog some memories of the old days — send me the prints and we will get what we can printed in our publication. This goes for the rest of you guys, I promise to get them back to you in fine condition, how about it men?

Reminder—20th Annual Reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa., August 11-14, 1966.

## Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo

Hq. Co., 3rd Bn. 330th Inf.

Hello Buddies,

Well, here we are and everyone is getting ready to shove off to Pittsburgh. Let's hope this will be another bang up job for the boys.



I received the bad news about our great Secretary - Treasurer Harry landing in the hospital. We of the Boston Chapter wish Brother Harry a very quick recovery.

I also received some news from our own Boston group. Mike Amiccn's wife, Olga, just came out of the hospital after a minor operation. Well

Olga, let's make this the last trip there. Hurry up and get well, we miss you.

Here's another news flash, Jigs Ellie has baccome a grandfather again, another girl and mother and daughter are doing fine.

We have just one more big outing before the reunion and that is July 17 at Chuck's house and it will be a great time.

We of the Boston Chapter would like to congratulate Manny and Adeline Martin on the new baby. "He said it couldn't be done".

The Pittsburgh reunion will have a slight quietness to it as the two happy ones of the Philly Chapter, Ed and Ruth Paulino will be missed by all. Let's hope they show up.

It just came to me that Jigs Elie has received another award, one of many, this was from the Holy Name Society.

Well old buddy you will have to get another house just for all your awards. "Good Luck". Jigs there should be more like you in this world.

Hoping to see you all in Pittsburgh.



## Late Flashes

Well Buddies, I thought that I was going to have a little good news for you as a late flash, but things have changed a little bit. Two weeks ago our great Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood was released from the hospital after a marvelous recovery from a very serious heart attack. This made things look very good for us, but unfortunately, last Sunday he was returned to the hospital, this time with pneumonia. As of last night he was progressing very well. This comes as a bit of good news to us. If you care to drop him a card, I am sure that he will appreciate it. The address is: Jersey City Medical Center, Baldwin Ave. & Montgomery Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Something comes as a bit of sad news. I have just received a news clipping, announcing the death of James C. Hanrahan. To those of you who are newcomers to our Association, the name Jim Hanrahan means nothing more than just another member. But to those of us who have been members, and active members over the years, Jim Hanrahan was the great White Father to this Association. Some years back, when we had our trouble in Boston, which almost resulted in the fold up of our Association, Jim Hanrahan along with another couple of men buckled down and put both financial resources as well as their business knowledge into the Association and tried every legal means to recoup our losses. Jim Hanrahan devoted considerable time and money to this effort, and in so doing gave us the will and courage to carry on. The name of Jim Hanrahan will always remain in my book as the real Mr. 83rd, the man who helped bring us from oblivion. I sincerely hope that no one will take offense at my build up of Jim Hanrahan, but what I say about him is a real fact. Since we have re-organized and pulled ourselves back to where we are, there have been many men who have worked hard for the Association, and I do not wish to take any credit away from them. My only thought is, in due respect to the late Jim Hanrahan, let us give him the credit due him.

Larry Redmond  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

## Notice To All Employees

Nobody minds a man having a morning eye-opener and it's O.K. to have a bracer around 10 a.m. and a couple of drinks before lunch. And a few beers on a hot afternoon to keep a man healthy or at least happy. And, of course, everyone drinks at a cocktail hour. And a man can't be criticized for having wine with his dinner, a liquor afterwards and a hi-ball or two during the evening — but this damn business of SIP, SIP, SIP, all day long HAS GOT TO STOP!

## Obituary

JAMES C. HANRAHAN  
Special to the New York Times

PALM BEACH, Fla., June 27 — James C. Hanrahan, formerly vice president and a director of the Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Company, died today in his home. His age was 62 years.

From 1947 to 1964, Mr. Hanrahan was General Manager of the Television Station WEWS in Cleveland. Under his direction, the station was the first to win a Peabody Award for public service.

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Other members of our Association to have passed to their eternal reward.

William Ernest  
308th Engineers

Edwin Salley  
Co. A, 308th Eng.

Vincent Yuconis  
Athol, Mass.

— Wives of Members —

Mary Baron  
Wife of Ralph Baron  
308th Eng.

Mrs. Norman Campbell  
Wife of Col. Norman Campbell  
330th Infantry

## MY BUDDY

Many men have come and gone,  
heroes are they all  
Some were meant to live it through,  
others meant to fall  
Some men lived in abject fear and  
tried hard to be brave  
All they asked of GOD was strength  
in exchange for the life they gave  
Some men had their decorations  
pinned upon their chest  
Others received them posthumously,  
they had gone to rest  
To each and every one of these  
we owe a debt of thanks  
The doughboys sloughing through the  
mud, the guys who rode in tanks  
The meek, the mild, the weak, the  
strong, the great and very great  
Each called on to do his part  
according to his fate  
But the greatest guy I know of all  
was rugged, gruff and ruddy  
That guy wore the 83rd PATCH  
and him I call MY BUDDY



## Who is HE?

Who is the Master we speak of? Let me define HIM in the language and terms of all.

To the Artist, HE is the Altogether Lovely

To the Architect, HE is the Chief Cornerstone

To the Astronomer, HE is the Beginning and the Ending

To the Baker, HE is the Living Bread

To the Banker, HE is the Hidden Treasure

To the Biologist, HE is the Life

To the Educator, HE is the Great Teacher

To the Builder, HE is the Sure Foundation

To the Doctor, HE is the Great Physician

To the Farmer, HE is the Lord of the Harvest

To the Florist, HE is the Lily of the Valley and The Rose of Sharon

To the Geologist, HE is the Rock of Ages

To the Jeweler,, HE is the Pearl of Great Price

To the Jurist, HE is the Righteous Judge

To the Lawyer, HE is the Councillor, The Lawgiver, The Advocate

To the Newspaper Man, HE is the Good Things of Great Joy

To the Oculist, He is the light of the World

To the Philanthropist, HE is the Unspeakable Gift

To the Philosopher, HE is the Wisdom of GOD

To the Preacher, HE is the Word of GOD

To the Student, HE is the Incarnate Truth

To the Statesman, HE is the Desire of all Nations

To the Traveler, HE is the Only Way

To the Toiler, HE is the Giver of Rest

To the Sinner, HE is the Lamb of GOD, that taketh away the sins of the world.



Mary and Frank McGrogan Outside Hotel Hilton in Pittsburgh.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Minotti Outside Hotel Hilton in Pittsburgh.





At Executive Meeting in Pittsburgh. Rear, left to right, Altomari, Robinette, Rugienius; front, left to right, Redmond, Minotti and McGrogan.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Larry:

Many thanks for having informed the members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association with regards to Harry Lockwood's serious illness. It was very considerate of you to send us this information. I have sent Harry a few words assuring him of our Prayerful remembrance for his total and prompt recovery.

I am in a position to know what he is going through. I was a victim of a Heart Attack in February, 1965, very unexpectedly, with no advance warning. A long convalescence has enabled me to recover completely from the illness and its effects. I am now back to work and feel very well, thank God. Join my prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord for his new lease on life and a continued service in his vineyard.

My best to you and your family. You and the men of the 83rd and all of your loved ones are remembered each day in my prayers.

Padre, Jean F. Cossette, O.P.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood:

Saw in our local paper, Post Advocate, Alhambra, California, where members of the 83rd Infantry Division were trying to be located.

I was in the 331st Infantry, Co. A, 83rd Division during World War II, would like information in regards to Reunion also if you have a mailing list of Co. A. I am from Philadelphia, Pa. and have lived in California since 1948.

Charles Kehner  
17 N. El Molino Street  
Alhambra, California 91801

## Co. F. 329th News And Side Lights

By Vic Landis

It does not seem possible, the reunion is only some six weeks away and it can't come too soon for all of the old gang. F-329th is chomping at the bit and we hope to have a record turn out. Pittsburgh is fertile ground for our unit, as we have a goodly number of our boys from that area.

We are leading the pack in paid up memberships and it is getting to be a habit. It is good to have G-331st breathing down our necks. If all the units could match us, we would have several thousand paid up members. Come try and catch us sometime.

The Landis suite and F-329th's C.P. will be going full blast, day and night. This is also our rumpus room where we command the post and raise one hell of a rumpus. Come and have a drink with us.

Sam Klippa and his cohorts have a wonderful program lined up and they have really been working their tail off. Help them out by attending the conclave at Pittsburgh.



Mary and Larry Redmond Outside Hotel Hilton in Pittsburgh.

**PITTSBURGH IN '66**  
**AUGUST 11-12-13**  
**Hotel Pittsburgh Hilton**



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry:

I read in a "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" that you are trying to contact former members of the 83rd Infantry Division.

Although I could not possibly attend the get-together this summer, I would like to be on the roll.

I was assigned to Co. I, 329th Infantry between January 1945 and January 1946.

Henry A. Knight  
12915 Holbrook  
Dallas, Texas 75234

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Dear Larry:

Received your letter today. Sorry to hear about Harry. Hope he will recover and be back again soon.

I know you will do a good job taking his place at present time.

Sorry I haven't written before. I have been ill myself with back trouble.

I haven't worked since January and am not working yet. Hope I will be able to make the reunion this fall. Good luck in your job.

Ted Hodum  
308th Medics

Ed. Note: Ted Hodum has been the official welcomer at Reunions in the past. He has been unable to attend the past couple of years and was sadly missed.

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Dear Sir:

I saw your notice in the paper.

Thought I would drop you a line to let you know I'm one of the original 83rd Infantry Division.

Hoping to hear from you.

Johnnie H. Ball  
1265 Opportunity Road  
Winston Salem, N. C. 27105

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Dear Harry:

I am writing as of this ad in the newspaper. I was in Co. F, 329th Regiment, 83rd Infantry as replacement, St. Lo and Brest and was in the hospital for a month, then they put me in the MP until I was discharged.

James H. Martin  
407 Grandview Ave.  
Bellevue, Kentucky

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Dear Mr. Lockwood:

I read in my local paper of your search for the members. I was with the 83rd Division. PFC John A. Simpson, Headquarters Battery, 908th F.A. Bn.

John A. Simpson  
Miller Road  
Waynestown, Indiana  
RR No. 1 47790

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Mr. Harry Lockwood  
43 Oakland Avenue  
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your advertisement on the reunion of the 83rd Division, please forward information to Elwood Palmer, Lake Winyah Road, Alpena, Michigan.

Any assistance regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
Elwood "Woody" Palmer

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Mr. Harry Lockwood  
43 Oakland Avenue  
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

In a recent article in our local newspaper, it was requested that all former members of the famed Thunderbolt Division, contact your office.

I am proud to say I was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division during World War II. I was a member of Co. I, 329th Infantry Regiment, commanded by Captain Arthur B. LaBeau of Longview, Washington.

The 329th Infantry Regiment was commanded by Colonel Crabill, during my assignment to the Regiment from June 1943 to August 1944.

Virgil L. Grasham  
M-Sgt. E-8  
Bn. Intel NCO

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Dear Mr. Lockwood:

Recently I have read in the local newspaper, the Winston-Salem Journal, that you are trying to locate members of the 83rd Infantry Division, who were on the original roster.

I came to the 83rd in November 1942, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, 3rd Battalion, 330th Regiment. Some time before going overseas, I went to Service Co. 330th Regiment, where I served throughout the war. I was discharged in October 1945, in Thomasville, Georgia.

As a former member of the 83rd, I am thus contacting you.

Very truly yours,  
Zeno D. Hoots Jr.  
1265 Peace Haven Road  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. Lockwood:

I see by one of the local papers that the 83rd Infantry Division is going to have an annual conclave in August. This is the first I have heard of the 83rd ever having a conclave.

Please fill me in on the details. Is it stag, etc. I would like to know just what to expect, as I will have to come from a long way off.

Please advise of all details. Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Abe Tolsky  
9710 Bevelyn Drive  
Houston 25, Texas



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