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President's Corner

William M. Doty - Battery C-323 FA

Dear Buddies:

This is my first letter to you as your new president. First of all, I want to thank you for your confidence in me to act as your president, and I will do all in my power to perform the duties of this office to the best of my abilities, keeping always in mind the welfare of this, YOUR association.



We had a wonderful time and lots of fun at the reunion in Pittsburgh. To all of you who, for one reason or another, could not attend this year, you missed a great reunion. We certainly want to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter, Sam Klippa, Charles Altomari and all of their members for having arranged a grand and memorable affair.

Personally, where I was concerned, I had the opportunity of once again visiting and rehashing old times with Morrie Candido, Vince Tessitore, Dom Christopher and Bill Fredericks, all members of my own battery — Battery C-323 FA. Then, to my pleasant surprise, who should appear at the banquet on Saturday night but Wally Scheffler, who was also from my battery but whom I haven't seen for

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Chaplain's Corner

Buddies of our 83rd

Infantry Division Association

With the approach of Columbus Day, I thought I'd repeat a poem that I recited many times as a youth. I feel that this



poem should be read to all for it contains so many challenges to us in the 20th Century. We certainly owe a lot to Columbus and I feel it fitting to give you the opportunity to regroup and to work that much harder.

COLUMBUS

Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind the Gates of Hercules;

Before him not the ghost of shores,
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said: "Now must we pray,
For lo! the very stars are gone.
Brave Admiral, speak, what shall I say?"
"Why, say, 'Sail on! and on!'"
"My men grow mutinous day by day;
My men grow ghastly wan and weak."
The stout mate thought of home; a spray
Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.
"What shall I say, brave Admiral, say,
If we sigh but naught but seas at dawn?"
"Why, you shall say at break a day,
'Sail on! sail on! and on!'"

They sailed and sailed, as winds might blow,

Until at last the blanched mat said:
"Why, now not even God would know
Should I and all my men fall dead.
These very winds forget their way,
For God from these dread seas is gone.
Now speak, brave Admiral, speak
and say"—

He said, "Sail on! sail on! sail on!"
They sailed. They sailed. Then spake
the mate:

"This mad sea shows his teeth tonight.
He curls his lip, he lies in wait,
With lifted teeth, as if to bite!
Brave Admiral, say but one good word:
What shall we do when hope is gone?"
The words leapt like a leaping sword:
"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"
Then pale and worn, he kept his deck,
And peered through darkness. Ah,
that night

Of all dark nights! And then a speck—
A light! a light! at last a light!
It grew, a starlit flag unfurled!
It grew to be Time's burst of dawn.
He gained a world; he gave that world
Its grandest lesson: "n! sail on!"

Please let me know when I can help further.

Sincerely,

William O. Shuman
Chaplain

83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Your Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here we are again on the way to starting another successful year in the History of our Association. Having just returned from a very



fine Reunion, I would like to first extend a word of praise to our past president, Sam Klippa, and his very fine Reunion Committee, who did a wonderful job in planning and carrying out the great reunion that we had. I can sincerely say that it was enjoyed by all who attended. Those who sit on the side

line and criticize, have never had the opportunity to put on a reunion. It entails a lot of time and hard work to do it, and enough credit to the men who make this possible, is never given. Once again I would like to say, thanks Sam and your entire committee, I dare not mention names for fear that I would miss someone and cause any hard feelings. These men deserve a word of thanks from all of you who attended.

Now to be more serious for a few minutes. As you read in the last issue of the "Thunderbolt", Harry W. Lockwood, our secretary-treasurer was seriously ill with a heart attack; he rallied through this and came home. He was only home for a short time when he came down with pneumonia; he was sent back to the hospital and once again rallied well enough to come home. Harry was not content with sitting around at home, he had to meddle around with 83rd Division things. On July 17, my wife and I along with Jim Bowie went to Harry's house and worked all day, addressing and packing the "Thunderbolts" for mailing. As hard as we tried to get Harry to sit down and take it easy, he kept insisting on helping us. We left there late that evening and Harry was very happy that the "Thunderbolt" was once again ready to be mailed. On the evening of Thursday, July 21, Harry had company there with him. When his friend left, she was alarmed at his condition and called his niece and informed her of how he looked, and asked her to check, as his friend had tried calling him but received no answer. His niece went to the house shortly after receiving the call to see how he was and on her arrival, she found Harry sitting in a chair in the living room — dead.

The loss of Harry Lockwood is a great blow to our Association. We have had many Association members pass to their Eternal Reward, but in the case of Harry, it is a little different. Harry was the

main cog in the wheel of this Association. Any of you who have been active in this Association know only too well what a dedicated man he was to the Association. I am sure that with the continued cooperation of all of you, the Association can go on for many years, but it will take more than just one man to replace Harry. It is going to take the continued work and support of all of you to make this possible.

Well Buddies, now to get away from
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Past Reunion Chairman's Corner

Hello Buddies:

Now that the 20th annual reunion, held in Pittsburgh, is over, we can write it as another page in our long history of our great Association.



Attendance wise, it was very successful as we registered some 365 members and had a Banquet attendance of some 650 people, and all that attended, I was told, had a grand time.

We of the Pittsburgh Chapter, tried to give all of those who attended, as much as was humanly possible, so therefore, financially, we were at a little loss, but it was a great experience, and I hope some day to host the reunion again. But now, with the passing of this reunion, we are looking forward to the Chicago Reunion next year, and I am sure if we all work hard and give Larry Redmond the support he needs and deserves, we will have a large turnout.

I have heard from Bill Doty, the president of the Association, and he already has started the ball rolling.

If anyone has any addresses of their buddies, I am sure that Bill Doty would appreciate them. His address is: 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

I want to thank all the people who attended our reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa., and all that helped in making it a successful Reunion.

Very truly yours,
Charles Altomari
Past Reunion Chairman

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
NOW**

President's Corner

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over 20 years. It certainly is a wonderful sensation to meet one of your close buddies from service whom you haven't seen for many, many years. Believe me, it more than compensates for any effort made by anyone to attend a reunion. (I hope by this time Wally has joined the Association and the Pittsburgh Chapter, and that he will be in Chicago next year.)

I discovered during the boat trip on Friday night that the members of the 83rd would make good sailors. I didn't see one case of seasickness all night — but then, everyone was too busy eating, dancing and going to the bar to worry about that. I have heard that there were several cases of seasickness on the boat over and back from Europe back in the '40's, but certainly there weren't any cases evident during our trip down the river.

There is one thing for sure — the reunion in Pittsburgh gave everyone in the Chicago Chapter something to shoot for. We are really going to have to go some to either equal or better it, but we will try our best for you in 1967. More about our plans will be given you in succeeding issues of Thunderbolt, but all of us in the Chicago Chapter will be around, and will be looking forward to meeting you and helping you enjoy our wonderful city in 1967.

Our membership has grown since the association was organized, but we would all strive to make it grow even larger until everyone we know, who doesn't belong but who is qualified, has joined up. We should explain to them the opportunities they are missing, and the wonderful experiences and pleasures they are foregoing by not attending meetings and reunions. I haven't attended too many reunions, but there hasn't been a one that I have attended which I didn't enjoy immensely.

In addition to once again seeing men from your own battery or regiment, you make new friends. If it hadn't been for these reunions, I would never have had the pleasure of meeting our beloved Harry Lockwood. During the course of the past several years I became very close to Harry, and I shall always treasure that friendship most deeply.

As you all probably know by now, we lost Harry a few months ago. You also are aware that he handled the job of secretary-treasurer, actually carrying on most of the work for this association, which included keeping up the membership rolls and getting out this, your Thunderbolt. This job has now been taken over by Larry Redmond, and certainly he

has a tremendous task before him.

So to lighten this task as much as possible, I am appealing to each and every one of you who were not at the reunion, and those of you who haven't already sent in your annual dues, to send in your dues NOW, as soon as you read this letter, so that this facet of Larry's job can come to an end quickly. This will lighten the load for Larry and make it possible for him to devote his time to the publishing of the Thunderbolt and all of the many miscellaneous items he must take care of in his position as secretary-treasurer.

Let's all make an effort to make this year the biggest and best ever — one that would make Harry proud.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the Association for having seen fit to elect a group of officers who I know will do their very best and be co-operative in making sure the Association will have a successful year, and that the reunion next year will be outstanding.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To all "THUNDERBOLT" members, as Secretary-Treasurer of this Association, I would like to appeal to all of you. As our last tribute to the late Harry Lockwood, please send your dues in at once. Let us make this year a special year to Harry and surpass that 1,000 mark that he tried so hard for. Last year he did reach over the 900 mark, but had hoped so much to reach the 1,000 mark. As a "SPECIAL TRIBUTE" to him, please send in your dues today. Let us all show that we are behind him even though he is not here.

I would also like to ask each and every one of you to check this issue of "Thunderbolt". If your Zip Code is not included on your mailing address on the back page, please send it to us at once, after January 1, 1967, these "Thunderbolts" will not be handled by the Post Office Department if they do not contain the Zip Code along with the mailing address.

Another request that I have is that if you are sending in your dues, please clip the Membership Registration Card from the last page of the "Thunderbolt" and fill it in complete with your Company, Regiment or Battalion and mail it along with your check or money order made payable to 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc., 132 Rockwood Drive, Haverstown, Pa. 19083. At the present time we are slightly short of 400 paid-up members. You may be one of the unpaids.

Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

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IMMEDIATELY.**

Dear Buddies:

Just one last letter from your past president, and a very tired one at that. The reunion has been over for quite some time now, but the work on my end hasn't stopped just yet. On top of all the paper work, I have fallen so far behind in my work around the house that I will probably never catch up.



Well, from where I sit, the reunion was a huge success as far as the attendance was concerned, but financially the Association didn't come out too well. There are many reasons for this and the biggest reason was the overcrowding from the very beginning. All sorts of last minute changes had to be made and they proved to be quite costly. It was just impossible to do all the things necessary for a good reunion with the amount of money on hand.

The overflow of those that could not go on the boat trip had to be fed, wine and dined at the hotel at a cost much greater than that on the boat. Union troubles at the hotel were another big factor because we had to use nothing but hotel liquor on the premises. There were other difficulties to, but I'll not bore you with them for now.

The problems that we had to cope with were many but I'm sure that everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that looked me up at the hotel before leaving, to thank me and the Pittsburgh Chapter for a wonderful reunion. My thanks go also to those of you that took the time to drop me a line since the reunion to thank us.

Here are some of the figures on the attendance. There were 682 people total of which 362 were members. There were 341 that paid dues. Wives totaled 201 and there were 77 children. The guests amounted to 42 people. From what I had seen to date, this was the best attended reunion yet.

Just about the time that I figured on resting up a bit, I had a bout with the flu bug and it set me down for awhile. Because of it, I had to miss the Pittsburgh Chapter meeting and didn't hear any comments from them. We did cancel the trip down to Waterford Park in West Virginia. We were supposed to go there by boat and return by bus but a banquet was voted in its place of this trip. All interested parties are welcome to attend our banquet but please give us enough advance notice on how many will be com-

ing. I'll notify all of you of the date by mail at a later date because the details are not complete yet. Plans for our trip to Chicago are already being made and I think we are really going to enjoy having someone else do the work this time.

In closing, I'd just like to say that during my year as president, I tried my best at all times and if I failed to please anyone, I'm sorry. There was a valuable lesson learned at this reunion and it concerned the cost of making everyone as happy as possible. Something will have to be done about this matter and real soon, I hope. The attendance will be rising each year along with the cost of living but the dues have remained the same. This is wrong (in my opinion) and has to be adjusted. Most of you will agree that this way of thinking is right.

Thanks to all of you for coming to Pittsburgh. So long for now.

Your Past President,
Samuel Klippa

330th Infantry Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Here we are once again, having just returned from a very fine reunion. Thanks to the boys from Pittsburgh who made it possible. They worked hard and gave us a very fine reunion.

I am happy to report that the 330th had a very fine turnout this year and surpassed the 331st Regimental Unit in their attendance at their Unit Luncheon. We had a total of 61 persons at this luncheon.

This year at the Unit Luncheon, we had election of officers and elected Emil Wehling of the New Jersey Chapter as president of our unit and Frank McGrogan of the Greater Philadelphia as treasurer. I am sorry to say that I can't remember who we elected secretary of it, but you can rest assured that I will know once this "Thunderbolt" reaches you, as someone will be in touch with me and remind me of my stupidity.

This year I have been elected National Secretary-Treasurer of the Association replacing Harry Lockwood. Believe me, trying to replace a great man like him has me so confused that I am lucky that I can remember my own name. There is a lot of work to be done. The main thing right now is getting this "Thunderbolt" to press. After that, things will fall in line normally.

Well buddies, I feel mighty proud of the 330th Unit. We had a good representation in membership last year, and with your help we can do even better this year. Let us all get our dues paid today. Also send in your Zip Code number as that will be a must on January 1.

Larry Redmond
Co. H - 330th

Warren, Ohio Chapter

Congratulations to Sam Klippa and the Pittsburgh Chapter on a wonderful reunion, 1966. It is indeed a real honor and privilege to be associated with people such as our Pittsburgh Chapter and all our chapters who work so hard and diligently to make our reunions so enjoyable and memorable. The Warren Chapter salutes and says thanks to the fine people of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Fortunately for the Warren Chapter we were able to attend the reunion in full force this year due to the proximity of Warren to Pittsburgh. However, from all indications our attendance in Chicago next year will be just as strong.

Further congratulations are in order to our new association president and his really fine slate of officers. To you Mr. President the Warren Chapter pledges its complet support. We also wish to extend our sincerest wishes to Larry Redmond for a successful year and years as our new secretary-treasurer.

A combined family picnic between the Warren and Cleveland Chapters was held at Pine Lake, Ohio, Sunday, Sept. 11. The weather was perfect, the refreshments plentiful and the corn terrific. Needless to say, a good time was had by all of the people fortunate enough to attend. Many thanks to Walter Metchka as the Cleveland picnic chairman and Joe Philapone as Warren Chapter chairman for a job well done in arranging this picnic. A bowling match between our two chapters should be arranged for our two chapters in the very near future.

This is about all to report from Warren for this time, so until then, we bid adieu.

Mike Skovran



Joe Minotti and Dick Kelly relaxing between beers.



Warren Chapter Picnic at Farmer Jim's
l. to r. Charlie Russ, Lee Titus, Mary Nuzzi, Joe Nuzzi and John Caparanis



The Warren Gang supervising Charlie Russ



Warren Sanders and Dick Kelly with friends

Warren Auxiliary News

By Millie Kelly

Hi Everybody:

Well, another Reunion has come and gone, and we have settled into our normal routine again.

We enjoyed seeing our old friends again, and meeting new ones for the first time.

The Pittsburgh Chapter deserves a big "Thank You", for their hospitality and fellowship.

I understand quite a few enjoyed the ride on the Incline and also the Street Cars.

Avalon sure kept things lively after hours with her piano playing. Thanks again Avalon for being such a good sport.

Theresa and Babe Gautschi had the easiest door to open in the hotel. How did that happen? Ann and Charlie Tomazin made two trips to Pittsburgh, in order not to miss any of the festivities.

We received our pictures taken at the banquet and we all look wonderful. So does the table setting. The meal was really delicious.

On September 11, the Warren and Cleveland Chapters met at Pine Lake for their Annual Picnic. The day was spent playing games and rehashing the Reunion. In the evening we had a hot dog and corn roast. Sure was good and those who could not attend missed a good time.

The ladies made their usual tour of the nearby Antique Shop. Prices were too high, so they did not buy anything. Alma showed pictures she had taken from the Incline, a bird's eye view of Pittsburgh. Eleanor had her pet poodle with her, and she was the center of attraction.

The Ladies Auxiliary is meeting in my home on September 27 so I will let you know more about our future activities in the next issue.

So long until then.

Co. F. 329th. News and Side Lights

By Vic Landis

The past year was a great one for old F-329, as we led all units with 50 paid up members. This we have done for the past six years, with G-331 in close pursuit. A tip of the Landis beret to them and the other units that came close.

It was great to see Elmer and Nell Disher, along with their two teen-age daughters, Kay and Teresa. Elmer and Nell made the reunion for the first time at Myrtle Beach last year and will never miss another one, if they are able to make it.

George and Becky Kittrell, along with their lovely young daughter, Brenda Gaye made it on Friday. It was great to see Nester Barli for the first time since the war. For the first time in years, Roy

Arnfield and Andy Zonkoski were present. Tommy Rybarczyk and his wife were there and this was Tommies first time since the conclave at Cleveland. Good old Hank Goliembieski kept his record clean of never having missed an annual affair. Good to see his wonderful wife Ellen.

If I have missed some — oh yes Ed Zerucha made it; he is one of the regulars. That's all she wrote.

Frankly Speaking

Dear Buddies:

Here we are back home again, after our 20th annual reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. A lot of credit should be given the members of the Pittsburgh Chapter for offering us such a fine affair.



I would like to at this time express my sincere thanks to all the men that attended, for the wonderful cooperation they showed the officers at this year's reunion. The members who attended all acted like a group of grown men at the meetings. The meetings were held in a very orderly manner, and we accomplished a lot without any bickering or arguing. A vote of thanks should also be extended to our new Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Redmond, for the very fine job that he did in taking over for Harry Lockwood at the end of the year, and also for the very fine treasurer's report that he gave at the reunion. While we are giving pats on the back, I think that a well deserved one should be given to Vic Landis for the superb job he did as our National Publicity man. Vic has gotten publicity for our Association, from coast to coast, and from this our membership has increased to a little over 900 paid-up members.

How about getting a new member? Each of us must have the name and address of a buddy. Try to sell him on becoming a member; or better still, how about a gift membership? This can be done by sending his name and address along with a check in the amount of \$5 and his membership card will be sent to him with your compliments.

I would like to make a personal appeal to each of you, to put forth a little effort and try getting some new members. Remember if we each get a new member this year, we can once again double our membership and make another step up that long ladder of success.

Sincerely yours,

Frank McGrogan

Signal Musings

I am short of material and late with this article but with some reason. I have no new information to write about and



am trying to say something while writing this column. My contacts have been few and far between during the past couple of issues so some of you old Association supporters will have to help carry on by helping me with information and pictures.

You fellows that have not received any of my personal newsletters drop me a line. Elbert Shepard will be getting his copies in the near future, count on it Elbert! I lost my record on who received and who did not so it is up to you to make the request. I'll try my best to straighten it all out. Larry Redmond our Secretary-Treasurer has set deadlines for the reporter's copy and the next deadline will be November 5, 1966. If you have anything you want to say or get off your chest, pictures that would add to the "Thunderbolt", or any other information, please send them immediately.

I would like to express my personal regrets for the loss of our leader of long-standing, Harry Lockwood. I do feel that Larry Redmond will do his best to carry on as Harry did, it is up to us (not just the reporters), but all of us to pitch in and make our Association the best by our activities, publication, and membership. What do you say buddies?

Don Hinz



is not a sentiment - it is an economic necessity. ----- Charles Szumetz

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The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Here we are once again, back home from a very fine Reunion, one that I am sure we all will remember for quite a while. I think that each and everyone of us owe the boys from Pittsburgh a vote of thanks for the wonderful time that they showed us. Once again at a Reunion the Greater Philadelphia Chapter furnished a color guard for the Memorial Service. This year we had one of the largest turnouts at a Memorial Service, that we have had for some time. I am sure that all of us as we get older are beginning to realize that next year it may be us that is being honored at this Memorial Service, and that is why we turn out to pay tribute to our buddies that have passed on.

I am happy to announce that Philadelphia has been selected for the 1968 Reunion. I am sure that we the members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter will do all in our power to give you a nice reunion. Already we are hard at work here making plans for this reunion and sincerely hope that we can offer a program that we will be mighty proud of.

This week the Greater Philadelphia Chapter will hold its first meeting of the new year. As you know our year in chapters usually runs from September until about June or July, so the September meeting will be the first Philadelphia Chapter meeting. We hope to have several affairs throughout the year to help raise money, so that we can make the 1968 Reunion one to be proud of.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter wishes to extend its sincere sympathy to the family of Harry Lockwood. The loss of Harry is a great loss to the Association, and also to his many close friends. To us of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, Harry was like one of us. Harry and his late wife, Fern, attended many of our functions, and many weekends they would ride over to Philadelphia and visit with members of our chapter. I personally will miss Harry very much as we were very close to one another.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter wishes to extend our sincere congratulations to "Bill" Doty on his election as President of our Association. We wish the best of luck to he and his very fine slate of officers for a successful year. We also extend best wishes to the Chicago Chapter, the host chapter for the 1967 Reunion.

Larry Redmond
Co. H, 330th Infantry

Cleveland Chapter News

By Al Uridel
Cannon Co. 329th

Hello Buddies:

Another Reunion has fallen by the roadside, this one however will be long remembered. Everyone I spoke to had a ball



including myself. The Pittsburgh Chapter members have a great big hand coming to them, for a job well done. Cleveland Chapter was well represented this year, about three fourths of our entire membership was there, and all had a wonderful time.

Before this "Thunderbolt" is printed, Cleveland and Warren Chapters will have a joint picnic. These affairs are usually well accepted and everyone enjoys them to no end.

We here in Cleveland will begin our monthly meetings at the homes of our members. This is a time tested and proven method of having meetings, we've been rather successful so far, and plan to keep the ball rolling in the same direction indefinitely.

While everyone was enjoying the Reunion, one little guy stood in the background, worrying whether he would be accepted as our new Secretary. This guy stepped into a large pair of shoes (to use his own words) and did a great job. I speak of none other than our good buddy, Larry Redmond. Keep up the good work Larry, we're all with you, all the way.

This is about it from Cleveland, news is scarce here, our members having no new arrivals, etc. etc., makes this a dull duty.

"DUES ARE DUE"

"DO IT NOW"

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

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

Well, another successful reunion has come and gone. I'm sure everyone attending had a wonderful time. The Pittsburgh Chapter wants to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the reunion and especially all members of the local chapter who helped in any way in making this the biggest and most successful reunion so far.

In my opinion, the highlight of the whole affair was the boat ride up and down the three rivers — the Allegheny, Monogahela and the Ohio. Sorry, everyone couldn't have been on this ride. The Memorial Service to all our deceased buddies and especially to Harry Lockwood was very impressive. Over 600 people attended the banquet in the Hilton on Saturday, August 13, to close out the 20th Annual Reunion.

We, of the Pittsburgh Chapter, want to wish all the newly-elected officers for the year 1966-67 a most successful and prosperous year. We hope the reunion in Chicago next year will be even bigger. But it takes the attendance of every one of you to make it big—so come on, fellas, plan now for Chicago in 1967.

OVERHEARD

Waitress: "I have calve's brains, spare ribs, fried liver, cooked tongue and . . ."

Customer: "Listen, Babe, I haven't time to listen to your trouble — just bring me a hamburger and coffee."

Can't Be Bothered

One of the boys from Co. A-331, a machine gunner, was industriously engaged in digging a foxhole when he was tapped on the shoulder by a sad looking Nazi who wanted to surrender asking him what to do. The machine gunner paused long enough to look around and then said, "I don't care but get the hell away from me, I'm busy".

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Look at the expiration date on your Membership Card —

If it does not read Aug. 1967 your dues for this year are due.

We would appreciate if you would send it in as soon as possible.

**Send your remittance to Larry Redmond, Secretary-Treasurer,
132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083.**

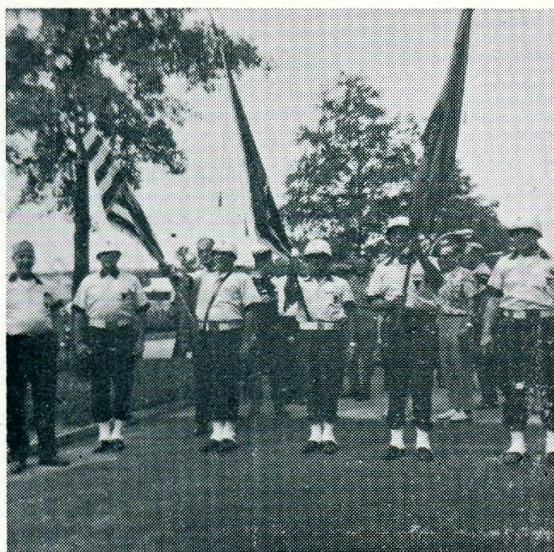
1966 REUNION PICTURES



Part of Head Table at Banquet in Pittsburgh - l. to r. Rear: Larry Remond, Mary McGrogan, Frank McGrogan and Norman Campbell. Front: Mary Reimond, A. A. Rugienius, Rugienius and Bill Shuman.



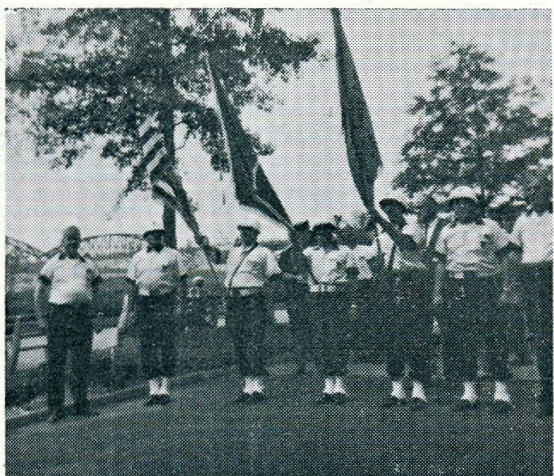
Sam Aiello of the Honor Guard and Flowers for Memorial Service



Guard of Honor at Memorial Service



Paying Tribute at Memorial Service in Pittsburgh. Chaplain Shuman conducting service



Guard of Honor preparing to march at the Memorial Service in Pittsburgh



Part of Philadelphia Chapter Group taken at Banquet at Reunion in Pittsburgh



Nell and Elmer Disher with their two lovely daughters, Teresa and Kay



F-329 - l. to r. George Kittrell, Hank Golembiewski, Elmer Disher, Joe Putnak and Vic Landis



A Junior 83rd'er - Son of Ken Seiger Co. H 329th



Kay and Teresa Disher with their adopted Uncle Vic



F-329 - l. to r. - Front Row: Hank Golembiewski, Elmer Disher, Ed Zerucha, Bill Nickell. Back Row: Roy Arnfield, Andy Zonkoski, Vic Landis and We's Smail



Guess Who? Taken in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel

Secretary's Report

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the sad part of this note, as your new secretary-treasurer, I am going to ask each and every one of you to bear with me, there is a lot of hard work to be done getting things back in order, and there are several of you that I owe a letter to, but I just haven't the time to make personal answers at this time. I will do so as soon as possible. There is a lot for me to learn, and it isn't easy when you can't turn to the past secretary-treasurer and ask him questions. There are many things that I will have to figure out for myself. If I fail to answer you right away, please realize that it isn't that I don't want to, but that with the pressure that I am under, I just haven't had the chance.

I would like to ask each and every one of you, if you haven't paid your dues for this year, please do so at once. Let us make this the best year yet. The Executive Board has ordered me to send out "Thunderbolts" to all men whose names appear in our files, paid or unpaid, with the hopes that they will be man enough to send in their dues. If you are one of these men, please don't be a freeloader, remember, the "Thunderbolt" that you are receiving, is being paid for by your Buddy. Don't let him pay your way, be a man and pay your own. Send a check or money order today, payable to 83rd Infantry Division Association, 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083.

I have another appeal to make to you. After January 1, 1967, no bulk mailing will be made by the Post Office without having Zip Code numbers. There are several of you, whose names appear on our files without a Zip Code. Check your "Thunderbolt" today, if there is no Zip Code on it, it is because you don't have it on file and after January 1st, you will no longer receive it. Play it safe, send your Zip Code today.

Well Buddies, I want to extend my sincere thanks to you for entrusting me with this tremendous job of Secretary-Treasurer, I sincerely hope that I can fill this job in the proper manner. I can assure you that I will do all in my power to do it. With the help of God and you, I will do it.

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

OVERHEARD

Small boy: "Why do you have to come and see MY sister every night? Ain't you got one of your own?"

Frank McGrogan of Philadelphia, Pa. writes: "Viet Nam veterans are in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. and would most appreciate a visit. The visiting hours are from 3:30 to 4:30 each day."

I mentioned this to someone and the answer was: Those men are total strangers to me! My answer to that was: "They were shot up fighting for you and me, so they are not strangers, but friends — good friends — and fellow Americans."

I only wish that I could personally thank every soldier, sailor or Marine who has fought for my freedom and put a wreath on the grave of every man who died for me and mine so that we could continue enjoying this precious land of ours.

Whiskey Cures Frostbite

Army hospitals near the front had one staple cure for frostbite — WHISKEY. Alcohol expands the blood vessels and increases circulation in frozen limbs.

So successful and so popular was the whiskey treatment that one doctor said: "It got so that every ambulance driver coming in claimed he was a frostbite case. (Ed. note: Also good for snake bite.)"

The Batter That Didn't Rise

A cook of Co. G-331 had just finished preparing three batters of dough carefully mixed with ingredients for a delicious cake and placing them in a dark corner of his kitchen he turned his attention to other things while he proudly thought of the smiles on the faces of Co. G men when they tasted his culinary efforts. But his dreams were shortlived.

S/Sgt. Phil Wiggan entered the room with his mess kit heaped with chow and looked for a place to eat. As fate would have it he sank into the same dark corner where reposed the nucleus of GI pastry. The cook leaped from the floor shouting "My cake, my cake". But Wiggan wasn't easily misled. He nonchalantly sat on the batter and refused to believe the cook's frantic pleas that he was ruining his cake. The boys dubbed the incident, "A batter that didn't rise". (Shame on you, Phil.)

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For
Harry
In 1967

Jersey Chapter

by Jim Bowie
Co. B-330th

Well, another reunion has passed and I know everyone had a swell time. You wait a whole year for this to come and then it's all over too quick. I was disappointed not seeing a couple of buddies whom I thought would be there, but things came up that kept them away. They promised to be at Chicago next year, so I'm giving them another chance.

I thought everything at the reunion was handled well. The tribute to Harry Lockwood was very nice and I think the least we can do for him is to get that 1,000 membership he tried so hard to get this year. It's easy buddies, all it takes is a little talking on your part. I'll have a couple of new members this year and maybe through them a couple more.

I would also like to say, let's get behind Larry Redmond and give him all the help we can. This is more than a one man's job and I know, I had the chance to give Harry a hand while he was sick and believe me fellows I don't know how he did all the work by himself. This is the 83rd Association, so let's all get together and make it the best one in the country — you know it is.

We were glad to see Harry Lockwood's niece and her husband at the reunion. I know they had a good time and hope they will be able to make Chicago.

Congratulations to Emil Wehling, our new president of the 330th Regiment. We wish him luck and hope he can keep us moving ahead. We of the Jersey Chapter see him every third Friday of the month and we'll give him all the assistance we can. We had a little shindig at Bob Walsh's sister's house Sunday, August 18 and those who were able to come had a swell time.

At our last meeting we had Bob, Charlie, Emil, John, Manny, Vito, and yours truly. Sure missed the rest of you guys. Please come to the rest of our meetings as we have a lot of work to do and things to plan.

Well fellows' I'm new at this writing bit but I hope to get better. See you in the next issue. Thanks again to the Pittsburgh Chapter for a swell time.

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis, F-329

As per usual, I am well pleased with the results of last year's publicity. Inquiries were pouring in from men who never heard of our great Association and were seeking information of our organization. Many of these men have paid their dues and attended the reunion at Pittsburgh for the first time.

For nine years I have covered the entire nation. All eighteen daily papers have yearly, placed my release several times and many daily columnists have given me a good spread. United Press has helped me on many occasions with wire releases to various sections of the country. I have secured these releases through some old reporter friends of mine.

Radio stations all over the country have aired the news of my search for former men of the old 83rd and have secured newscasts over many television stations. Will soon start beating the drums for the coming year and the reunion in Chicago.

Letters to the Editor

Mr. Larry Redmond

Dear Sir:

I read in the paper where you were trying to locate men who served in the 83rd Thunderbolt Infantry Division. My son, SFC Ernest L. VanDeventer served in the 83rd.

He re-enlisted overseas before he came home from the war. He came home on a 90-day leave, and was making the Army his career. He was retired September 30, 1950 due to ill health, and passed away at my home in Joplin, Missouri, February 14, 1954 and is buried in Park Cemetery in Columbus.

I thought that some of his buddies would like to know. I hope you have a nice Reunion.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. A. Lizer
516 S. Vermont
Columbus, Kansas 66725

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Look at the expiration date on your Membership Card —
If it does not read Aug. 1967 your dues for this year are due.
We would appreciate if you would send it in as soon as possible.
Send your remittance to Larry Redmond, Secretary-Treasurer,
132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083.



CIVILIAN AIDES CONFERENCE — Lt. Gen. William F. Train, CG of First U.S. Army, is welcomed to Ft. Benning, Ga., by Maj. Gen. Robert H. York, CG. Maj. Gen. W. J. Sutton, Chief Army Reserve, also a guest at the 12th annual conference, is in the center.

G Co. 331st Reporting

By E. J. "Spud" Murphy

The Pittsburgh Convention of 1966 is now history, and as usual the big G made a representative showing. Among those who made the scene, were the following men and their respective War Departments. All of the following had their spouses in tow. Loyal Pangle, Mike Mizerock, Ralph Guarnieri, Joe Phillipone, Carl Wheeler, Emory Bruce, Joe and the new Mrs. Kuzma, John Teringo, Gene Costanzo, Selma Corder, Frank Zagoda, Al Suess, and Lee and "Birdie" you know who.

Cos, and Selma Corder also had their charming daughters gracing the scene. In addition Selma, brought along his sister who is the wife of our old buddy Bob Speakman.

The old reliable stags showed up as usual. They were Bob Piette, Don Schwartz, Elmer Mace, and the velvet for Bill Bogacz.

The Pangles were kept busy at the convention site showing slides from previous conventions.

This reporter was re-elected to the post of National Service Officer.

Bill Bogacz finally made sergeant. He was elected as sergeant-at-arms for the next term.

Olga Teringo would have made a good broken field runner for her old high school team. Twice she dodged flying beer at the brewery spilled by Mike Skov-

ran and Loyal Pangle.

"Birdie" Kate and Olga will need additional luggage for the next reunion, just for souvenirs.

Joe Phillipone wants a smaller room in Chicago. Claims he could not find Angie. Did you look under the bed, Joe?

Joe Kuzma and his bride are still on their honeymoon. The only time we saw them was on the elevator. Did anyone think to look under the bed.

John Teringo continues to find other uses for his camera case other than carrying his camera.

Dorothy Speakman got tired of waiting for Bob to bring her to a reunion, so she orde in with her brother in law, Selma Corder and family.

Mike Mizerock can't figure out why Bruce and Phillipone aren't as robust as the rest of us. He says we all ate the same food. Titus claims they didn't eat Guarnieri's lumpy gravy.

Carl "Big Daddy" Wheeler walked off with the title of "Largest Man In G-Co." if not the whole division.

All things considered, a grand time was had by all who were fortunate enough to be on hand. Those of us who were unable to make the scene regret it, and resolve to do our best to make the Chicago convention.

Company G men, and their families wish to congratulate the Pittsburgh Chapter for a job well done. You put on a fine reunion boys and your hard work is appreciated by all of us.



L. to R. J. Palazzola, George Barbu, Sylvia, Walter Marks, Jack, Hankie Daugherty, Bill, Virg Palazzola and Kathy

Detroit Chapter News

By John Daugherty
Co. L-329th

Hello Buddies:

Well, the Reunion has come and gone, so now we start looking forward to next year in Chicago. I know all the folks in Detroit want to say thanks for the wonderful time we all had in Pittsburgh. The Detroit Chapter is in the process of regrouping. A couple of weeks ago we had a picnic out at El Zerucha's beautiful cottage. Ed sure does know how to show everyone a good time. We had a pleasant surprise when Pangles, from Flint, Mich., showed up at the picnic. Joe Palazzola was home on furlough, so he came along with Bill and the rest of the family. Nick Barbu was saying that the hotels have been contacting him about the Reunion here in 1969. We here in Detroit, are looking forward to the 30th of October, as some of the folks from Cleveland are coming down to see Cleveland and the Detroit Lions play football. It sure will be a long ride home for Voracek and Minotti. Ha! Ha!

We are having a get-together September 11, in Dearborn, Mich. We hope for a good turnout. One of our chapter members, Steve Benson, has our deepest sympathy, as he just recently lost a new grandchild.

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331st Regimental News

Our hats are off to the Pittsburgh Chapter for the wonderful reunion it Pittsburgh this year. We are especially proud of our fine 331st members: Sam Klippa, Gene Constanzo, Al Gruber, etc. Nice going, guys, you did the 331st proud.

The highlight of the reunion was the boat trip, and I'm sure many of you who were there will agree. For those of you who weren't there, the boat was built in the modern version of a showboat. We boarded her at 6:30 p.m., and set sail up the Monangahela River at 7 p.m. We went back down the river to the triangle and then up the Allegheny River and back and, finally down the Ohio River, and up again to the dock. During the course of our cruise, they had set up a number of bars with all the free booze flowing. Also aboard was a fine buffet dinner with all the trimmings, and we also danced to a fine band which gave us our share of good music for everyone, especially the polkas which our good 331st members Mike Skovran and John Teringo excelled in.

We had the pleasure of again having with us Ernie DeFrancisco and his pretty wife Betty, and also, Frank Kasuba and his lovely wife, Sue.

Also, I'd like you duffers to know we had a golf match at Schenley Park in Pittsburgh. Yours truly represented the 331st and Frank Marsh represented the 330th. I'm happy to report that the 331st came out on top. I have to admit though I had an awful lot of help from the Stogie which Frank could not remove while hitting the ball, this being my handicap.

Better luck next time 330th.

We had our luncheon on Saturday morning, and as usual, we had a pretty good turnout. Our good treasurer, Hubert Edwards, started things off with a prayer, and after dinner, we had our treasurer's report. I am happy to say that thanks to the fine work of your officers, we are in the black and as a matter of fact, we are richer by a few bucks due to interest which has been added to our account. Nice going, Hubert.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the year 1966-67, and I'm happy to report Hubert Edwards was again elected treasurer, and yours truly was re-elected president. Nice going, Manny. With you in my corner, I can't win — I mean lose.

I close now with best wishes to everyone.

Stan Bielen
Hdqtr. Co., 1st Bn.-331

To All Chapters

I would like to receive from all chapters, a complete roster of all of your officers, their names, addresss and if possible their phone numbers, so that in the event of another emergency, I can contact someone from each chapter. I would also like the name address and phone number of your News Editor. Above all don't forget your Zip Codes, because after January 1 we are out of business as far as mailing without Zip Codes.

Let us start a Membreship Campaign now. Lets see which chapter can send in the most paid-up membership, contact all of your members and remind them that 1967 Dues are due now.

Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

Chicago Convention Chairman's Corner

By Jim Burton
Co. D-329th

First of all I want to say what pleasure it was to attend the 20th Reunion in Pittsburgh and what a great time I had along with everyone else I have talked to. I'm sure it will go down as one of the best. The Pittsburgh Chapter really made it tough for us to follow, but having a great challenge will make us work harder to enable everyone to have an equally good time, if not a better time, in C-H-I-C-A-G-O in 1967.

Bill Doty gave a run down on our proposed program at the Reunion meeting and I will be elaborating on it in the future reports in the Thunderbolt.

Since I have been able to attend several of the Reunions, I have met many wonderful friends who I didn't personally know during the war, and it's always great to renew these acquaintances. In the past I have not seen many of my company buddies. This year Ronald Harris and Zeke Lannon attended and it sure was good to see them after all these years. Maybe with their help we could stir up some more Co. D-329th men. Also, it was good to see Sam Hoffman of Division Special Service.

I announced at the meeting that I have been in contact with Chaplain Arlin Halvorsen, and many of you asked me about him. He was glad to be remembered and he will be with us in Chicago for our Reunion. I'm sure all of you that had the benefit of his presence and service will be glad to see him in 1967.

With all of the excitement of the Pittsburgh Reunion, the thought of Harry W. Lockwood's passing saddened us, as it seemed to all of us that the 83rd Division Association was the most important

project of his life and of course he worked hard to help us get the Chicago Chapter started. He will always be remembered by all of us who were fortunate to know him.

This winds up this report and I hope all who read this will start to make their plans to be in Chicago in 1967.

The Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo
Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 330th Inf.

Hello Buddies,

Well first of all the reunion was great and we of the Boston Chapter had a ball. We had the Tynan family and Amby's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Art Tartaglia, The Petrucci family, plus Mike Caprio, Pat DiGemmerino, Chuck Abdincor, Larry Arigo and our great host, Art Del Padre and Col. Campbell. P.S., Del "The Raine in Spain Lyes Mainly on the Plain". It was too bad all the wives couldn't make it.

Other members of the group were: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Champey and Mr. and Mrs. Shifard of Connecticut with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laviaski and Bob Piete. Boston was a fine group as always.

We had a person who always wants to be different but he finally saw it our way. He was like a little baby wanting his mommy. Say, Vara just what do you have on Mike that he always wants to be near you? Ha! Ha! Yes, Vara he was a good boy but he snores too loud. We shut his mouth with a pillow and was okay. No kidding, Mike is great company any time. Glad you could come, Mike.

It sure was great to see the old gang again. The only differents was that some had less hair, some no hair and all too fat.



Boston Chapter Members at Reunion

The Boston Chapter would like to congratulate the new officers of our great 83rd Association. They are a hard working group and they will make it with no trouble at all. Good luck, boys.

We had two sick girls, Milie Ellie, Jig's wife and Alga Amicon, Mike's wife, but they are coming along fine. Let's get strong girls, we miss you.

On July 17 we had a wonderful outing at the Abdinoor's in Draket, Mass. We had everything to eat and drink and that Bernice is just a wonderful hostess. It's a funny sight just to see us old men trying to play some of the games that we played so good 20 years ago and trying to keep up with our kids by cheating so that we could win.

Yes, Pat and Chuck we are on the down hill side when it comes to sports. Come the next day our legs and back are sore and it takes a week before we get back to our normal selves again. Ha! Ha!

Oh yes, on August 24, 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Pat DiGemmerino will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and a party will be given by their children on August 27. Happy Anniversary Pat and Gin From The Boston Chapter.



Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino at their 25th Wedding Anniversary Party

A BOSTON SPECIAL

On August 27 a surprise party was given to Pat and Gin DiGemmerino on their 25th year of marriage and it was a wonderful time. The Boston Chapter was there in all its splendor. Our honored guest Father Spiek said grace and gave Pat and Gin his blessing and wished them continued happiness in the future. May you both continue with health and happiness for many more anniversaries to come.



Party at Chuck Abdinoor's



Drinking Time at Chuck's Place

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For

Harry

In 1967

IN MEMORIAM



Harry W. Lockwood

Obituaries

Jersey City, New Jersey, July 21, 1966 — Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, born April 29, 1908. Died July 21, 1966. Harry had served with Regimental Headquarters, 329th Infantry Regiment during World War II.

After World War II, when the 83rd Infantry Division Association was formed, Harry became a member and served the Association well. In 1958, Harry became President of our Association and the following year became Secretary-Treasurer and served the duties of this office to the fullest degree. Harry had devoted his en-

tire life these past seven or eight years to our Association and is sadly missed by all of us.

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Other members of our Association to have passed to their Eternal Reward.

Thomas A. Rose
7169 Radbourne Road
Upper Darby, Pa.
Cannon Co., 329th Infantry Regiment

Charles Lloyd Shipley
Scott County, Illinois
Co. E, 329th Infantry Regiment

Mrs. Klippa, mother of
Past President Sam Klippa

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Some time ago I noticed an article in the Mankato, Minn. Free Press that there was to be a reunion of former 83rd Division members and to contact you at the above address.

I don't know if I would be able to attend this year but would appreciate knowing the date. I was a member of Service Battery of the 324th Field Arty. Bn. from activation to discharge in November, 1945.

Yours truly,
Dean J. Townsend

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I read the add you had in the daily paper about "Lost Soldiers" from the 83rd Infantry Division. I served with "K" Company, 330th Infantry Regiment. My name is:

Stanley P. Dmuchoski
28 Turner Street
Plymouth, Pa.

I would like to get a little more information about the next Reunion.

Thank you.

Stanley P. Dmuchoski

Dear Sir:

I am writing for my husband who served in the 83rd Division during World War II.

We saw the piece in the Binghamton Paper. We live about 15 miles from Binghamton. We feel that we can not attend, although we would like to be in Pittsburgh in August.

He would like to see some of those he served with at that time. He was in 331st, Co. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ramage
Box 382
Hallstead, Penna. 18822

Mr. Larry Redmond
Havertown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I read a letter in the St. Louis Globe Democrat, asking men from the 83rd Division to contact you.

My husband, John W. Wilson, serial no. 6799721 was in that Division.

Mr. Wilson died October 8, 1960 and is buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Yours truly,
Mrs. John Wilson
3457 Juniata
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

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Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Raymond:

I read in the Indianapolis News that the 83rd Infantry Division Association is trying to locate former members. It was stated that there were 25,000 on the original roster that have not been contacted since the end of the war.

This is just a note to tell you that if you do not already have the information on Francis E. Sumwalt of Knightstown, Indiana, was killed in action when the outfit was in Normandy, he was my husband.

I also know that Richard Hines is in Wapakoneta, Ohio, his last street address I have is 502 E. Auglaize. I don't think that is correct anymore, but I do know he is still there and I am sure any mail will get to him if you don't already have contact with him.

This is only information on two, but maybe it will help a little.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Elmer L. Robertson
519 North Denny
Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

P.S.: I must have been real patriotic as I remarried, to an Army career man who is now serving overseas and I hope I don't go through the same thing as I did 23 years ago.

Larry:

I am a former member of the 83rd Division. Please send what information you can to me.

Thank you
Theodore R. Hutsenpiller
5514 Armitage Way
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206

Dear Sir:

I, Frank Kocjancic, was one of the men in the 83rd Division World War II Infantry.

I enlisted in Cleveland, Ohio, my place of birth was Warrensville, Ohio. Please contact me as to the whereabouts of the other Cleveland members.

Sincerely,
Frank Kocjancic
304 Grand
Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Dear Mr. Redmond:

We saw your notice in our local paper about the THUNDERBOLT Division.

My husband is a former member of this Division. Although he won't be able to attend the 20th Reunion, I thought that I would write to you and let you know of his whereabouts.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Orville McLeland
312 E. Berkley Street
Muncie, Indiana 47303

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