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## Your Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Once again it is time to get another issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" to press. Time rolls by so fast that there just aren't enough hours in a day nor are there enough days in the week to get all done that has to be done.



I am proud to report that dues are coming in very well. As of this date we are well over the 500 mark and I sincerely hope that by Christmas we will have reached the three quarter mark and have about 750

paid-up members. We are sincerely hoping that we can make that 1,000 mark this year. We came close to it last year with a 945. We have two reasons to hit this 1,000 mark — one is for the good of the Association, and the other is in memory of our beloved Harry Lockwood, who worked so hard to reach this goal — therefore, in his memory, we the Officers of the Association ask you, its members, to do your part. Please make an extra check of your membership cards. If it does not read Aug. 1967, then you are

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## The President's Corner

Here it is, time to write my second letter to you, and it seems like only yesterday we were all in Pittsburgh enjoying the hospitality of the Pittsburgh Chapter and the warm breezes of late Summer. Today, as I write this letter, the North Winds have begun to blow and Old Man Winter has come out of hibernation and shown his face in Chicago. Time certainly passes quickly, doesn't it?



With Winter approaching, the holidays can't be far behind. Since my next letter to you will be in January, I want to take this opportunity of extending my best wishes to all of you for a most pleasant Thanksgiving, a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a successful New Year.

And, talking about the holidays, I know that Larry Redmond, our secretary-treasurer, would enjoy them a great deal more if those of you who have not as yet paid your dues would send them in to him prior to the Christmas holidays. I have just received word that our present paid-up membership is around 500, and at the end of our last fiscal year it was something over 900. From my own experience, I know how easy it is to put aside certain things, saying to ourselves, "I will take care of this tomorrow", but I would appreciate it, your officers would appreciate it, and Larry, especially, would appreciate it if each of you, who haven't paid your dues, would send him a check today, instead of "putting it off until tomorrow".

For the good of the Association, and as a memorial to Harry Lockwood, we would like to see our membership go over the 1,000 mark this year. I, as your President, would certainly enjoy seeing not only the membership going over 1,000, but every active member attending the reunion in Chicago, in 1967.

It is amazing to me how many men there are who were with the 83rd Division, who live in the vicinities of our various local chapters, but who are neither members of those chapters nor of the National Association. For years there has been advertising of this Association, and I know that for some three years we here in Chicago have done our best to solicit and engender enthusiasm in those who reside in the area who are qualified but who do not belong to our Chicago Chapter.

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## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Buddies of our  
Great 83rd Division Association:

I feel that I could not relate anything more important to you at this Christmas time than the Christmas Story from the Good Book. I hope you will read it again and again. God bless you.



**King James  
Version**

LUKE 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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

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

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Here's wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year for 1967.

Faithfully,  
**William O. Shuman**  
Chaplain,  
83rd Infantry Div. Assn.

## "Thunderbolt" News

The publication of the "THUNDERBOLT" is made possible by a staff of news reporters that we have. This is made up of men from chapters as well as units.

We have set up a deadline date schedule for the entire year and have sent a copy to each reporter. If there are any that I have missed, please let me know and I will try sending you a copy at once. The purpose of this deadline date schedule is to be able to compile the news for publication and get it to the printer. This entails a lot work and co-operation in this matter is most essential.

This issue is almost two weeks late going to press due to the lateness on news from some reporters. We have set January 7, 1967 as the deadline date for the next issue. If there is anything you wish published in the next issue, please get it to us on or before this date. I would like to tell all of you as members of this Association, if there is anything you wish printed, send it to us. We will try to make this possible on a space available basis. By this we mean the most essential news will get first preference. We sincerely hope that there will be no hard feelings if you send something in and it doesn't appear. We do try to print everything possible.

Our publication, the "THUNDERBOLT", is the envy of a number of veterans organizations. We have received quite a number of complimentary letters on it. This is made possible by you the reporters and the members who send in the material to print this publication.

Your Editor

The following pic was taken in Germany 1945. Indentify the missing names for me: (L. - R.) —(?)—, myself, —?—, Spencer Heit, John Sterling, —?—. Who are these missing fellows... We went to Hitler's "nest" on this outing.

Don Hinz  
219 11th Ave.  
Worthington, Minn. 56187



## Greater Indianapolis Chapter

A few words from Naptown to verify the fact that our chapter is very much alive and plugging for bigger and better things. First we want to congratulate our new Secretary Treasurer, Larry Redmond, and assure him that this chapter stands by to assist him in any way possible. Also, congratulations to our newly elected national officers. I'm sure they will do their part in making our association one of the better ones in existence. No doubt

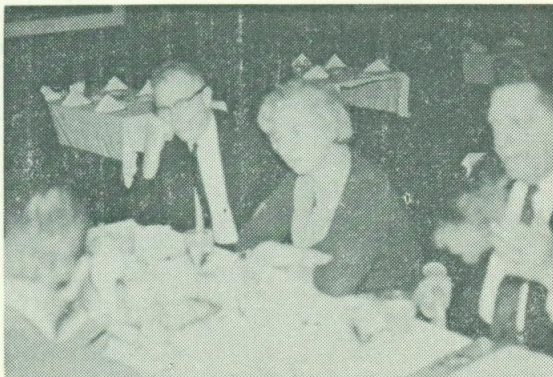


the Chicago Chapter is setting sights to out do any past reunions. Boys, it's a lot of hard work and planning, but I bet you will succeed in your role of host to the 1967 Reunion.

Plans are moving right along toward our chapter's annual Christmas party. This is an event that everyone seems to enjoy and the officers club at Fort Benjamin Harrison will be the place where we will gather.

John Soroko and wife, Dorothy, motored to Chicago to watch the Bear and Los Angeles Rams football game. It looked plenty rugged on T.V. Yours truly is going to hunt the deer comes November, and guess where? Camp Atterbury. Yep, there is deer there now. Hope that ground isn't as soggy as it once was, remember? Since time is growing short for news reporters to submit their gossip sheet, I had better get this in the mail box. So long and Merry X-mas to all our 83rd buddies.

**Matthew F. Brumbach**  
7144 Lockwood Lane  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217



Chicago Chapter

## Chicago Metropolitan Chapter

**Jim Burton**

Co. D - 329th Reg.

With the knowledge that Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year are coming up on the double, it makes us realize, that it won't be long before many who read this report will be enjoying our reunion in the windy city of C-H-I-C-A-G-O. Believe me, it's really been windy, and we have had our first taste of old man winter; however, in hearing the weather reports from the other parts of the country, we are not alone.



Since the reunion in Pittsburgh, the Chicago Chapter has had two monthly meetings. The first was held at Fred's Patio Lounge, which is owned and operated by one of our members, Fred Collechia. It is located in the southwest suburb of Lyons. The second was held at the new Millionaire's Club at Ford City (this used to be the location of the Ford plant on the south side of Chicago). Both of these meetings were devoted not only to fun, food, and refreshments, but to discussions as to plans for the 1967 reunion.

We have two members of our Chicago Chapter who are in the midst of political campaigns: Larry DiPrima and Herman Koeneman. Larry finds himself in the envious position of having no opposition to his seat in the Illinois House of Representatives. However, our other man, Herman Koeneman, finds himself in a very tough battle to try to become a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois.

As a result of politicking, we have been missing these two members at our regular meetings, but hope they will be able to attend more important affairs—that is, the 83rd Infantry Division once the second Tuesday of November passes by.

In our future letters, we will go into much more detail as to how we expect to entertain you in Chicago during 1967 and enlarge on those things which we stated that we were planning to do during the reunion in 1966. Our Mayor has informed us that he will be most happy to attend our opening session in 1967 unless something unforeseen should occur. We certainly hope that nothing does occur so that you can be greeted personally by Mayor Daley of Chicago.

I know many of us were planning to return to Pittsburgh for the World Series. Something must have happened, however, I haven't yet been able to find out from the Pittsburgh Chapter how they lost the pennant, but it certainly destroyed our plans to return for the Series. One nice thing about living in Chicago, where baseball is concerned, we can remain completely impartial, since our own teams seem never to win anything. Therefore, we only have the opportunity of cheering for the other fellow's team.

In closing, all of us in the Chicago Chapter, extend our best wishes to all of you, for a happy and safe holiday season, and a bright and prosperous new year.

### Chicago Chapter



## Frankly Speaking

Dear Buddies:

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



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

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

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

If you have not paid your association dues as yet send in a check or money order for (\$5.00) payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association to Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083. THANKS.

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

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



## Members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

### Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

Dear Buddies:

I'm not going to write a full article as I had been doing in the past, but I do want to get just a few things across.



Hope all of you are doing well and thinking about the next reunion in Chicago. This one should be as big a success as the one in Pittsburgh or maybe bigger if we all pitch in and help the boys of the Chicago Chapter as much as we can. Every little bit counts and don't forget that Chicago will be doing all the work

this time.

At the reunion in Pittsburgh I asked for all chapters to register their officers and members with the secretary, Larry Redmond, and so far to my knowledge this has not been done. I feel that this is important in more ways than not. I also asked that an address list of all chapter members be sent to me so that my file, on which I spent many hundreds

of hours, will be kept up-to-date for future use of everyone. This has not been done either. Seems that everyone has lost interest in the well being of the 83rd except at reunion time. We are still building towards that "thousand" mark and can make it only with the help of everyone of you, the members of the 83rd.

The Pittsburgh Chapter has held its election the past Sunday and our "installation of officers party" will be held in January. All chapters are invited to attend providing that they notify us in time to make the necessary arrangements. Lawrence Leonard of Co. "A" 331st, is our new president. Albert Suess of Co. "G" 331st, is vice-president and Steve Blasko Jr. of 783rd Ord. is the new secretary. Al Gruber will remain as our treasurer and he is of "M" 331st. I know that these men will do a good job for the Pittsburgh Chapter and my congratulations go to all of them.

A group of us from Pittsburgh are planning a trip to visit the boys in Chicago in April or May to sort of look the place over. Maybe we can be of some help to the Chicago boys in discussing the "ifs, ands and where fors" of the reunion. So long fellows and don't forget that dues are due.

**Samuel Klippa**  
Co. "D" 331

## Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

by Greer Thompson  
Hq. Btry, 324 FA Bn.

The November meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter was very well attended. The election of the new officers for 1967 was the main highlight. A standing ovation for a job well done was given to the past officers; not only for their work in the chapter, but in the past convention. We wish the same success to the new officers who are as follows:

President, Lawrence J. Leonardi; vice-president, Albert J. Suess; treasurer, Alfred Gruber, and secretary, Steve Blasko.

A final decision was made at this meeting to hold a dinner-dance for members and their wives or friends on Saturday, Nov. 19, 1966, 7 p.m. at the Elk's Club, Etna, Pa. A delicious steak dinner and refreshments will be served. There will also be an orchestra for dancing. Members not attending will miss an enjoyable evening.

This chapter is gifted with a real honest-to-goodness fund-raising chairman in Charlie Altomari. He has many hobbies and duties to perform. Charlie didn't stop with the reunion. He is still active raising funds for the Chapter.

The Pittsburgh Chapter is happy to announce that Wilbur Wilson is home from the hospital and well on the road to recovery.

The Pittsburgh Chapter hopes everyone has had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and extends best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The enclosed picture comprises the Pittsburgh Chapter with the exception of a few absentees.

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**1000**  
**For**  
**Harry**  
**In 1967**

## 1966 REUNION



Tour of Brewery at Reunion



Group of 330th Members at Reunion



Tour of Brewery at Reunion

## Detroit Chapter News

We here in Detroit are experiencing a real early winter. We have been a little more active of late three weeks ago. The Barbu's and Palazzolo's and Hankie and I, traveled down to Flint, Mich. to see Kate and Loyal Pangle. They sure have a beautiful home outside of Flint. They sure treated all of us great. From there Loyal showed us the way to Frankmouth, Mich. where they have the famous chicken dinners. Even if we did have to stand in line for nearly two hours, just like the old days in the Army. Just this last weekend the Voracek's, Dorothy and Ray, were in from Cleveland and the Pangle's, Kate and Loyal from Flint were here to see the Lions football game. We sure did enjoy ourselves. After the game we were all invited over to Nick and Sylvia's, th Barbu's home. The gals outdid themselves with a real swell meal. By the way don't you guys ever play pool with that Ray Voracek; he knows his way around a pool table real well. A few of us were down to some of the hotels a few weeks back to see what we could line up for '69, as of now it don't look too bright as the V.F.W. will be in town at that particular time. But we are still looking around to see if we can come up with something. I hope to have more information by the next issue.

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

## The President's Corner

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ter. Although the Association grows and our chapter grows (though slowly), there must be some of you who have ideas about how to stir up enthusiasm for both the local chapters and the National Association. One thing that can be done, I know, is for every active member of the association to try to personally contact men in his area who are qualified. But perhaps those of you who do have thoughts regarding increasing the membership have never had an opportunity to put those thoughts into words or actions. If you have any such ideas, no matter how novel or "way out" they may seem to you, please pick up your pen and drop me a line. If they have any merit at all, after reading your letters I will forward them on to our National Membership Chairman, for his consideration. Certainly, the membership chairman in Chicago could put them to good use and if they prove to be worthwhile, we will pass the ideas along to other chapters.

I might add, as an aside, if some of you know former members of the 83rd Division in other cities, and know them well, why don't you personally drop them a line and say (using Chicago, as an example): "You know we have a chapter in Chicago. Why don't you contact them and become

a member so that we can enjoy the next reunion together?" Remember, the life-blood of any association, including this one, is membership; and frankly, I can see no reason why any man should not be proud to proclaim publicly the fact that he was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division and is now a member of the Association.

Although by the time you read this letter both the National Elections and Veteran's Day will have passed, I certainly hope that all of you, as veterans, remembered to vote. As I said, membership is the life-blood of an organization. By the same token, the right to vote for the candidate of your choice and the party of your choice is the life-blood of American democracy. With the experiences this organization went through during World War II, we should be foremost in protecting our American democracy. Without the right to vote, there can be no democracy, and the failure to use the right to vote can very easily result in our losing that right.

I was sorry to hear that Sam Klippa, our immediate past president, had the misfortune of losing his mother just after the Reunion. Our own Secretary-Treasurer (Chicago chapter) Ed Poninski lost his mother last month. Our condolences to both Sam and Ed.

With the exception of Ed's loss, so far as I know, the rest of Chicago's members and their families are well. I certainly hope this letter finds each and every one of you and your loved ones enjoying good health.

Also, both Sam Klippa and Vic Landis have been ill. The last word was that Sam is feeling better—hope you are "up and at 'em", Sam, and Vic, that you are fully recovered.

All of you know how important Vic Landis is to this organization, since he is the one person who, for years, has successfully obtained publicity through all types of media advertising that there is an 83rd Infantry Division Association. May your efforts be well rewarded this year, Vic, by having our goal of 1,000 members reached.

In addition to my suggestion to you to write me if you have any good ideas for increasing our membership, I would like to hear from any of you as to how things are going with you, any late news, complaints or suggestions. I can assure you that any letter written to me will be answered personally and with dispatch.

One last thought; let us all remember to do something for the men who are today fighting on foreign soil during this coming Holiday Season.

In closing, I again wish to extend my heartfelt wishes to you all for the best of everything and God's Blessings for the coming holidays.

**William M. Doty**



## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

Just received a letter from Larry Redmond and he informs me he is being swamped with letters of inquiry. Says he has been receiving some 15 to 20 letters per day. Poor Larry has been busier than a cat on a hot tin roof.

Have really been pouring the publicity on and with some help from United Press Wire releases. This is the best and earliest start I have ever made and long may it continue.

While passing around pats on the back, a very special one should be given to Larry Redmond. He pulled the 83rd up by our boot straps, when our beloved Harry Lockwood passed away. I do not believe any one in the entire association could have done the job Larry did, along with the help of his wonderful wife, Mary. Long may they be able to carry on.

That's about all, **BUT COME ON YOU SLACKERS, DIG DOWN IN YOUR POCKETS AND SEND IN A BUDDY MEMBERSHIP.**

### Your Secretary's Report

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one of the delinquent members, so send your dues in today.

I would like to at this time say a word of praise to our one and only Vic Landis for the great job he is doing with publicity; right now I am receiving letters from all over the country. I only wish that you were here to see the flood of mail that is coming in. I have been averaging 25 and 50 each day for the past two weeks. I have been trying to answer each and every one of them, so if you happen to be one of the persons who have written me and have not received an answer as yet, please bear with me, I will get around to all of them eventually. Were it not for the job that Vic is doing with publicity, I don't know where we would be. I get letters from men stating that they never heard of the Association. I can't see how it is possible for any man that had served with the 83rd Division in World War II, not to know about it. Vic has covered the newspapers coast to coast for several years as well as the radio and television coverage that he has received. At the present time Vic is not enjoying the best of health, but in spite of that he is still hard at work for the good of the Association. Let us all say an extra prayer for Vic, that he will have a speedy recovery and will be able to carry on the good work he has done for many years to come.

I would like to at this time express my sincere thanks and appreciation for all the nice letters that I have received congratulating me on my election as Secretary-Treasurer of this Association and on hav-

ing been able to step in and take over when Harry passed away. Believe me, it is a wonderful feeling to know that you have so many nice people behind you. I am sure that any of you who have the love and feeling of the 83rd Infantry Division Association that I do would have done the same thing or would have at least tried to do it. I had the advantage over a lot of you, inasmuch as Harry and I were very close and any time that Harry went away or was sick, he called on me to take over, and I did have a little experience. Right now I wish that I could go to Harry and ask for his advice and help; there are many times that I could use it. To do this job properly, it takes a lot of hard work and consumes a lot of time, but for the great bunch of men we have in this Association, it is worth every minute of it.

I have received several requests from men wanting rosters of the men in their units. I would like to be in a position where I could do this right away for any and all men who request it, but due to the overflow of mail at this time, they will have to bear with me until I can get around to it. I sincerely hope that right after the first of the year, that things will be slowed down to the point where I can send each of you any information that you are looking for.

I have a big problem ahead of me right now. With this issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" going in the mail, I have to Zip Code it as much as possible which means that about 90 percent of the addressograph plates that we have, there is no Zip Code on them. This means that my wife and I are going to have to go over them and add the Zip Codes; there are still a lot of you who have failed to give us your Zip Code; consequently I have to look them up, which means another delay. There are a lot of plates that do not have the present address on and these issues come back, so if you were one of those who did not receive yours, I sincerely hope that we can have this corrected soon as we are going to have to get a new set of addressograph plates made. This is going to be an additional expense to the Association. After January 1st, there will be no THUNDERBOLTS mailed without Zip Codes as we have a Bulk Mailing Permit and no bulk mail will go without Zip Code numbers.

Well buddies, I guess that I have covered about everything for now. In behalf of my wife and myself, I would like to at this time extend to each and every one of you the best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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

## The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Here I am once again to try to bring you up to date on the news of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter. Well as usual, this chapter is still going ahead. As you know, we will be the Host City for the 1968 Reunion, so as usual, we are actively engaged in getting things lined up to try and give you a great Reunion.

The potential Reunion Committee has already engaged the hotel for the reunion, and have started to figure out a program for your pleasure. Here in Philadelphia there is a lot that can be seen, but it would consume too many hours of your time, so we have to break it down whereby we can offer you the best, yet not become monotonous. In the past when a program was planned, if there was something in it that meant considerable travelling, there was complaints of the monotony of it. We hope to be able to figure out enough entertainment close at hand, so that you can take part in it and enjoy yourself. I can assure you that by Reunion time 1968, there will be a good program set up.

The Philadelphia Chapter, as I told you before, has tried something different by holding their meetings on a Saturday night at Lou Volpi's new restaurant, thereby making it a meeting and a social. We have come up with something different; we have a buffet dinner, somewhat similar to a smorgasbord. This has been very favorable to the members; we have had larger turnouts at it, along with out members, we invite friends, making it a real social night. We also have a 50-50 drawing each month, building up our reunion treasury so that we will have a few extra dollars on hand to help make your program even better at a minimum of cost to you.

As you well know, the City of Philadelphia is known throughout the world as the City of Brotherly Love. We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter live up to that reputation. We extend a most cordial welcome to any 83rd Infantry Division Association members, who happens to be visiting in this vicinity to pay us a visit. I can assure you that if you do come to this city and locate any of our members, you will be made most welcome.

In behalf of the members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, I would like to extend the Season's Greetings to all of you and wish you all a most MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Larry Redmond  
Co. H, 330th Infantry

## Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Martin

To the many fellow Thunderbolts that have written to ask, why there was no Fall River Chapter column in the last issue of the Thunderbolt, I will enlighten you now and save writing many letters of explanation. The absence of the column was due to a mix up in assignments; we certainly have not been laying dormant up here, and I will try to brief you on what has been going on since our last appearance in the Thunderbolt.



On July 30th our regular monthly meeting in the form of a cookout was held in the Martin yard. We had a real good turnout of members and their wives, ate our fill, drank quite a bit of that nice clear amber liquid. All in all, it was a real good time, breaking up in the wee hours of the morning.

In August, Adeline and I along with John and Celia Bernard hit the road to Pittsburgh to attend that wonderful Reunion put on by a fine Pittsburgh Chapter. May I please extend a sincere though belated thank you to the gang in Pittsburgh for a grand time.

August 26, the Fall River Chapter hosted the wives, children and members to a good old New England clamboil. This being held at the Indiantown Road Club, which is situated in the middle of a forest in what is surely one of the most picturesque spots in this area. Everyone had a wonderful day, and let me say with all sincerity, that this had to be one of the nicest days I have ever spent. It is hard to put into words the genuine feeling of happiness that I felt just watching my buddies and their families enjoy themselves so. We hope to continue this on an annual basis. Though I was designated as the boil master I want to thank all of the members for the way they pitched in peeling onions, washing potatoes, shucking corn, etc. Also I would like to thank our own Frank Raposa for making it possible for us to spend a lovely day in such a beautiful setting.

September 10 is a day that will remain in the Fall River Chapter's memories for a long time to come. The day started with most of the chapter attending the wedding of Dot and Manny Pacheco's son Jerry in Taunton, Mass.

A wonderful young fellow, Jerry was married to a very gracious and lovely

young lady answering to the name of Grace Ribeiro. A wonderful wedding was followed by a dinner and reception that left nothing to be desired. To this grand couple, on behalf of all in the chapter, I extend sincere good wishes for good health, success and much happiness in the years to come.

As frosting on the cake that evening, some 425 people boarded the steamship M. V. Yankee to enjoy a moonlight sail and dance sponsored by your Fall River Chapter, to say that it was a howling success would be putting it very mildly, I will let you be the judge. With two hours of sailing time left and though we had doubled ordered on everything, we ran out of beer, vodka, some 350 sandwiches, scotch, five cases of potato chips and 400 cups of coffee

We intend to bring in another bigger boat next year and we have quite a few reservations in hand already. We were real fortunate all around. The night was warm, with no wind, and the bay and ocean were as smooth as a pane of glass.

Contributing greatly to the success of our sail was the little string band that those of you that attended the Providence Reunion remember so well, Bebe's Musical Tops. Tops they were this night too, playing as never before, from the time we left the dock until our return some four and a half hours later. A real memorable affair.

Sadness hit our chapter too, as it is hitting all of our association much too frequent of late, reminding us that old man time is marking time with all of us. In July, Adelard Larue suffered the loss of his beloved mother, and in October Joe Correia lost his very dear father. We in the chapter, because of the close and warm relationship and the high esteem that we have for one another, sincerely grieve with their families at times such as these.

At our last meeting, on October 22, Adelard Larue of M Co.-330th, was elected president of the Fall River Chapter. Pete, though quite busy operating the most modern drugstore in the city, is taking valuable time to serve as our president. I believe the chapter has made a wise choice and that this will be a noteworthy year. Antone Telles was elected vice-president. Your reporter was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Pierre Barthelemy of B Battery-324th was re-elected chaplain and Joe Correia of Regtl. Hdqtrs.-329th, was re-elected sergeant-at-arms.

Finalized at this meeting also were plans for our annual Christmas party. This affair is becoming one of the real social highlights of the city, and because of the increasing demand each year we are forced this year to move it to a hall that has

more than double the seating capacity of the hall that we have been using the last few years. This year's party will be held at the St. Michael's Parish Church Hall on Essex St. and if any of you Thunderbolters think you might like to attend a tremendous party, contact me for tickets. Of course, you are going to have to suffer Martin's cooking.

Also on tap for our members is a New Year's Eve party thrown by the chapter at one of this area's finest restaurants, White's, in Westport, Mass. This will be a private party in our own dining room, and as always music will be provided by the Musical Tops.

That brings us up to date. I will sign off by wishing all of the best and God bless from all of us to all Thunderbolts and their families.

## 330th Infantry Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

There isn't very much news that I know for the THUNDERBOLT at this time. Usually I have had several letters from 330th men either wanting information about the Association or some of their buddies that they are trying to locate.

I do know that the 330th is having a good representation on the paid-up membership roster. There have been dues sent in by several 330th men this past few weeks, I also did get a few men writing me about having seen our publication in their local newspapers.

There is one thing that I would like to stress to the men of the 330th Regimental Unit, that is that the 83rd Infantry Division Association is your organization, the success or failure of it depends on you. If you are not a paid-up member, please be one today. This Association is built upon paid-up memberships; without them we can not grow, nor can we continue to operate. As it stands right now, the 83rd Infantry Division Association is the envy of other associations. We are one of the largest and most active organizations in the country. You can help make us even larger by doing your part. If you are a paid-up member, think of a buddy you haven't seen for a while, send in his dues. Make him a member also. Better still, give him a paid-up membership as a Christmas gift.

This comes to you as an appeal. Help make the 330th Regimental Unit the largest and most envious in the Association.

The 330th Regimental Unit extends its most cordial wishes to all of you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Larry Redmond  
Co. H, 330th

## Cleveland Chapter News

by Al Uridel  
Cannon Co., 329th

Hello Buddies:

There seems to be a noticeable lack of news coming in from the gang here in Cleveland. I did receive a call from Hank



Fix, asking for the National Headquarters address. Hank is a Cannon Co.-329th member and is planning a trip back to Europe. Hank plans to retrace Cannon Company's route and is quite anxious to get all the information possible. "Bon Voyage" Hank, from all of us.

Our own Ed Glinka is in his new home in Solon, Ohio, and he plans to have us (Cleveland Chapter), over for a combined house warming and meeting. Our meetings usually take on a house warming feeling anyway, so, two birds with one stone is our motto.

Department of this and that: Bob Uher coming to my shop for a clip and trying to make off with my 83rd Chapter jacket. He got it on, but couldn't make the waistband meet. Better luck next time, Robert. Ted Gurgol is in a cheerful mood after the Cleveland Browns and New York Giant football game. Seems that he and Charlie Suhlanik made a bet (\$) while in Pittsburgh before a number of witnesses. Charlie, a persistent cuss and wouldn't back down, how sure can you get, Charlie?

Cleveland Chapter celebrated Sweetest Day, with our wives and we did it up real brown as usual. We had a smorgasbord dinner at Johnny Garneau's Restaurant. The food was simply out of this world. We then went from there to Mary and Walt Meczka's home for a few rounds of refreshments. We had the pleasure of being the guests of Bob Mormon and family. They were on a visit with Bob Uher, so the old 83rd spirit of friendliness was made and felt extended.

That's it for now, except that your dues are always due if you don't have a "66-67" card.

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

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

By Vic Landis

Good old F-329 is looking for another banner year, attendance wise, and it is getting to be a habit with G-331 breathing down our back. Power to Lee Titus, Spud Murphy and Company. Division Headquarters and a few others have been doing a real good job, but most of the units have fallen flat on their faces. Some one has to take charge and really push the membership deal.

While accolades are being put out, I would like to give a big one to Wilbur Smail of F-329. Web, as we all affectionately call him, has been walking with a cane for the past 19 years and some times not at all. He has been in and out of the hospital many time, but through it all he keeps his cheery smile and never complains. He makes a living for his family and never misses paying his dues.

Web went out of his way to drive me home from Pittsburgh and I really appreciated his kindness and generosity. The plane strike was on and it would have taken me some eight hours by bus or train. So, a special tip of the Landis beret to a great guy. Wish we had more like him. That's it.

### Obituary

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I am writing to inform you of the death of Mario O. Simonilli. He was a member of the 324th Field Artillery of the 83rd Division. He passed away unexpectedly on the 22nd of August.

Mrs. Mary Simonilli  
64 Hull Street  
E. Providence, R. I.

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Dear Mr. Redmond:

Just to let you know my husband, John O. Gaither, died September 21, 1966 of a heart attack. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 308th Medical Battalion of the 83rd. He always spoke so highly of his buddies that I felt I knew all of them.

Anne H. Gaither  
18 E. Caven Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46225

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Dear Mr. Redmond:

Did you learn of the death of Chaplain Thomas G. Clarkson, last Spring. He was the 331st Regimental chaplain.

Rev. Jean P. Cossette, O.P.  
Dominican Fathers  
27 Bartlett Street  
Lewistown, Maine 04240

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THE SECRETARY  
NOW**

## Jersey Chapter

by Jim Bowie  
Co. B - 330th

Well Buddies, by the time you'll be reading this, the holidays will be right around the corner.

I would like to wish you and your families the happiest ever.

Also that by this time next year, our association will be the largest in the country and there is no reason why it shouldn't be.

We had our regular monthly meeting the other night and made plans to have a night out at the Meadowbrook Dec. 9. This will be sort of an early Christmas party, too. We should have a good time, as they have a dinner-dance and show which is of the best.

We are also planning a few outings this summer. It makes the time seem shorter waiting for our next reunion to get-together.

Read the article Stan Bielen wrote about beating Frank Marsh in that golf match at Sehenley Park. One thing Stan didn't tell you was Frank showed him one of the best hidden ball tricks in golf today. The last nine holes Frank would drive from the tee then pick up the ball put it in his pocket, carry it to the green, drop it and then putt out. I thought this was pretty clever but Stan didn't, and charged Frank two strokes a hole and that was how the 331st won.

It would be nice if the gang in Chicago set up some kind of a golf match for some of the boys when we go out there. It sure would be a lot of fun.

Still don't know who won the \$700 at Pittsburgh. Let us know in the next issue.

Well fellows, have to sign off now. Once again I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Warren Chapter Auxiliary News

Hi Everybody:

Things have been kind of quiet here in Warren. A lull before the storm, so to speak. We all had a wonderful summer and hope you had the same.

We women of the Auxiliary, treated our hubbies to a night out. The evening was spent at the Rainbow Lanes. One of our many bowling alleys. After a delicious steak dinner, we relaxed and gabbed over the after-dinner drinks. Then the ones who didn't feel too lazy bowled a few games. Some of the scores were quite interesting. Babe Gautschi also celebrated his birthday that evening, so you can see that we had a great time.

On Sunday, November 13, we had another get-together at Cafe "83", Joe Minotti and Claude Whitman were the chefs,

and they can cook a mean steak. Of course, Dimps and Alma weren't sitting on the side lines. This affair was put on by the men's club and was a family affair. The young ones always enjoy themselves and are waiting for Santa Claus this month.

I have run out of news for now, but will have more next time as our Christmas parties are coming up. The women of the Warren Auxiliary and their families wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Millie Kelly

## Membership

Buddies:

As you know, our Association is always on the lookout for new members as well as the continuance of old membership. As of right now we are over the 500 mark, but less than the 600 member mark that our Association had last year. This means that right after the first of the year we have to start a concentrated drive on membership. This is your chance to help the Association.

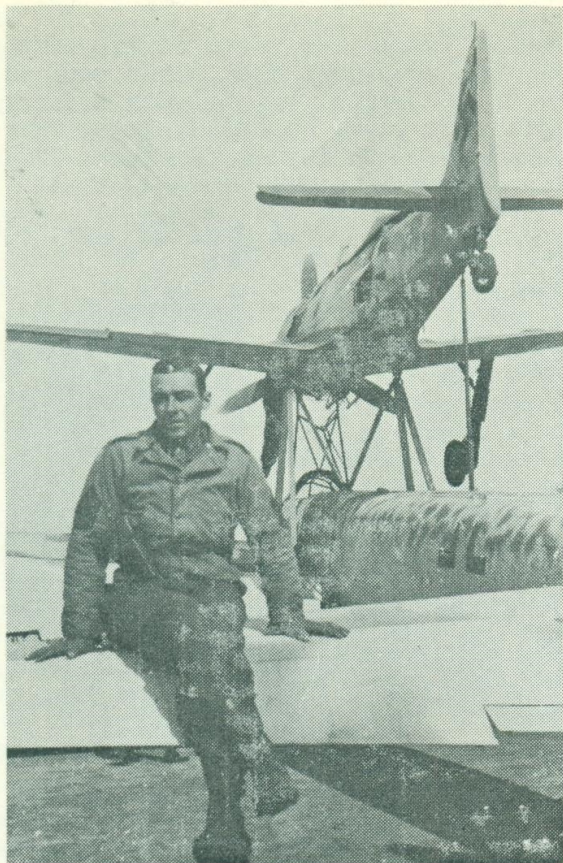
A few years ago we launched a drive known as Buddy Membership, where we appealed to each and every one of you to try and find a long lost Buddy and either sell him on becoming a member, or giving him a Christmas gift of a paid up membership. Now that we are into the Holiday Season, it is a good time for us to renew this idea.

As you know we are striving for the 1,000 member bracket this year, with your help we can make it. Let us all start now in trying to help make this possible. If you are an unpaid member yourself, please send in your dues today. If you are paid up, remember that Buddy that you think so much of; make him a member.

I sincerely hope that in the next issue, I can print a list of paid up members per unit. Do your part now to help make your unit the number one in paid up membership. This time last year, Division Headquarters was number one of the top ten. As of the printing of this issue, I am sorry to say that I do not have the figures compiled. Remember, if you wish to give a buddy a gift membership and you want him to know it is from you, please let us know. If you wish your name unknown, let us know that also, so that when the card is sent him we can tell him who it is from or let him try to guess.

Larry Redmond  
Secretary-Treasurer

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



This picture came into my possession at Bad Harzburg, Germany in 1945. I think it was from Bob Gerrish of Hdq. Co. Who is the individual on the "wing"? I'll swear he was a loyal Signal Sgt, but who?

Don Hinz  
219 11th Ave.  
Worthington, Minn. 56187

## News Flashes

In accordance with the request of the Executive Board, we sent out approximately 1,950 copies of the "THUNDER-BOLT" this last mailing. Of this I have had approximately 300 copies returned, some with change of address on them, and some marked moved, no forwarding address, others marked unknown. This next issue I will try to make changes of all that I have addresses for; those I don't, will not be receiving them.

The mailing of these "THUNDER-BOLTS" constitutes a big problem. We are going to have a considerable number of addressograph plates made up. This means a considerable expense. To help in the mailing of these, if your issue arrives to you without your Zip Code on it, please send it to me today, as this will be the last mailing without Zip Codes.

**PLEASE PAY DUES  
NOW !!**

## Greater Boston Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Well, here we are again right back in the same old fix, no information from anybody, as to what is going on or what is new.



On October 28, Pat and Gin, Mary and I took a trip to Philadelphia to see the McGrogans, the Redmonds, and the Volpis. They are the six finest people that anybody would want to meet. They just can't do enough for you. We all went out to Lou Volpi's new place and what a wonderful spot it is.

Good luck on the new place, Lou and Lucy, it's beautiful. Oh yes, we also had the fine company of Al and Ann Belvedere. There is no end to this Philly gang — just down to earth people.

Then on November 5 we had a meeting in Providence, R.I. at the V.F.W. Post with a fine turnout. We had the Caprios, Higsons, the Tartaglias, the Petruccis, the Bettistas, Chuck Abdinoor, the Bjorks, the Tynans, the Arrigos and their son, John, and the DiGiammerinos.

The music was provided by Joe Petrucci and his swinging trio and a fine collation was put on to top the night. It was a very nice time. Thanks again to Helen, Veria, Ann and the boys.

Joe Petrucci tells me that his daughter is in Europe on a 3-month trip and living it up. She has been just about everywhere. From the letters she writes she will be glad to get home.

Ray Bjork tells me that he had a visit from his daughter and granddaughter from Pearl Harbor in September and it was the first time he had seen his granddaughter. How do you feel now, Gramps?

We of the Boston Chapter wish all the officers and all the chapters of our great Association a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Your buddy,  
Nick Francullo  
330th

Received a letter from one of our members the other day. It was from a Sidney Cohen, Meadow Road, Florida, New York. He is the owner of a very beautiful restaurant there called the VILLAGE TAVERN RESTAURANT. He extends a most cordial welcome to any member that is up that way to stop by and pay him a visit.

## Letters to the Editor

Mr. Redmond:

I am an original member of the 83rd Infantry Division and after my re-classification, I lost track of all the Division.

I am anxious to contact my former buddies.

Can you tell me if there are any Divisional, Battalion books available as I would like to have them? Even any publicity connected with the 83rd.

I was with Company D, 1st Battalion, 330th Regiment, would especially like anything on this.

I was wounded in action with this company just after Invasion, July 7, again on January 9, in the Belgium Bulge. This is when I left the Division.

I read your notice in the Defiance Crescent News and am grateful.

Thanking you, I am

Russell H. Marvin  
Box 123  
Melrose, Ohio

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Please add to your mailing list.

Merle L. Cailor

R.D. No. 1

Edinburg, Pa. 16116

Formerly Transportation Officer, 329th, 83rd Division.

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Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the Sept.-Oct. THUNDERBOLT from cover to cover, and I want to tell you that although I am the female half of this outfit and don't know too many of the people, I enjoy it all.

I want to make sure we are not left off the mailing list. My husband, Adam Hassick, 308th Engineers, is already paid up. His Zip Code is 16089.

I want to tell you that we had a 25th Wedding Anniversary on October 26, 1966. About ten days earlier we were surprised with a party planned by our oldest son, his wife and some members of our families. My husband said we sure have some sneaky in-laws, but it was a very nice sneakness, I'd say. Imagine coming home and finding about 35 people gathered in your home with everything ready to go for a party! It's an experience that we many people care about you.

will never forget; the thought that so Thanks for letting me beat your ear a little.

Mrs. Mary Hassick  
RD No. 1

West Newton, Pa.

(Ed. Note: This just helps to prove fellows, that our wives are really 83rd members at heart.)

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THE SECRETARY**

Dear Sir:

I saw your piece in the paper wanting 83rd Division members to contact you. I was in that Division in 1944, Company K, 329th Infantry.

I'll be glad to hear from some of the members.

DeWayne L. Madden  
R4, Box 148  
Boone, Iowa 50036

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Dear Sir:

I was a member of the 83rd Division from 1942 to 1945.

I was in Co. F, 330th Inf. Thomas H. Broadfoot, commanding officer.

John G. Riley  
900 Blackburn Ave.  
Ashland, Kentucky

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Dear Sir:

I would like further information on the Reunion. I hope to be there this coming year.

Kermit G. Ramsey  
6323 Wimberly Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee  
(308th Eng.)

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Dear Mr. Redmond:

Thank you for your letter of October 25. I was very sorry to hear that Mr. Lockwood had died, and is missed by all your members, as I am sure he would be, according to your praise of him.

It was very thoughtful of you to write in answer to my letter, and I thank you for your sincere sympathy. I realize that it is a long time, but Paul was our only child, and my husband and I continued to try to find someone who might have been in contact with our son.

My husband passed away on August 15, 1965 and was a veteran of World War I, so I am continuing every lead possible. If you do publish my letter, or any details, would it be permissible for you to mail me an issue of your Association paper?

Thanking you again for your nice letter and hoping to hear something. some time from some place.

Mrs. Marie Bernhardt  
106 Swatara Road  
Shenandoah, Pa.

(Ed. Note: If there is any man in the 83rd that remembers a Paul Bernhardt, formerly of Shenandoah, Pa., please contact his mother.)

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