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President's Corner

Albert A. Belvedere
Co. K, 331st Infantry

Hi Buddies:

It has been a few months since our last issue of the Thunderbolt and I hope this issue finds each and everyone in good health and young in spirit like we all are at our Reunions.



Veterans' Day has passed, but I feel we should honor our brave men who fought and died in World War II and Korea, and we also should be reminded that there are still Brave Men dying in Vietnam. Some men, after several decades have not enjoyed and

never will enjoy the full fruits of those achievements won as a result of wars. They celebrate from the inside, looking out in all of our Veterans' Hospitals. Let us not forget them and remember them in our prayers.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated next with our family and friends, enjoying Turkey and the Trimmings. I know each and everyone of us who were fortunate enough to live to see Thanksgiving Day "1967" thank God for all our blessings.

Christmas is coming and I cannot help enjoying again that very particular mood which Christmas usually brings. This is the time to write to friends and relatives and I am particularly glad to reach more of you this year through the Thunderbolt. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a "Merry Christmas" and a "Prosperous New Year."

To all of our Jewish friends of this great organization, we hope you have had a "Happy Honakuh".

The Philadelphia Chapter held our September meeting at Lou and Lucy Volpi's house. A good time was had by all, eating plenty and drinking **moderately**. At end of the evening, while we were departing, we were all saddened because Ann Rosenberg, our Mistress of Ceremonies had an accident and fractured her leg. She has been unable to get around since, because her leg is in a cast. Dave and Ann always brighten up our get-togethers and we miss them. A Speedy Recovery Ann. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave for the splendid article he wrote about me in the last issue. (Thanks Dave).

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The Chaplain's Corner

To: My Buddies of the
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.:

While in meditation as I contemplated what I might say to you on this Christmas occasion, I felt the following might be appropriate, and I certainly want to wish all of you and your families the finest and Holiest Christmas you have ever had at home with your families.



Christ was unrecognized by His own people in His own world. Mary E. Coleridge, the great-niece of the famous Samuel Taylor Coleridge, reminds us of the loveliness of Jesus in the very hour of His birth:

I saw a stable, low and very bare,

A little child in a manger.

The oxen knew Him, had Him in their care,

To men He was a stranger—

The safety of the world was lying there,

And the world's danger.

There is an old letter, coming from the second century of the life of the Church, the epistle to Diognetus. The unknown writer says of the Christians in his time that "they hold the world together." To his contemporaries those words must have seemed to be absurd enough, but they have turned out to be true. It was Christianity which did hold the world together during a period of disintegration, and it was Christianity which preserved for the future the best in the civilization which collapsed. In our day, to say that Christianity may hold the world together cannot seem quite so absurd as it did then, but it may be hard enough to believe. Yet, if Christianity is true and if its truth is the correction for the specific perversions of our time, it is the most solid hope we have in the world, and from the perspective of a distant future it may be seen that Christianity has, in fact, held the world together.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 1968 to all!

Yours in comradeship,
William O. Shuman, Chaplain
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

PLEASE PAY DUES

Corresponding Secretary

September 21, 1967

Dear Buddies:

This is my first article as "Corresponding Secretary", and it will be brief. I'm sorry that I had to miss the Reunion and all the fun that went along with it, but there are times when it's just impossible to do everything that you would like to do. I'm not back to work yet, and believe me, I'm really getting to be lazy. This just isn't the life for me.



It's not clear to me yet just what my duties are, but I do know for sure that building up the membership in our Association will be first on my list. From time to time I'll be sending notices to those of you that have not paid your dues. Save me the trouble and send them in right now. By doing so, you will be saving the Association the time and expense. Remind your Buddies also, to pay up now.

I'd like to make a correction about the biggest year for membership in our history, published in the last issue of "Thunderbolt". According to the records that I have been keeping, we had 818 paid-up members during the 1964-1965 year for the South Carolina Reunion, and for the 1965-1966 year we had 920 plus, for the Pittsburgh Reunion. The 1965-1966 figure is complete only up to May 14, 1966 when Harry Lockwood (may he rest in peace) passed away. We had somewhere around 968 members that year.

As you can see, we lost quite a few members and I think that all of us should get together and start writing to our Buddies and bring them back into the fold. This is not a one man job.

Don't forget fellows, dues are due now.
Samuel Klippa "D" 331
Corresponding Secretary

News Flash

Just received word from Randy Wesson of the Wesson Advertising Specialties Co. that the sale of the trays is going across very big. He has also received very favorable comment on the history that is written on the back of them.

This story was made possible by one of our own 83rd men, it was done by Col. Norman Campbell, 330th. If you haven't ordered yours as yet do so today, believe me, this is one \$5.00 well spent, and I am sure that you will cherish the memory of it.

Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here it is time once again for another issue of our great paper, the "THUNDERBOLT". Believe me, time rolls around so fast that it just seems as if one issue is out, when it is time to start compiling news for the next issue. Once again I ask any and all of you that have any news that they want printed, to send it to me and I will do my best to have it printed. I would like to ask any of you who are able to



please do so, and double space between each line, as I have to rewrite any that is handwritten and this consumes considerable time, as well as the possibility of me not writing it just as you had written it.

Well, three months have sped by since the Reunion. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have been able to attend the Chicago Reunion, I know are still all excited about the great time the men from Chicago showed us. Each year the Reunion Committees go all out to offer us the best. Our hats are off to all Reunion Committees who have worked so hard to make their Reunions possible.

Now to get to Association business. I am proud to say that at the printing of this issue, our membership is almost 600 for the year so far. This is a progressive report to make. Our only downfall is that for the next month or two, registration with fall off due to the Holiday Season. This is where we go into a rut. Please, if you have not sent in your DUES as yet, please do so today. The success of this Association depends on each and every one of you its members. As I have said many times before, and will continue to say it, our Association is the envy of many Associations. We are one of the few that restricts our Membership to World War II only. On these basis, percentage wise, we are one of the largest and most active Association that there is. Help keep us that way by doing your part and sending in your DUES today. If your DUES are paid, why not give a special Christmas gift to an old Buddy, send in DUES for his membership, let him know that you haven't forgotten him. Remember, he may be a less fortunate person than you are, maybe due to illness or some other reason, he is presently unemployed or financially unable to afford

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The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

by Greer Thompson
Hq. Btry., 324th F.A.

Hi Buddies:

The Holidays are upon us once again. From all of us to all of you may the Holiday Season be a thankful, memorable and a healthy one.

With over twenty members at our November meeting, President Larry Leonardi thanked the body for such a wonderful attendance and sincerely hopes it continues. Steve Blasko's Secretary report was approved as read. The announcements Steve prepares and sends to members each month are very attractive and good. His cartoon describes what to expect for the next meeting. Al Gruber, our dedicated Treasurer, gave a thorough report on the Chapter's finances, after which the body suggested a plan to charter two buses to transport our members to the Philadelphia Reunion. We all feel that this will increase our attendance and will be able to enjoy ourselves better. Charlie Altomari gave another successful report on tickets for the month. Gene Costanzo sold the winner.

Two members have been promoted at their jobs this past month. Al Gruber was promoted to zone manager with the Braun Baking Company. Gene Costanzo was elected to Union Committee of Pittsburgh Local 249. We offer congratulations and wish continued success to two wonderful fellows.

Yours truly's daughter, Francine, is sporting an engagement ring from McNamee, who is stationed at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. Their plans for marriage is tentatively next summer. Gene Costanzo's son was recently married and moved from Washington, D. C. to Tacoma, with a promotion to Division Manager of General Finance. Congratulations to all.

John Guzik, Co. B, 331st recently attended the Green Bay-Steeler football game during our recent Reunion. The Steelers haven't improved much since, have they John? Better luck next year.

The Veteran's Hospital will enjoy Joe Zilioni's daughter's musical entertainment in the near future. This is an annual affair Joe informs us.

We have two members on sick call this month; hope they are on the road to recovery soon. Sam Klippa had a major disc operation and is in the Allegheny General Hospital at the time of this writing. Wilbur Wilson had a rupture operation and is home. If any of you can send these fellows a get well card, I know it will help their morale.

In closing I would like to remind un-

paid members, DUES ARE DUE.

The members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, wish to extend to all of you our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

New Jersey Chapter News

Hi Buddies:

It seemed like I just got finished writing my last column and here it is due again.

Two weeks ago we had a little bad news. We heard that Charlie Sihlanich's father passed away after a short illness. He was in his 80's and had a good life with his large family. They are a great bunch. When you are with them you would think they were part of the 83rd. They are always talking about us. We would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family at this time.

We had planned to have a few couples go to Lou Volpi's place for dinner last Sunday but things came up and we had to cancel it for two weeks. We plan to go out there on Sunday, Nov. 12 for a good dinner and visit.

Things are about the same here; everyone is busy getting ready for the holidays.

I hope next year we will see the largest membership in our Association. It should go over the 1,000 mark. Let's see what we can do. O.K.

Al Rinaldi, the highly successful former New Brunswick football coach, has been mulling two head coaching offers. This is the first time in 17 years that Rinaldi is not coaching. And he admits that he enjoys it somewhat because he can look at a game with a proper perspective, not worry about how to defense a certain player or what offensive alignment to use. Al, who still teaches at New Brunswick has formed a scouting bureau for colleges. Among some of his clients are North Carolina, Arizona State, West Virginia, William and Mary, VPI. He checks out players for the colleges or sends different reports.

I would like to take this time on behalf of the Jersey Chapter to wish all of you a Very Happy Christmas and a real Healthy New Year.

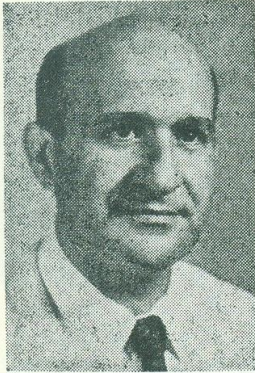
Yours truly,
Jim Bowie
Co. B, 330th

P.S. On Sunday, November 12, Stanley Bielen and his lovey wife and daughter, Emil Wehling and his lovely wife, along with my very lovely wife and I, accompanied by a friend and his wife, motored to the big city of Philadelphia. We drove to Lou Volpi's Restaurant, where we had a fine dinner, then sojourned to the Volpi's apartment, where the red carpet was laid out.

Philadelphia Scrapple

From Dave Rosenberg
331st, Co. B

Our meetings are getting better and better with each month. On September 15 a monthly meeting was held at the home



of Lou and Lucy Volpi. Need I say more. With such perfect hosts as Lou and Lucy Volpi, the evening was an assured success. The business meeting was long, loud, interesting and full of accomplishments. Never has there been more enthusiasm engendered in our meetings. Everyone is high on making the Philadelphia Reunion the greatest.

Our Chapter President, Bill Chavanne, called the meeting to order at nine and it wasn't until eleven thirty that a motion to adjourn was passed. In the interval many wonderful suggestions were made and argued. Many suggestions were offered and debated. Many programs were advanced for discussion. Amid all the debate the enthusiasm grew and grew. We in Philadelphia are very proud of our reputation as hosts to great reunions, and for our 1968 Reunion we will spare no expense to make the Quaker City Reunion truly the greatest.

We are engaged in many money making schemes to raise our treasury net worth, all aimed at providing more attractions and pleasure for our Reunion. National Association President Al Belvedere and Convention and Reunion Chairman Lou Volpi have supplied sufficient impetus to their fellow Philadelphia members that everyone is full of fire and straining at the bit to pitch in. Can you picture a true Doughboy volunteering for action? Believe it or not, Al Belvedere and Lou Volpi have the Philadelphia men, and more so even our lovely wives and girls friends, eager to help and pitch in.

While the men were engaged in planning the Reunion the lucky girls had a bull session of their own. While munching on the many "pick ups" the young ladies carefully perused a tentative schedule of events of the Reunion and made many notes and their suggestions were offered to the men for action. Our womenfolk are as enthused as much as the men and that makes for a good reunion. Amid the many discussions the "girls" had, they were treated to a recital by Lucy Volpi as she played the organ. Not to be topped Ann Rosenberg also tapped

out a few tunes also.

And then came the great rush for refreshments and food. With the meeting being held at the Volpi's you may rest assured that our faces were well stuffed and fed. No one makes chicken cacciature better than the Volpis. Both Lucy and Lou did the honors and provided us with food and drink that was exceptional. The buffet table was a picture, the table groaned with goodies. I am a chow hound of the first class, and I was stopped, I didn't know where to begin and so I ate a bit of everything. As I think back I am going to give my rank as chow hound to another. I think my good friend Art Federici has got me beat. Art was the first to help himself and the last to rise from the table. He is bigger than I, and so I guess he wins the honor. But with all that good food, one just had to fall in and enjoy the wonderful food.

This meeting was a wonderful one. Much was accomplished, the enthusiasm was great. I think Al Belvedere and Lou's company rosters are the results men of the Philadelphia Chapter. It has infected the wonderful ladies of our Chapter, also. With such great spirit and enthusiasm our Philadelphia Reunion in 1968 will be a great one so join us.

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis F. 329

Not too much to report on the publicity front, as I am now a retired old fuddy duddy (whatever in the hell that is) and have been visiting friends and buddies all over—both in and out of the country. As a result I have not had much time to beat the drums for publicity. However, from now on I will have plenty of time and will really make up for the lost time.

Am now working on a deal with a national magazine to publish an article, featuring the old 83rd and if I can swing the deal, it will be the greatest publicity I have ever secured. It will take some doing and the odds are against me but I sure will give it a good try

Will again secure United Press wire releases and they really help out, as they have for years. If we had to pay for the total publicity—radio, television, papers and magazines—it would cost quite a fortune and I don't mean a small one.

Hope by the time the next issue of The Thunderbolt is published, to have my publicity in full swing and a real good report to tell all of the members. That's all

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

President's Corner

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Our October meeting was held at my home and we had a wonderful turnout. The members of the Philadelphia Chapter came up with some great ideas for the Reunion and Fund Raising. One of the ideas materialized into a "Basket of Cheer", which has been raffled off at our November meeting. This meeting was held at the home of our Philadelphia Chapter's President, Bill and Bea Chivanne. They were a most gracious Host and Hostess. A splendid display of food was prepared by them and we all had a most enjoyable evening. The winners of the Raffle were as follows:

- 1—G. Nicosia "Basket of Cheer"
834 Tasker St.
Phila., Pa.
- 2—Martha "Wet Baby - Champagne"
Shop No. 22
Defense Personnel
Phila., Pa.
- 3—John Michael
"Wet Baby - Champagne"
1628 Fillmore St.
Camden, N. J.
- 4—N. R. Menna, Jr.
Spanish Burgandy Wine
19 Eldridge Ave.
Collingswood, N. J.
- 5—Seeley Rose Wine
939 Cantrell St.
Phila., Pa.

I would like to thank all who contributed toward the support of this Raffle and making it a success, especially all our friends from out of town who were nice enough to mail their returns to me. Sorry you all couldn't win.

Our Annual Banquet of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter is being held on Saturday, January 20, 1968 at the Officers' Club, Defense Personnel Support Center, 2800 South 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa. The Evening Festivities consist of Dinner and Dance. The price of this affair is \$6.00 per person.

All the members of our Brother Chapters are invited to come. If interested, contact me, Lou Volpi, Larry Redmond or any other member of the Philadelphia Chapter. We will also have a 50-50 drawing of Cash that same evening. Any assistance given us in this endeavor will be appreciated deeply. The closing date for paid-up tickets is January 13, 1968.

At our November meeting, Larry Redmond, our Secretary Treasurer, informed me of close to 600 paid-up Members. If you are an Unpaid Member, please do your utmost to send in your dues. I am proud to be your President, but remember, a Leader is only as strong as his body of men. I hope you all started the "Let's Meet in Philly" Reunion Fund.

From The Reunion Chairman

Once again your Reunion Chairman is very hard at work, planning a wonderful time for your pleasure in "PHILLY". The President and the rest of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter are co-operating wholeheartedly, and with a little more time, we should have everything complete, come May 1968.

The next issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" will carry a tentative schedule of our activities as planned. The hotel arrangements have been completed, the complete menu has been set up, and believe me, the hotel is bending over backwards to assist us in having a big and successful Reunion.

I am in close contact with our National President, Al Belvedere as well as our Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Redmond. These two fellows are really working fools, and I am proud to be able to be working with them. We expect quite a turnout at the Philadelphia Reunion in 1968, and we hope and trust that you will remember this Reunion for many years to come. I sincerely hope that in the next issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" that we can have all the Reunion news for you. See you in person in "PHILLY".

Your reunion chairman,
Lou Volpi
324th F.A.

"See You In Philly"

by
Bill Chavanne
Co. C, 308th Eng.

President, Greater Philadelphia Chapter
As the caption says, we of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter hope to see as many of our buddies and their families as possible, come to the "68" Reunion here in Philadelphia.

We have many interesting things planned for the day that can be enjoyed by one and all. Our evenings are so planned as to be gala, happy and remembered. Everyone in the Chapter is hard at work, to help Al Belvedere and Lou Volpi make this possible.

I had a ball in Chicago, thanks to Bill Doty, Jim Burton and the Chicago Chapter, and I hope that they can make Philadelphia in "68" so we can reciprocate.

Attention 331st Members

The new mailing address for your Buddy is:

Lieut. Gen. Robert H. York
Commanding General
XVIII Airborne Corps
Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28307

Cleveland Chapter Report

This being the Holiday issue, I would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR from all the members of the Cleveland Chapter.



Our October meeting was held at Walt Meczka's house. A committee was formulated for the purpose of formulating By-Law changes, so that we can try to get some of our past members back that have dropped out, and any new members that may wish

to join our Chapter.

It was nice to hear that Chester Czeck's daughter, Denise, won a Baton Twirling Contest at school. Nice going, Denise.

I received a phone call from Norman Glaze, a member of the Philadelphia Chapter, who is in the area, working at a Service Station at the Ohio Turnpike. He was looking for a room in the area. I contacted our group, but I regret to say we could not do him any good, this being some 20 miles south of us. Norman, if you do move into the area and are interested in joining us at one of our meetings, call one of us for details.

Our November meeting was held at Ted Gurgol's house. We had some further discussion on By-Law changes, but finally left it still in the hands of the committee, until after the first of the year. Final arrangements were made for our annual Spirits Raffle, to be held on December 3rd this year, at my house.

Thanksgiving is upon us this week, and we are all looking forward to our yearly gathering of the family, to give thanks for the blessings of the past year. I hope that one and all have had good fortune this past year, and that you will continue to have it through the next.

Time is running short and the reports must be in for printing, so I will close this brief report for now and once again wish you all the Happiest of Holiday Seasons.

FLASH!!! Ted Gurgolans his wife's daughter, Carol Ann, is getting married on December 16. This is another affair to crowd into our busy Holiday schedule, but one that we are all looking forward to.

Regards,

Casey Szubski

News From Chicago

November 1967

After the Reunion in Chicago, in order to recover from the activity of the Chicago Chapter, we did not have a meeting in September. In October we had a dinner party at the Como Inn and welcomed in four new members, who discovered the Chicago Chapter as a result of the Reunion. They are: Bob Costello, Joe Szczeck, Joseph Gallanty and Harold Dopp.



Our November meeting was at the Millionaire's Club on

Veteran's Day, and we had one of the nicest turnouts we have had in a long time. All of the new members who were present in October came in November and a lot of our old-timers showed up. Several other prospective members wrote us and said because of other commitments they regretted they could not attend our November meeting, but said they were interested in joining. It makes us feel good to know that in addition to financial success with our Reunion, we have acquired several new members who discovered us as a result of the Reunion being held in Chicago.

At the November meeting we held our election officers for 1967-68. Our new officers are:

President, James Burton.
Vice President, Henry Kukulski.
Secretary, William M. Doty.
Treasurer, Herman Koeneman
Chaplain, William Bogacz
Sgt. at Arms, Edward Poninski and Frank Phillips.

Of course you all know Jim Burton and the tremendous job he did for the Reunion. I know you all join us in Chicago to wish him the best for a successful term as our Chapter President. Unfortunately, Jim is moving his business from Chicago to Indianapolis this year, and so I assume the loss we suffer here will be a gain to the Indianapolis Chapter, but we believe Jim will always have a soft spot in his heart for our Chapter.

Our December meeting is going to be a dinner and theatre party at the Ivanhoe Restaurant. This will be a real Christmas Party, because all paid-up members of the Chicago Chapter will receive two free tickets for the show.

We all look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

William M. Doty, Secretary

Boston Chapter

Hello Buddies,

Another time for the press to go to work.

First of all the 83rd Boston Chapter boys had a softball game with Italian American Club of Ward Two of Pine Banks Park in Melrose. It was a wild game, but with the great pitching of Pat (Loumburg) D. Giammarino we pulled it out. The score was 14 to 11 and the pitcher charged with the loss was Bob Merr. It is too bad the Red Sox could not use you Pat. Ha! Ha!



FLASH!! Reward for information concerning Sylvio Allard. The Boston Chapter has not heard from Sylvio for quite a while, where are you Syl? Let us hear from you old buddy? Okay?

Also received word that Chuck Abdi-noor had his family enlarged again. His dog, Wolf gave birth to 10 puppies. Family doing well. Now to find a home for them is the job for his kids. Good luck Chuck.

Ernest Smith our smiling boy has been working very hard lately. Duchie is assistant Controller at the Boston Hospital for Women and it has been Go, Go, Go. Take it easy Duchie.

Dutchie has a fine family too. His son, Ernie Jr., 25, is a Northeastern Graduate and is back to school at Bently for his C.P.A. Also his other son Jim is a University of Mass., Boston. He is President of the student council. Jim is majoring in Political Science and his daughter Debbie is a nurse at Union Hospital in Lynn. Keep up the good work kids.

Larry Arrigos' son, John is keeping dad on the go now John is working on Radio Controlled Rockets. John's efforts have switched from just rockets that roam over his house to Radio Controlled Models. Say John, how is the recovery teams doing? Don't loose too many as dad will blow up like a rocket.

Amby Tynan was to see Norman Mac-Cromack of 323 FA Bn. in Martland, Mass. Mac is toing well running the town up there. Amby was also to see old George Polites in Dracut, Mass. George wants everyone to know that he beat Ken Willis of South Carolina at Indian Wrestling for three years in the Army.

Ray and Flora Bjork were very sorry to miss Chicago as they were in California to visit a brother. They had a big time in Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks. They made the trip in their

truck camper and they loved it. Mrs. Bjork leaves for Hawaii on December 14 to be with her daughter, who is expecting and to spend Xmas Holiday with her new grandchild. Good luck to all.

Lucien Elie is on the go again. An area wide campaign to add as many as 28 new Boy Scout units for 750 boys in the Lone Tree Council area with a kick-off dinner at the Sheraton Plaza in Boston. Gov. Volpe was the main speaker. The two year campaign seeks to add 3,000 units in the New England area. Jigs is in charge of Amesbury. When do you sleep old boy?

The Boston Chapter is having their Thanksgiving get-together on Nov. 18 and a very good time is expected.

It was great to see Paul DiGiammerino home for the week-end. Uncle Sam treats our boys okay.

Well as this is the Christmas issue the Boston Chapter would like to wish all the officers and all chapters a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Good luck to all.

Your Buddy,
Nick Francullo
Hq. 3rd Bn. 330th

Detroit Chapter

We are closing in on the holidays so there just isn't too much to report at this time. Our chapter members have been meeting more often and the attendance has improved which is a good sign. We did have a few of the boys go and see some of the hotels in town, to see what they had to offer us for the '69 reunion. They will have a full report at our next meeting. Our last meeting was at Nick Barbu's home. Nick went all out to see



that no one went home thirsty or hungry. I still don't think Nick made the cupcakes. Ha! Ha! Eddie Zerucha had a lot of information from most of the hotels in Detroit, in regards to our reunion in 1969. We are hoping to increase our membership of our chapter by contacting former members so far. It seems to be coming along real good. I guess this will be all for now except to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Jack Daugherty
Co. L, 329th Inf.

DUES ARE NOW DUE



Roy Biork Camper.



Chuck Abdinor representing the Boston Chapter at Columbus Day Banquet in Malden.



Our Family Car.



Frank McGrogan, Tony Catino and Bill Bitner at Columbus Day Banquet in Malden.

Co. F. 329th.

News And Side Lights

By Vic Landis

It does not seem possible, but the Christmas issue of The Thunderbolt is now coming up and soon the holidays will be here and gone. As one gets older, the time really flies and I know whereof I speak, as I am getting older fast.

I keep in contact with the George Kittrells and they were really sorry to miss the reunion in Chicago, but a few days before the affair, pressing business came up and they had to stay home to take care of it. George runs a flourishing floor sanding company and he, along with Becky, had to be there during reunion time. We all missed them, along with little Brenda Gaye.

I always keep in touch with the Bill Nickells and all is well with them. Dennis is a sophomore at Indiana U. and Joann is a freshman at the same school. How these kids really grow up.

Thats about all, but this coming year F. 329 will again take over the leadership in paid up members. More anon.

330th News

Hello Buddies:

Once again, we the members of the 330th Regimental Unit, wish to extend to all of you the best wishes for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

As we approach the Christmas Season, we can not help but remember that dreadful Christmas that we spent in Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge. It was not the happiest or most pleasant Christmas for us, but still with all the sorrow and hardship that we were enduring at that time, we celebrated Christmas in our own way, and tried to make it as cheerful as we possibly could.

Once again the 330th Unit is trying to make their Unit the largest unit in the Association. We have picked up a lot of new members this year, even though as always happens, there are a lot who are still on the delinquent list. In the next issue there will be a count of paid up memberships according to Units.

I would like to ask all of you men of the 330th who have not sent in your dues as yet, to please do so today. If you are paid up, make a special gift to that special buddy of a paid up membership in the Association. I am sure that you can make him feel that this is the greatest gift that Santa Claus could ever bring him.

Sincerely,
LARRY REDMOND
Co. "H" 330th

Reunion News

by
Manny Pacheco
Co. L, 331st

The thought of planning and attending a Reunion brings much excitement to us all, followed by sad goodbyes, for another Reunion has come to an end.



We brought back with us many precious memories and priceless photographs to reminisce till we meet again, God willing.

Yet, I wonder, how many of us give thanks to God, for his goodness, that we are able to attend another Reunion. And that his

guidance led us safely to and from our destination.

I wish to congratulate Bill Doty and his fine committee for their outstanding efforts to a well planned Reunion. The Chicago Chapter surely came through in a glorious fashion, giving us a Reunion long to be remembered.

Congratulations to the new National Officers, may your term of office be successful, pleasant and untiring.

It is most gratifying to most of us that Chuck Abdinoor of the Boston Chapter, by an overwhelming vote, was accepted into the Executive Board. I trust that his term of office on the Executive Board will be one of honesty, dignity and integrity. The Greater Boston Chapter should be proud of Chuck. His ambition and willingness to serve on the Board will be rewarding to all concerned.

Both Dot and I were most delighted



Get Acquainted Party. John and Mary Raikes, Dot Pacheco, Lou and Della Batkiewicz.

and happy, when once again we met old and new friends, who are priceless to us in all respects. To be greeted so warmly by such wonderful people, makes me proud and honored to be a "THUNDERBOLT". We attended practically all this Reunion had to offer and enjoyed every minute of it. A word of special thanks to the gallant men who kept the Hospitality Room in full swing, they surely were the greatest. To the first, second and third prize winners of the Roaring Twenties Party, congratulations on your fine showing.

To me, this Reunion shall remain the most memorable of all, because I have finally met someone from my Company, Ken Hayes, Co. L, 331st from Bradley, Illinois and his very charming wife, (whose name, I am sorry, I have forgotten) and also John Kepchar, Co. L, 331st from Gary, Indiana. Although their stay was short due to other commitments, I absorbed every minute of their visit, to find out about who and what. I do hope that John sends me that Company picture he promised.

At the conclusion of the Reunion, Dot and I, as invited guests, stopped off at Napctown, to spend a few days with John and Mary Raikes, who proved without a shadow of a doubt, to be the perfect host and hostess. We also paid an unexpected



Ladies and Gentlemen, Lend Me Your Ears. Jim Burton, Ed Sandkuhl and his lovely bride.



Left to right: John Kepcher, Manny Pacheco and Ken Hayes Co. L, 331.

and surprise visit on Andy and Beverly Raikos, who in turn greeted us ever so warmly. Their warm and unselfish hospitality touched us very deeply indeed. We shall forever be grateful to the two Raikos families and treasure every moment we spent with them. Their kindness and all they have done to make our stay in Indianapolis a most pleasant one, is unequalled to anything we have ever experienced. God love and grant them all that is good.

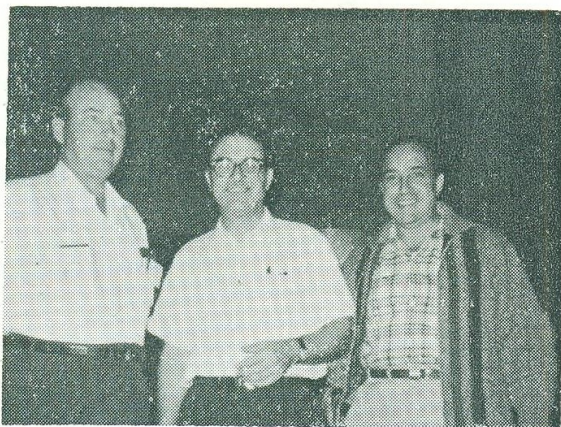
In conclusion, it is most regretting that our membership has not reached the one thousand mark. Surely it is not due to lack of advertisement. Vic Landis is doing a magnificent job in that field. Mr. 83rd himself, Larry Redmond has left no stone unturned to enthuse new members into the Association, and the delinquents to pay their dues.

This Association, which we are so proud of, is a symbol of our dearly departed buddies, for the sacrifices they made and the deeds they performed. They shall always remain alive in our memories. In reality, they are very close to us. They are definitely a part of our thinking and actions. I feel that they have moulded the future of our beloved nation. They give us the strong incentive to carry on this Association, which they would be proud of.

The highest tribute this Association can render these departed buddies, the most profound respect all of us can demonstrate, is to apply to our lives, the strong faith and undaunted courage which was theirs.

Let us all get those dues in now, support Larry Redmond and his 1,000 membership goal. We are strong in name, let us be strong in membership.

Good luck and good health to all you fellow "THUNDERBOLTS" and your families. God be with you always.



Dick Riddle, Bill Palazzolo and Manny Pacheco.

A Letter From Your Secretary-Treasurer

Buddies:

This letter is more or less in the form of an apology. I had promised in the last issue that I would have a complete roster of all members paid up to date ready for publication in this issue. I am sorry to report that this roster is not complete enough for publication at this time. In order to give you a complete roster of name, address and unit, it is going to take about 25 to 30 pages for it alone, and in so doing this, our Christmas issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" would be delayed, and we don't want that.

It is quite possible that I may publish a special Roster issue so that this can be made possible for you. As you know, we agreed at an Executive Board meeting to dispose of one issue this year, making four publications instead of five, but if I have to resort to this special Roster Issue, you will once again get your fifth issue. I wish to thank each and every one of you for bearing with me. As you know, the office of Secretary-Treasurer of an Association like this involves a lot of work and many man hours to do the job properly. This work is made easier by your continued co-operation.

In the last issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", you saw the write up in regards to those trays that are available. These make a wonderful momento. I am sure that a lot of you have already ordered them, and those who haven't are planning to do so.

Sincerely,
Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

**PLEASE PAY
YOUR DUES**



Lou Batkiewicz, Al Klugiewicz, Della B., Eleanor K. and Leo Schneider.

Fall River Chapter Chatter

By Manny Martin—F-329th

The Fall River Chapter as always, tries to keep active with its monthly meetings and socials, and of course reviewing plans for our four or five affairs a year.



On September 30 most members trooped into the Indian Town Sportsmen club to enjoy a charcoal steak supper, sponsored by the chapter for all members and their wives. The meal was well received, and the steaks were superb. It turned out to be one of the most enjoyable evenings that we have had.

Our election of officers was held at this meeting, with the chapter members voting to return to office, with a vote of confidence, the same slate of officers that were elected to serve last year, thus, Pete LaRue was re-elected President, Antone Telles Vice President, Manny Martin Secretary Treasurer, Pete Barthelemy Chaplain and Joseph Correia Sgt. At Arms. I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only the officers, but each and every member for all of their efforts and assistance in making the past year the most successful one that the chapter has ever enjoyed.

Since our last press call, two of our chapter members have undergone minor surgery, Joe Correia and Romeo Maynard, I am most happy to report that both of these fine gentlemen, are well on the road to recovery. Good luck fellas.

Everyone here is eagerly looking forward to our Christmas party which is to be held on Saturday, December 9th. Latest reports from the members are that we are sold out as usual; I can believe this, because of the calls I am receiving at home and at my office from people looking for tickets. We have this problem every year and I only wish that there were a hall large enough in the city to accommodate all of the people that would like to attend.

After the Christmas party, we all look forward to a jim dandy New Year's Eve party that will again be held at White's Restaurant. We have a private room here with accommodations for 100 people, and our usual good time is looked forward to by the members and their guests.

From all of us here in frosty New England, to each Thunderbolt and his

family wherever they may be, I extend for every member of the Fall River Chapter, sincere good wishes for a very merry Christmas, and may the New Year be one of good health, prosperity and much happiness. God bless you all.

Taken from Philadelphia Daily News

Draft Foes "Bury" Flag in Protest

Ten men — who are members of the Philadelphia Anti-Draft Union—said they buried a 48-star American Flag under a mound of dirt outside the Federal Courthouse at 9th and Market Sts. last night.

The men were among 75 persons who participated during heavy rains last night in a mock funeral march for the Flag. The march began at the organization's headquarters at 1515 South St., and ended at the Federal Building about 8 p.m.

Lawrence Elle, 22, a coordinator for the Anti-Draft Union, said he led the hour-long march. Elle said the Flag was carried in a white coffin and when the demonstrators got to the Federal Building, they flung the Flag to the sidewalk and buried it under dirt removed from a bucket. Elle said a candle was then stuck in the mound of dirt and lit as about 75 shoppers watched.

Elle, who lives at 1531 Rodman St., said that the Flag was buried "because LBJ made it a symbol of oppression and death in Vietnam and destroyed its real meaning . . . we feel the Flag has been dragged in blood in Vietnam."

Asked whether he considered his group's act a desecration of the Flag, Elle—a former University of Pennsylvania history student—said the law stated "the old Flags should be buried or burned and (that) was an old Flag."

Actually, Federal law — and custom—calls for burning of a Flag that is no longer serviceable. There is no Federal law that defines desecration of the Flag.

A Pennsylvania law lists a number of actions as desecration, including by act that "mutilates, defiles or tramples upon" the Flag, or that "casts contempt either by word or act" against it. Maximum penalty is a \$1,000 fine and a year in prison.

State law does not show how to dispose of a worn-out Flag.

Police did not make any arrests. Ed. Note: This was protested by your Secretary-Treasurer through the American Legion. Arrests were made and fines were levied against participants. We as Veterans should all be ready to combat such things as this.

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. Volpi have injected a new spirit into the 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 ne 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 rder for \$5 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

Signal Musings

Don Hinz

I have received no word from anyone during the past few months so there is no real signal news as such! This gives me the chance to ramble a bit.



NOTE TO ALL UNITS — Was anyone at the famous 83rd Banquet, table number 12, Chicago. Did you get the wrong picture? I have it in my possession. Who has mine (note picture)? It is really a very nice picture with 3 couples, 3 children and one gray-haired

gentleman. The other three men have "high foreheads", two ladies have on green dresses and the other lady, in front of the camera, has on an aqua dress with her matching coat over the back of the chair. Also facing the camera is a young girl with long blonde hair with a checked (lavender) skirt and jacket. The other two girls have dark hair with one wearing a light blue dress and the other a white dress. The gray haired gentleman and the lady with a patterned green dress are wearing glasses. Anyone fit that description in Chicago? White 219 11th Ave., Worthington, Minn.

What happened, after the Chicago get-together, in references to the General Frank W. Milburn Scholarship Fund at Montana University? I expected to see an article giving information on it, i.e., an address, some kind of group action, information for any individual that wanted to contribute, or something of this nature. Could this be done in a future issue of the Thunderbolt?

Thank you for reading this far—this is 30 for now.



Joe Minotti and His Air Conditioned Pants.

Warren Chapter News

by Joseph Minotti

The October meeting of the Warren Chapter was held at Cafe "83", and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Charles Russ — President, 323 North Road, Warren, Ohio 44484.

Joe Phillipone V. Pres., 849 Bears Den Road, Youngstown, Ohio .

Joseph Nuzzi—Sec.-Treas., 1537 Longfellow Court, Warren, Ohio.

Joseph Minotti—Reporter, 7802 Brookwood Drive, Warren, Ohio, 44484.

Richard Kelly—Ticket Committee, 214 Oregon St., Warren, Ohio 44485.

Roscoe Gautschi — Ticket Committee, 136 State Road W., Warren, Ohio 44483.

At this meeting, it was decided to hold the Annual Steak Dinner on Sunday, October 29th at the Cafe "83", and also to combine it into a Halloween Party for the children.

About 17 couples and their 20 children attended. It was a fine dinner, as Joe Minotti and Bob Johnson, did the honors of cooking the steaks, with Dimps Minotti, Millie Kelly and Alma Whitman setting up the rest of the food for the affair. Mary Nuzzi baked a lovely looking and tasty cake with all the decor of Halloween. Dick Kelly and Claude Whitman took care of the refreshments, and no one seemed to go empty handed at any time. (Wait till the Chapter gets this bill!)

Richard Kelly Jr. was awarded first prize for his costume and Christina Minotti was second, and we had an 18 way tie for third. Money prizes were awarded to all the children in the form of Kennedy half dollars.

During the rest of the afternoon, we all watched the Pittsburgh-New Orleans football game on TV and all of our sympathy went to "Capt. Mac." We are sure that he was at the game. Better luck next week "Capt. Mac."

Talking about football, we have a lot in store for us in the next few years, just among the families of the 83rd. Mike Skovran has a son playing for Wettenburg College, and a younger son on the Howland Jr. High team. John Terringo's son, Ted, is first string guard for our new Western Reserve High School (only a Junior, too). Charlie Russ's son is also a candidate on the Howland Jr. High team. Charlie Tomazin's boy is also on this Howland Elementary School freshman team. This Howland School should be a real 83rd team in the next couple of years. Good boys, too.

Joe Nuzzi now has his two oldest boys stationed in Germany, and I'll bet they

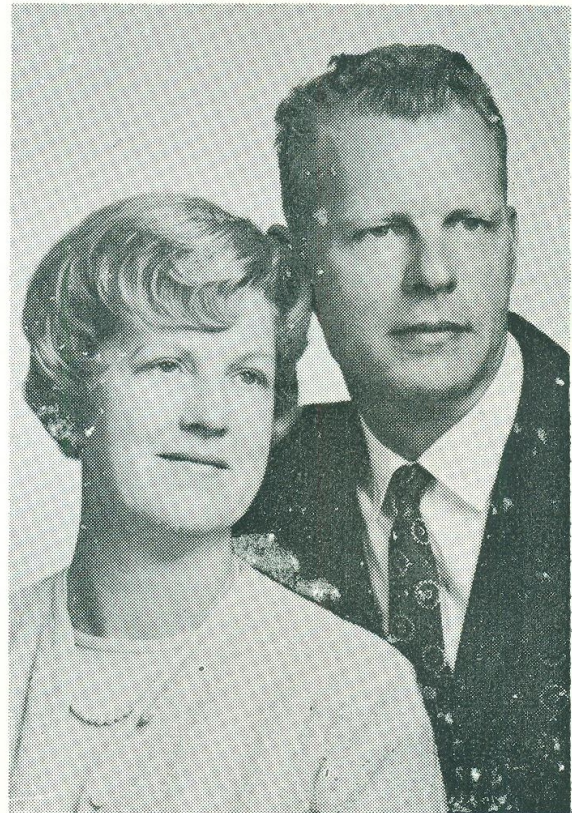
are enjoying it. Probably a lot more than Joe Sr. did.

Babe and Theresa Gautschi, celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on November 4th. Sorry to have missed this party, but I understand it was a real ball. Babe tells me that there were at least 200 persons in attendance, and it lasted longer, but the spirits were all consumed and everybody had all they needed.

Future events for the Warren Chapter will be, first, our Annual Men's Chapter, and Womens Auxiliary Xmas Party. The girls treat the men to a steak dinner, and the men retaliate with a corsage, dancing and refreshments later. This will be held at the Chateau.

Following the annual party will be the Xmas Party for the children; this is when Santa arrives at the Cafe "83" to distribute gifts to all the children, and also a grab box for the adults of the Warren Chapter. This normally is a fine affair, with plenty of refreshments for all. Then the gang from the Chapter usually get together for some fine New Year's Eve festivities, to close out the old and bring in the new. We always look for Mike Skovran and his gang to stop in, and then continue on their rounds of friends, wishing all a Happy New Year.

So, for now until the next issue, we here in the Warren Chapter wish one and all a very cheery Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Theresa and Babe Gautschi.

Warren Auxiliary

Warren, Ohio
Nov. 14, 1967

Hi Everybody,

Summer has come and gone and all we have left are the memories. Good fattening foods, nice cold beverages, wild poker games, cool clear water for swimming, growing children who do not like to play those silly games any more and a lot more that would be too numerous to mention.

The men's club started their Winter parties with a Halloween Party and steak fry. The kids were dressed in some very original costumes. Prizes were awarded and they all went home happy. These men sure cook a mean steak. The chefs were Joe Minotti and Bob Johnson. Dick Kelly and Claude Whitman took care of refreshments. The Women's Auxiliary naturally took care of the table setting and the cleaning up afterwards. We are getting to be experts at that. We are thinking of starting a catering service. Do we have any offers?

Theresa and Babe Gautschi joined our 25 Year Club on November 7. They had a wonderful anniversary party at the American Legion in Champion. Theresa looked like a new bride.



A Few of Our 83rd Women.



Dick Kelly, Joe Minotti and Friend at Cafe 83.



Bobby and Richard Kelly Jr. dressed for Halloween party.



Warren Chapter Children At Party.

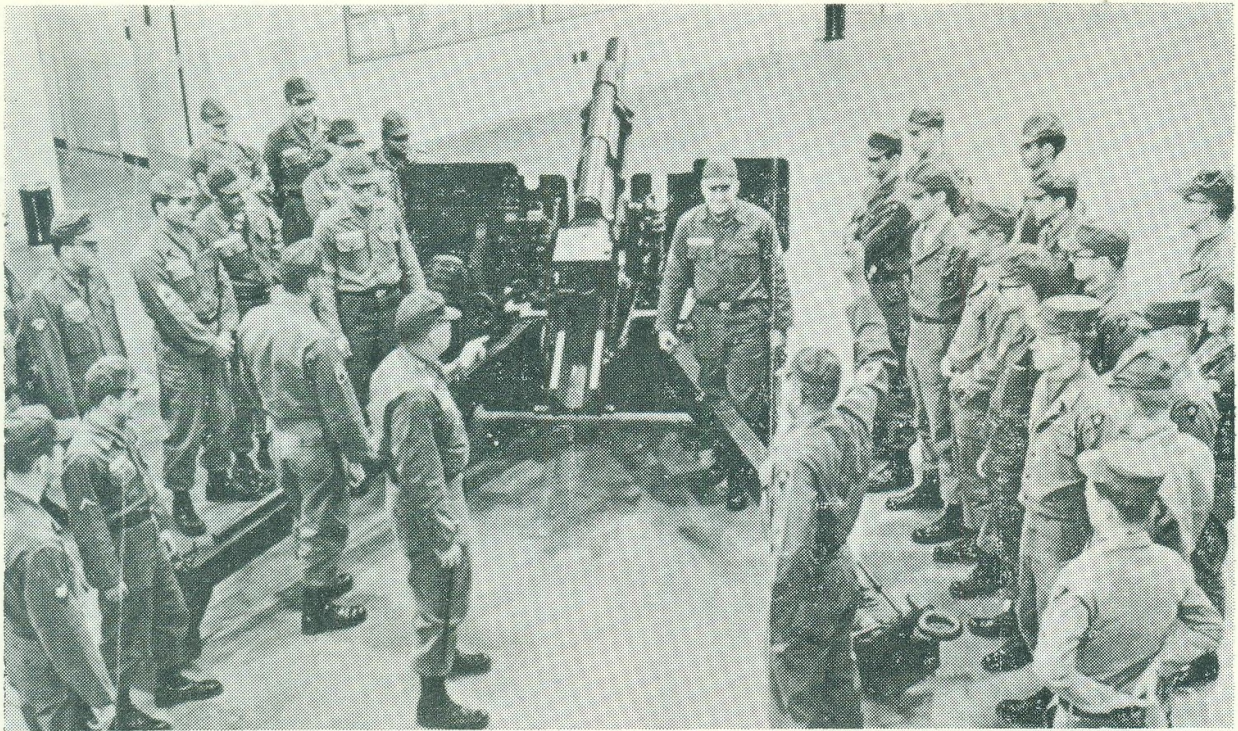
Our Auxiliary is having their annual Xmas Party next month at the beautiful Chateau Supper Club. We take our handsome husbands out to dinner and they take over and show us a wonderful time. This event is planned a year in advance and everyone looks forward to it. Theresa and I are on the committee and we hope to show everyone a nice time.

Well, the Cafe "83" has done it again; only a little better this time. They were first in the Nation in raising money for the Cancer Drive. In case everybody is not familiar with the name, it is owned by Joe Minotti and his brother Ray. Good luck again next year.

We are having our monthly meeting of our Auxiliary at my home this month and I will have more to tell you in the next Thunderbolt.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Warren Chapter wish everyone of the great "83" Division a "Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year".

So long for now,
Millie Kelly



THEY REFUSE TO QUIT—Members of the 83rd Inf. Div. in Columbus, Ohio, did not stop training when they were inactivated in Dec. 1965. As The Columbus Dispatch Magazine said in a recent two-page article, "700 Ohio Army Reservists will not let (the division) die. They are preserving the proud name and heritage of the WW I and II combat division as Reinforcement Training Units (RTUs), serving once a week without pay, without equipment except that borrowed, without any promise of return to former status." Here former members of the division artillery go through cannoneer drill at the Ft. Hayes Army Reserve Center. (Dispatch photo)

The Army Reserve Magazine—March 1967

Ed. Note: This is true 83rd Division spirit, **REFUSE TO QUIT**. This is the spirit shown by our Division in World War II, and continues to be shown by our Association.

ATTENTION ALL MEN

**Look at the expiration date on your Membership Card —
If it does not read Aug. 1968 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.**

22nd ANNUAL REUNION 83rd Infantry Division Association World War II

**BEN FRANKLIN HOTEL PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.
AUGUST 22, 23, 24, 1968**

Obituary



Shelly G. Hughes, 74, 201 E. McPherson Ave., Findlay, Ohio 45840, President of the Differential Steel Car Company, died September 1, 1967 in the Blanchard Valley Hospital.

Mr. Hughes served in both World War I and World War II. In the first war he was a First Lieutenant in the American Expeditionary Forces and in the second war was an officer in the E.T.O. with the 83rd Infantry Division and rose to the rank of a Colonel of Infantry. During his military career, he received the U.S. Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, the French Croix de Guerre with Palme and the Order of the Orange Nassau with swords from the Netherlands.

He is survived by his wife, Florence and a daughter, Mrs. William (Jane) Adcock of Frcntenac, Md. Other survivors include three grandchildren, a brother, Russell H. Hughes, Irvington on the Hudson, New York and a sister, Mrs. Beryl Welch, Needham, Mass.

Burial was in Arlington Cemetery, and was attended by General VanBrunt and General Macon.

Ed. Note: To those of you who have recently become active in our great association, I am sure that you are not familiar with the late Shelly Hughes. Shelly was one of the founding fathers of our Association, and worked very hard and diligently for the good of the Association. He was a past president of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, having served as the third president of the Association. Shelly Hughes, along with the late Jim

Hanrahan, spent quite a bit of their own money, trying to reactivate and keep the Association going after the terrible Boston fiasco. The loss of Shelly will come as quite a blow to all of us, and is especially to me because on several occasions I had contacted Shelly for advice both during my terms as President and as a member of the Executive Board.

The loss of Shelly Hughes is a blow to our Association; I know that many of our past presidents profited by his advice during their term of office. He was a good soldier and a tremendous business man.

Obituaries

Just received word of the death of another 83rd Division man, he passed on a few months ago. He was John Sutton, 3803 Collier Road, Randallstown, Maryland.

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In the return mail of "THUNDERBOLTS" received one back that was sent to Norman W. Moyer, 3009 Cornwall Rd., Bethlehem, Pa. with a notation "Deceased".

Missing Persons

We are having trouble with men moving and failing to send us their change of address, thereby making them Missing Persons as far as we are concerned. Here are a few that we have from the latest mailing.

Otto Kovisto, 2824 Hardy Ave., Silver Springs, Maryland 20902

Jesse F. Stamper, 427 Larcomb Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43223

James Shonak, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Mas.

Edward F. Kilbride, 11 Oakwood Road, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Alfred Addington, 4908 W. 77th, Prairie Village, Kansas

Nicholas Esposito, 65 Tonnelle Ave., Hotel Mayflower, Jersey City, N. J.

Carl L. Anderson, 146 Lake Ave., Erie, Pa. 16511

Hurcules Kontoulas, North Gate Manor, Rochester, N.Y. 14616

George T. Tangalos, 1749 Davis Ave., Whiting, Indiana 46394

Philip J. O'Conner, 1889 Randall Ave., New York, N.Y. 10035

Burton Zinsser, Maple Street, Vernon, Conn. 06086

Robert E. Arnold, 3643 Oliver Street, Minneapolis, Minn. 55419

**PLEASE PAY
YOUR DUES**



Somewhere In Luxemburg. A village near Remich and Mondorf.

Letter to Editor

Columbia, S. C.
30 Oct. 1967

Mr. Larry Redmond

Dear Sir:

Since becoming a member of the 83rd Division Association three years ago, I have planned to write the "THUNDERBOLT" and attempt to locate some of my old buddies in "D" Co. 330th Inf. I am enclosing an old photo of the 5th squad, 3rd Platoon of D Co. I hope that it is possible to have it printed in an issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" I don't remember all the names, but, Loup, Ball, DiAntonio and myself (Brown squatting down) I do, I would certainly like to hear from any of these fellows or anyone from the 3rd platoon, Co. D, or 1st Sgt. Dodd. I know Sgt. Dodds is also a member of the Association.

I hope to attend one of the annual meetings in the near future. I realize that it would be great to see some of the old guys again, and swap stories.

I have been unable to attend any Reunions since joining the Association, even the one at Myrtle Beach. I am Commander of an Ordinance unit in the South Carolina National Guard, and have been involved in annual field training at Reunion time, but am retiring this year and hope to make some of them now.

You fellows are doing a great job with this Association, and I, an original member of the 83rd from muddy, cold, Camp Atterbury to Passeau on the Danube River, greatly appreciate it.

I would like to say hello to all my Buddies in "D" Co. and would like very

much to hear from any of them. Enclosed is my check for next year's dues.

H. F. Brown
Route 2, Box 273A
Blythemwood, S. C.

Letter to Editor

Dear Larry:

I am pleased that someone of the 83rd contacted me, and who else could it have been but Casey Kowalec, a long lost Buddy.

A lot has happened to me since leaving the 83rd in July of 1945. I remained out of service for 8 months and re-enlisted in February 1946 I remained on until February 28, 1962 and retired I moved to Lehigh Acres in Florida and then with sickness in the family (on my wife's side) we moved to Michigan. At present I am a salesman with Hajjar Plating Service in Wayne, Michigan. Somehow Casey got word that I was driving a cab in Detroit. Somehow, he was part right. When I first settled in Michigan, I drove a bus for Short Way Lines, out of Toledo, Ohio into Detroit.

I am very much pleased to again be part of the 83rd Division and wish that if someone may remember me, to please drop a letter to me, along with a phone number. I make many phone calls and hate to write.

Must get back to my beer. Will see you all at the 83rd's next reunion.

My regards to all,
Jerome (Jerry the Hcok) Zingg
Btry. C, 322nd F.A.
1459 Wellesley
Inkster, Michigan 48141
Phone: 728-3143

Ed. Note: Once again we pick up a happy member, a man who is proud to have served with this Division in World War II, and also proud to be a member of our Association.

October 31, 1967
853 S. Hawkins Ave.
Akron, Ohio 44320

Mr. Lawrence J. Redmond

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find dues for my son Milton L. Sorry we couldn't attend the Reunion in Chicago; it's very hard for Milton to get around, and it's getting harder for me to help him. We both enjoy the Reunions.

With good wishes for the next Reunion.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. Munitz

Ed. Note: Our hats are off to these two wonderful people. Regardless of the incapacity of Milton, he attends as many Reunions as possible, and is always on the paid up membership roster. Milton and his mother are both a credit to our Association.

Letter to Editor

November 4, 1967

Mr. Larry Redmond
Secy. and Treas.
83rd Infantry Division Assn.
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa 19083

Dear Larry:

Enclosed, please find my check for dues for 1967-68.

It is always a pleasure to receive my copy of the THUNDERBOLT. Everyone connected with this publication deserves a great deal of credit.

Living in the West has some disadvantages in not being able to attend the annual Reunions. Some of these days I will make a special attempt. Perhaps Philadelphia.

My best personal wishes for all of the members and continued success for yourself.

Cordially,
Hans M. Bielski
Hqtrs 324th F.A.

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Randallstown, Maryland

Hi Larry:

Sorry I am a little late in sending my dues in, just neglect. I know you all had a successful Reunion, as you know I had to miss it. Thank you for the note in the bulletin on my first grandson. We really got a bang out of it. It really shows we are getting older, BUT I am not. Because we are expecting an addition, sometime in December, so I am still as young as ever.

I know I will attend the Reunion in Philadelphia next year, so I will see you then..

Karl Friedman

E. Note: A real true 83rd Division man; never gives up.

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Duncan, S. C.
Nov. 7, 1967

Dear Sir:

I ran across a notice in one of the local newspapers, stating that you wished to contact former members of the 83rd Infantry Division, who served with the "THUNDERBOLTS" during World War Two.

I realize the convention of 1967 is over, but I thought I would make contact just the same. My name is Wilton M. Hendrix, former PFC, Co. B, 1st Bn., 33rd Infantry Regiment. I served with the 83rd from July 1944 until the war was over, then shipped out on points to the 90th Division and came back to the States with the 90th.

I was a member of the weapons platoon, attached to the 3rd platoon (I don't remember the name of the weapons platoon leader) but 3rd platoon was led by Lt.

Crews. Co. B was led by Capt. Danny Moore, until he was K.I.A. just before the war ended. Lt. Caparanis (I'm not sure of the spelling of his name) became company commander after Capt. Moore was killed.

My address now is: P.O. Box 307, Duncan, S. C. I would like to hear from any of our former members.

Sincerely,

Wilton M. Hendrix

Ed. Note: Men from Co. B, 331st, here is another former Buddy, hoping to see or hear from his Buddies.

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Mr. Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer
83rd Infantry Division Assn.
Dear Larry:

Enclosed is my check for \$5. It is to cover my renewal of my membership in our Association for the year 1967-1968. Was very sorry I did not get to attend the reunion. It would have been my first. Only heard about the association last year. Am glad everyone had such a good time.

Would like to hear from some of the fellows from the 83rd. I was with "C" Company 1942-1943, transferred to Headquarters Company 1st Bn. after the Tennessee training (Anti-Tank platoon).

Hope to make the next reunion in Pennsylvania next year. It would be nice to run into some of my former friends from the 83rd.

Yours, truly,

Samuel R. Cook Jr.
6403 Percival Road
Columbia, S. C. 28206
Hq. 330th

Philadelphia Daily News
Thursday, Nov. 16, 1957

House OK's Veterans Day As New Pennsylvania School Holiday

Harrisburg:—The House has passed and sent the Senate, legislation providing for the closing of public schools in Pennsylvania on Veterans Day.

The measure sponsored by Rep. William O. Shuman (R. Franklin) cleared the chamber 176-21 on a vote that crossed party lines.

Ed. Note: Once again an 83rd man shows his patriotism. William O. Shuman, Div. Arty. a long time member of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. and National Chaplain for several years.

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

Secretary's Report

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his DUES. Let us always remember that old saying, "It is more blessed to give, than to receive."

Now to get away from DUES and talk about something else. I have quite a problem each time the "THUNDERBOLT" is sent out. There are always a certain number of our members, who for some season or other have moved and forgotten to send me a change of address. This means that their issue is returned and I have to pay a return postage on it as well as remail it out to them. This creates an additional expense to the Association. Please, if you are moving or have moved, send me your new address and be sure to include the Zip Code. If you are sending in DUES, clip the registration form from the back of the "THUNDERBOLT" and fill it out completely, including your Unit as well as the ZIP CODE.

I have asked numerous times for all Chapters to send to Association Headquarters, a roster of their Officers, giving name and address, so that if at any time we have to contact the Chapter, we know who to write to. This has been done by only a couple of Chapters. Please do so today.

We have been trying for several years to reach a goal of 1,000 members in this Association, this is possible, but we must have your support to do it. When you stop and think of the number of men we had for normal Division strength, then add to that the number of replacements we had, we should be able to have well over 5,000 men in this Association. If you have any names and addresses of Buddies, send them to me, let me mail them an issue of our great "THUNDERBOLT" and let them see what they are missing. To those of you who are delinquent in your DUES, but are still receiving the "THUNDERBOLT", sit down and think, isn't it worth the \$5.00 per year to be able to keep in contact with that former Buddy that you saw service with?

To all unpaid Members, send your check or money order today in the amount of \$5.00, send it to 83rd Infantry Division Assn. Inc., 132 Rockwood Drive, Haverstown, Pa. 19083. Let us make this the biggest year in the history of the Association. Without your support, this Association could not exist. Remember, it costs money to print our "THUNDERBOLT" as well as mail it out, along with other printing and miscellaneous expenses.

The 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION INC. wishes to extend to each and everyone of you the best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW

YEAR.

As Secretary-treasurer of this Association, I wish to extend my own personal wishes to you all and may "GOD BLESS YOU ALL".

Larry Redmond
Co. H, 330th
Secretary-Treasurer

Greater Indianapolis Chapter

At the time of this writing, the ground is all white from the snow that fell recently in all the Indianapolis Area, but that is expected around Christmas time, especially in the Midwest.

Our Chapter annual Christmas Party will be held at the Fort Benjamin Harrison Officer's Club and the date is December 9, 1967. If any of you "THUNDERBOLTS" are in the vicinity of Indianapolis on December 9, you are cordially invited to our Christmas Party. We are planning a Gala Affair, and if all the members bring their guests, we no doubt will have a real good turn-out.

Speaking of Christmas, and shopping for Christmas presents you only have to go in one of the department stores to realize that Christmas is so NEAR for the people are all over the place trying to find that certain present for that certain person, I think it is a lot of fun to hunt for presents for those that are dear to us. And it only happens just once a year, and the beautiful Christmas displays are really something to behold.

I don't have any late news on any of our CHAPTER buddies as I have not heard from any of them recently, but as far as I do know everyone is in good health.

At this time I would like to wish all "THUNDERBOLTS" and their families "A VERY MERRY XMAS AND A REAL PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR". Hope Old Santa don't forget anyone: And again Merry Xmas to all from the members and their families of OUR GREATER INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER.

Matthew F. Brumbach (Boom Boom)
7144 Lockwood Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217

News Flash

Just received a letter in the mail today, the OFFICIAL REUNION WELCOMER, Ted Hodum is in the Fort Snelling Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am sure that all of us wish him a speedy recovery. Let's all try to get a get well card off to him; I am sure that Ted would like to know that we haven't forgotten him. He is having trouble with his legs. Get well quick Ted, we need you for our welcoming committee for the Reunion.

A Tribute to the Memory of a soldier I knew

—Lt. David John

He started out to preach God's word,
He had not time to complete his work;
For his country called him by name
To help rid the world of shame.

He worked long hours for to train
In shelters, sun, snow and rain;
To prepare others to defend our land
In jungle, mountain and desert sand.

He sailed the sea and landed there
Amongst the trees of England fair,
To wait the time when he should line
His sights across the channel's brine.

The time was nigh, he hit the beach,
He clung to earth just like a leech.
All hell broke loose with a spurt.
He ate his meal with much dirt.

His nerve was sure, his spirit high,
Many saw the God-given pride.
He lingered not—for God so willed,
He took him Home—his earth's life stilled.

He was one that we all beloved,
True to the One in Heaven above.
Long may his fond memory remain,
Only that we all were the same.

In memory of Lieutenant David John, Co. H, 330th Infantry, Killed in Action, July 4, 1944.

European Theatre of Operations, World War II, 1944—

Capt. Jack R. Masters C.O. Co. H 330th.

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