



THUNDERBOLT

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, Inc.

WORLD WAR II

Vol. 22 — No. 2

Dec.-Jan.-Feb., 1969

“Season’s
Greetings”
1968



Merry Christmas
happy new year

THE THUNDERBOLT

Official Publication
83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc.

THE THUNDERBOLT is written by and for past members of the 83rd Infantry Division, World War II and is published at 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083.

Editor — Larry Redmond

STAFF REPORTERS

Vic Landis 124 Potomac Street, Dayton, Ohio
Nick Francullo 10 Bessom Street, Lynn, Mass.
Nick Barbu 19041 Snow Rd., Dearborn, Mich.
Manny Martin 424 Freeloove Street, Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Minotti 7802 Brookwood Drive, Warren, Ohio
Matthew F. Brumbach 7144 Lockwood Lane, Indianapolis, Ind.
Edward Murphy 55 Metcalf Rd., Cumberland, R. I.
Frank McGrogan 7236 Battersby Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dave Rosenberg River Park House, Phila., Pa. 19131
Don Linz 219 W. 11th Avenue, Worthington, Minn.
William Doty 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
Charles Altimori 1313 Reeves Avenue, Monessen, Pa.
James Bowie 306 Division Avenue, Carlstadt, N. J.
Norman A. Campbell Box 5091, Falmouth, Va.
Millie Kelly 214 Oregon Street, Warren, Ohio
Casey Szubski 8221 Bertha Avenue, Parma, Ohio

HONORARY PRESIDENT

Ralph G. Nepple, CMH
Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon
Lieut. Gen. Claude B. Ferenbaugh

LIFE MEMBERS

James C. Hanrahan (Deceased) Harry W. Lockwood (Deceased)
Edward J. Murphy Walter H. Edwards Jr.
Ralph G. Nepple, CMH Robert T. Foster
Victor E. Landis

OFFICERS 1968-69

President

Vito C. Palazzolo
20000 Lancaster
Harperwoods, Michigan 48236

1st Vice President

Marion E. Muio
6217 Jonathan
Dearborn, Michigan 48126

2nd Vice President

Pat DiGiammerino
36 East Border Road
Malden, Mass. 02148

3rd Vice President & Publicity Director

Victor E. Landis
124 Potomac Street
Dayton, Ohio 45410

Secretary-Treasurer

Lawrence J. Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083
215 - HI 6-2324

Chaplain

William O. Shuman
162 E. Madison Street
Greencastle, Pa. 17225

Assistant Chaplain

Hubert Edwards
Ebony, Virginia 23845

Assistant Chaplain

Arlan Halvorsen
3525 Haven Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53405

Judge Advocate

A. A. Rugienius
501 Pine Hill Street
Minersville, Pa. 17954

Service Officer

Edward J. Murphy
55 Metcalf Drive
Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864

Historian

Norman A. Campbell
Box 5091
Falmouth, Virginia 22401

Sergeant at Arms

Robert Mormon
1501 Tremont Drive
Mishawka, Indiana

Bruce Winchell
12518 Scott Road
Freeland, Michigan 48623

Jerome R. Zing
1459 Wellesley
Inkster, Michigan 48141

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Frank J. McGrogan
7236 Battersby Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19149

Manuel C. Martin
424 Freelove Street
Fall River, Massachusetts 02720

Norman A. Campbell
Box 5091
Falmouth, Virginia 22401

Charles Abdinoor
46 Merrimack Terrace
Dracut, Massachusetts 01826

Alfred H. Gruber
3369 Churchview Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227

A SALUTE TO PAST PRESIDENTS
Who Have Served Us Well

JAMES C. HANRAHAN	1947 (Deceased)
JACK M. STRAUS	1948
SHELLY HUGHES	1949 (Deceased)
JULIUS ANSEL	1950 (Deceased)
WALTER H. EDWARDS, Jr.	1951
LEO SCHNEIDER	1952
FINLEY HEYL	1953
LAWRENCE J. REDMOND	1954
LAWRENCE J. REDMOND	1955
LIEUT. GEN. ROBERT H. YORK	1956
HARRY W. LOCKWOOD	1957 (Deceased)
RAYMOND J. VORACEK	1958
CHARLES ABDINOOR	1959
JOSEPH F. MINOTTI	1960
FRANK J. MCGROGAN	1961
JOHN W. ROBINETTE	1962
MANUEL C. MARTIN	1963
JULIUS C. BOYLES	1964
SAMUEL KLIPPA	1965
WILLIAM M. DOTY	1966
ALBERT A. BELVEDERE	1967

National President Speaks

Dear Buddies,

I've just returned from the first visits I intend to make to our different chapters. We arrived at the home of Lee Titus on Saturday, November 9, and immediately was greeted with a drink, and off we were till 5 a.m. the next morning. Kate and Loyal Pangle and Virginia didn't seem to mind because they were doing alright, too.



After a superb dinner, we went to Warren, Ohio where we were greeted by the Warren Chapter.

A well organized evening was in store for us, and off we went to a place called "The Danceland". A swell evening of square dancing and waltzing and polkas, not to mention the bottles of happy water under the tables that had to sweeten the soda pop on top of the table. We then went to the home of Babe and Teresa Gautschi, where a big spread was waiting for us, and after we were full of food, we started to wash down the food again with fire water.

On behalf of myself, Virginia, Loyal and Kate Pangle we want to again thank the Warren Chapter, and the Titus, for a memorable weekend.

Please send me information on all Chapter activity if I can, weather permitting, I will attend.

We were happy to see Ray Voracek again, and I'm sure we will see a lot of Ray again in the future. Welcome back, Ray.

Larry Redmond tells me that he received a lot of letters from former 83rd men that didn't know that our organization existed, and that Vic Landis is doing a fine job of publicity again this year. We hope these men will join our association and make our membership bigger than ever.

I want to thank Larry Redmond for his patience in sending out all these letters to build up more members.

Mario, our chairman, will give you more information on how we are doing, and Nick will let you know how the Michigan Chapter is progressing.

Being that this is a holiday issue, Virginia, my family and I wish everyone a very Merry and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Well buddies, if you haven't sent in your dues as yet, please do so, and keep in mind to make all your plans to attend the reunion in Detroit on August 14 to 16, 1969.

God Be With All of You,
Vito (Bill) Palazzolo
National President

Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here we are, swiftly approaching the Holiday Season, in a few short weeks, Christmas will be here and gone, then along comes New Year's, and another new year enters into the long chapter of our life's history. I sincerely hope that you are all enjoying the best of health, and that you and your families will be able to enjoy a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Well Buddies, now to get away from the Holiday Season and get down to serious business. As you all know we had a very successful Reunion, and happy to say netted a very nice profit, which we need badly to be able to carry on our Association as we are. As I sit down with different ones and talk over the operating expenses of this Association and the amount that is obtained from dues, they often remark, "how have we been able to carry on so long as we are?" The main answer to this is that were it not for being able to gain a small profit from our Reunions, this could not be possible. As I sit here going over the files and seeing the names appearing there that are not, and have not been paid up members for the past several years, it makes me wonder what kind of men these men are, who have the nerve to accept their issues of our Association paper, the "THUNDER-BOLT", without even trying to do their part and send in their dues. Two years ago, we voted to carry our full roster for three years, after next Reunion this three years will be up. We will at that time erase the unpaids from the files. I sincerely hope that those of you who are unpaid at this time, will try to send in your dues so that we can keep your name on the active file.

To the most of you men, you have not had the chance that I have had to

(Continued on Page 11)

Office of the Association Chaplain

83rd Infantry Division Assn.
162 E. Madison Street
Greencastle, Pa.

Christmas 1968 A.D. . . .

Dear Buddies of our great
83rd "Thunderbolt" Division:

The prophets of old predicted that the Messiah would be one who would identify Himself with human sorrows and afflictions. They



may have had loneliness in mind, too — the loneliness of those who are left out, or ignored, or forgotten . . . buddies, don't be lonely at Christmas. There is so much to do for so many, before it is too late.

Sitting here at my table I was thinking of what sort of Christmas message

I could and should convey to you by this pamphlet. I thought of a missionary and the Loma Tribesmen. I am quoting the Christmas message that was written by these Loma tribesmen in Liberia and as translated by that missionary I spoke earlier to you about. Here goes:

Whoever on the night of the
Celebration of the birth of Christ
Carries warm water on a sleeping mat
To a weary stranger.

Provides wood from his own fire
For a helpless neighbor,

Takes medicine to one
Sick with malaria.

Gives food to children
Who are thin and hungry.

Provides a torch for a traveler
In the dark forest,

Visits a timid friend
Who would like to know about Christ,

Whoever does these things
Will receive gifts of happiness
Greater than that of welcoming a son
Returning after a long absence;
And though he live to be so old

That he must be helped into his
hammock,
And though his family and friends
all die

So that he stands as a trunk
stripped of branches,
Yet life will be sweet for him,
And he will have peace,
As one whose rice harvest is great,
And who hears his neighbors
Praise the exploits of his youth.

So you will receive happiness
If you do these acts of love and
service
On the night of the celebration
of Christmas,
The birth of Christ."

Every time we love, every time we
give—buddies—it's Christmas. God bless
you this Christmas and all the days of
your life.

Faithfully,
William O. "Bill" Shuman
Your Chaplain

Special Editorial Note

Just made a telephone call to Mr. 83rd, the one and only Vic Landis in regards to not having received his letter for this edition. Vic is all broken up over the loss of his Buddy, Jim Fowler. This is true 83rd spirit. Here are two men who were Buddies all during the war, and retained the same friendship all these years after the war, parted only by death.

Vic, although not enjoying the best of health himself, feels the loss of Jim as if it were one of his family. Vic just came out of the hospital again after undergoing considerable tests and x-rays, and was unable to get his column together. He told me on the phone to write it for him, but as I told Vic, no one can write the Vic Landis column. We all sincerely hope that Vic Landis will soon be back on his feet, enjoying the best of health, which he so honestly deserves. Here is a man that loves everyone, he hasn't an enemy in the world, nor does he hold any malice towards anyone.

Changing the subject a little, I often think of the story of Vic, a story that I dare say, few of you know. Vic in his younger days held a pilot's license and flew his own plane. He is a devil may care sort of a guy and always ready to take a dare. One day he took a dare to fly his plane upside down, under a bridge which spanned the river. Vic did it, but immediately after, he was signaled to land, he continued his aerobatics, and upon landing was greeted by the authorities, who were not the gentlemen that it was. They stripped him of his pilot's license. This was our one and only, Mr. 83rd.

Larry Redmond

Warren Chapter

by Joe Minotti

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from the Warren chapter and yours truly. Hoping this issue finds all Thunderbolts in good health for the holidays and the coming year.

The Warren Chapter has been active and has had a couple of parties so far and a couple more slated for December.

In October we had a steak cookout at Babe Gautschi's place and a fine turn out we had. The steaks were cooked to everyone's fancy and they were the most. Joe Nuzzi and Babe were in charge of this affair and did a fine job. Joe's wife Mary baked a beautiful cake for the affair and brought out the fine workmanship of her baking.

In November, we had planned a skating party. The boys are still spry as ever, but on getting word of a visit from our Association President Vito Palazzolo we changed this to a dance and get-together later. This was one of the finest turnouts for a party we have had for a long time. You should see these Warren cats do a square dance. I didn't think they had it in them, but they sure gave it a hell of a try and nobody could of mixed them up any better.

After the dance, we all gathered at the Gautschi home and continued the evening with plenty of refreshments and food. It seemed nobody wanted to go home. This seemed to be like a three chapter party. As to our surprise our gallant leader and friend from Cleveland, R. J. Voracek arrived with his lovely girl friend Marge, and as we all know, put new life into the party. It was good to see Ray up and around again, as he just had an operation and is in good shape again. Still under medication from the gout.

Although he won't admit it. All in all, I do believe this was one of our better parties and put everybody in the mood to being in Detroit for the next reunion.

The Warren Chapter have two more parties planned for December. The first being the ladies yearly invitation of the men to a steak dinner and dance at the Chateau Nite Club. This we look forward to each year. Then the men take care of the refreshments the rest of the evening. This has been a yearly affair for the past 10 years and we all get a big kick from this party. As in the past we look forward to any of our friends from the other chapters to attend. We have had the pleasure of both Caseys from Cleveland and also the gang from the Detroit Chapter, attend this party.

This party will be held on December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Chateau Supper Club in Warren. All are welcome to attend.

Then on December 22 the annual kiddies party will be held at Minotti's Cafe 83. This is one of our yearly affairs for the past 15 years and we have seen the children really blossom out. They are not children anymore. Some are now married and have children of their own. Others in college, others working but we still have a considerable number in the lower grades of school. No grass grows under the feet of the 83rd boys from Warren. We would like to invite any person that has been in the 83rd Division, regardless of where he is from or if he belongs to any chapter or the association.

The Warren Chapter held their annual election of officers in October and by a unanimous vote, reinstated the past year's officers to another term of office. President, Charles Russ, 323 North Road, Warren, Ohio; Vice President, Joe Philipone, Bearsden Road, Youngstown, Ohio; Secretary and Treasurer, Joe Nuzzi, 1537 Longfellow Court, Warren, Ohio.

Thees fellows have done a fine job for the past year and richly deserve another term of office. Our thanks and appreciation for the time and effort they have put into the chapter affairs.

The Warren Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of every month and anyone visiting our area are surely welcome to attend the meeting at Cafe 83, Warren, Ohio.

So in closing I again wish one and all a happy and very healthful holiday season.

Joe Minotti

Obituaries

It is with deep regrets that I announce the very sudden death of Jim Fowler, Co. F, 329th Infantry. Jim served as First Sergeant of Company F, and was highly regarded and respected by all members of his Company. Jim suffered a heart attack while working in his yard, and died very suddenly. We all join Jim's family in their sorrow, and extend our sincere condolences to them.

* * * *

Received news of the death of a Joseph Novitsky, of Philadelphia, (address unknown) formerly of Co. L, 330th Infantry. Joe died of cancer and was buried October 12, 1968.

* * * *

The members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, extend our sincere sympathy to William Murray Jr., our past president, on the death of his father, William Murray Sr.

Report From Your Reunion Chairman

My apologies to the Editor and to the members of the Thunderbolt if in any way I have delayed publication of this edition. You see, some of the members of this chapter have toured a local brewery as guests of one of the great American Legion Post billeted in Dearborn.

Lest you get the impression that perhaps the brew rather than the tour was the real reason for this delay, let me say that although the beer seemed to flow endlessly, and the mob from Michigan is known to down a few. The real purpose of this tour was to "case the joint" as it were, should we decide to include it as part of our program in '69.

Sad to say that although the brewery is capable of producing three-fourths of a million bottles of beer daily, their facilities for guests on tour is limited to 100 beer drinkers at any given time. As you can see 100 beer drinking Thunderbolts going full speed will find it difficult to consume all of that beer—we need 200 or maybe 300. Seriously, the limited facilities tend to rule out a tour of this nature.

Dilemma—what to do? Well, as promised, your Michigan Chapter will come up with a solution. We could ask the brewery to enlarge their facilities or maybe ask the Brew Master to decrease his output or maybe we can ask our governor to declare our Great State dry for three days. Or, we can plan the tour in two or more shifts.

Of course, the last seems to be the only solution. We hesitate to state that this will be the case, because we know from experience that splitting a group such as the Thunderbolts on a reunion is not in the best of tradition, and economically out of the question.

The Brewery is in the process of making alterations because of a merger with a competitor, and perhaps by August 1969, the two facilities combined, but separately located will solve our problem. If not, why not a Scotch and Soda tour?

As you know, our good neighbor to the south, Windsor, Canada, is the home of Hiram Walker and Canadian Club. Most of you may remember that they treated us royally in 1958, and will do so again in 1969. As of this writing, the only detail left to finalize is to set the date, and arrange for transportation.

One final note, now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are neatly wrapped in tinsel until next year, may I suggest that each and everyone of

you make an important footnote, or add a P.S. to all those New Year Resolutions made, and that is:

"Write just one letter to your Reunion Chairman loaded with ideas, suggestions, etc., that can be programmed into Reunion 23. Remember! 1,000 members, 1,000 registrants, and 1,000 new ideas in 1969."

M. E. Muoio
Reunion Chairman 69
6217 Jonathon
Dearborn, Michigan 48126

Cleveland Chapter Reports

by Casey Szubski

is upon us once again, so without further adieu, SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL.



We at Chevrolet are still on a seven day schedule, and consequently our monthly meetings have suffered, what with, Bill Herhuth, John Evans and myself, all working the night shift.

I have received word from our Chapter President, Ted Gurgol, that we have been contacted by several hotels, and it seems that the Statler-Hilton Hotel has made the best offer, with free parking etc. And so our "71" Reunion plans are shaping up, as you know, we are hoping to make this 25th "SILVER ANNIVERSARY", one of the best ever.

Also received news that Al and Eleanor Uridel are making plans for son Johnny's wedding some time in January. Congratulations!

Not knowing if I will be working through the holidays, I will take this opportunity to wish all the members of our Cleveland Chapter, a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

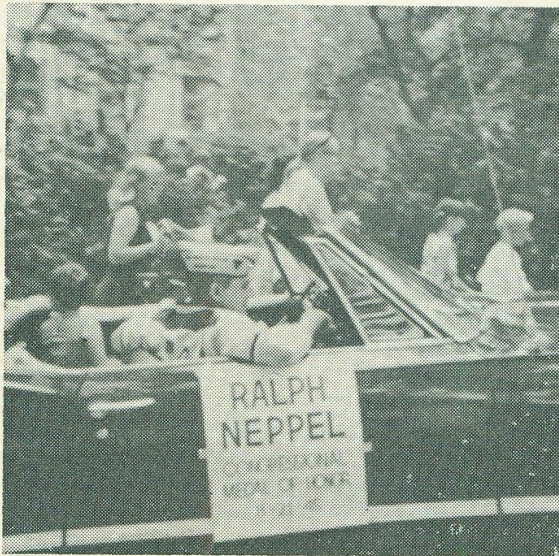
Tickets are on sale for our annual Spirits Raffle, and are going very well, and we are anticipating a very successful drawing.

Time is running out, so once again I will say "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" to all.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
IMMEDIATELY.**



Neil Arnold, Adele Batkiewicz, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wehling, Eleanor and Al Klugiewicz.



Ralph Neppel and Lou Volpi



Mary Raikos, Dot Pacheco, John Raikos, Manny Pacheco.

Reunion News

By Manny Pacheco
Co. L, 331st

Hi Thunderbolts:

I'm sorry I could not make the last issue, but better late than never. I trust that everyone is in good health and high spirits. Another Reunion has come and gone, leaving us with more than treasured memories, and hopes that we can attend the next one in Detroit.



Congratulations to the Philadelphia Chapter for a smashing Reunion. Everything was just about perfect, except for the hot, humid weather. The Quaker City String Band was fabulous, the refreshments were plentiful, and your hospitality was warm and friendly.

I fully realize the efforts it takes to put on a Reunion. It would be impossible for any one man to go it alone. It takes full cooperation, team work and harmony to get things done right.

The Philadelphia Chapter has all this, and then some. This is what makes them so great, and a proud Chapter they surely must be. They are truly a fine example of how a Chapter should function. I admire them. The Belvedere's, the Volpi's, the Chavanne's, the Redmond's,



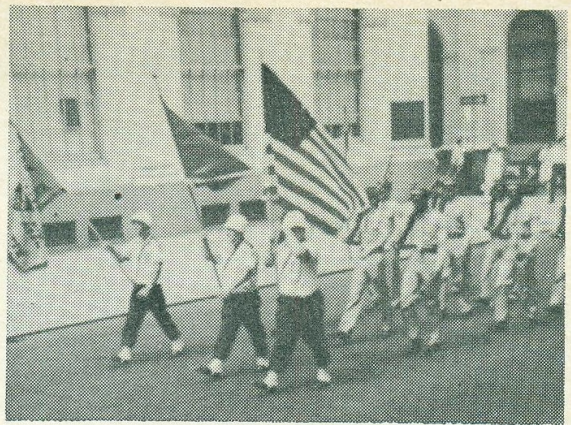
Ironside Lou Volpi, Al Belvedere. Have chair, will travel.

and all those responsible, indeed deserve a standing ovation for a job well done.

Dot and I extend our sincere thanks to the Host Chapter, for making our stay in Philly a most pleasant and memorable one. You were the greatest. Congratulations to the newly elected officers, may your term of office be one of great success.

The head table will not be the same without the familiar faces of John and Mary Raikos. I don't believe I have ever attended a Reunion without seeing their handsome faces adorning same. John's intelligence and know-how, will be a loss to the Executive Board.

Dot and I are happy to know that Ginny DiGiammerino is on the road to
(Continued on Page 10)



Memorial Parade



?, Al Gruber, John Guzik.



Manny Pacheco, Lessie and Dick Riddle, Mary and John Raikos.



John Raikos and the Quaker City String Band.



Dot Pacheco, John Raikos, Butch Raikos

(Continued from Page 9)
recovery from her unfortunate accident.
Good luck Ginny, and God speed.

The biggest thrill of any Reunion, regardless of what they have to offer, is meeting old and new friends. I look forward to this above anything else, such as the Raikos family, the Batkiwicz's, the Klugiewicz's, the Volpi's, the Belvedere's, the Redmond's, Vic Landis, the Rosenberg's, the Rugienius's, the McGrogan's, the Riddle's, the Minotti's the DiGiammerino's, and many more, too numerous to mention. Dot and I love you all.

Dot and I cannot express the joy which overcomes us when we meet the Raikos family. Without prejudice, they are the finest breed of human being we have ever met. Their two fine sons, Gusty and Butch, are indeed gentlemen in all respects. We are always proud, and honored to be in their company. They are without a doubt, a fine example of an American teenager, and a credit to our democracy. To be parents of these two young gentlemen, is God's reward to John and Mary Raikos. Their unselfish attitude, loyalty and honesty, shall always hold my respect. God love them.

If all goes well, Dot and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the 23rd Annual Reunion in Detroit. If Larry has room for these photos in the THUNDERBOLT issue, I believe they will prove interesting to our readers.

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

Wishing you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.



Larry Redmond, John Raikos, Lessie Riddle, Dot and Manny Pacheco, Dick Riddle, Mary Raikos.



Quaker City String Band

Jersey Chapter

Hi buddies:

It seems I just got finish writing my column and here it is time again.

Not too much news to tell about although we hope to have a little Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wehling on the 13th of December.

At our last meeting we elected John Di Nicola as our President; Stan Bielen, treasurer; Vito Lascari, sergeant-at-arms and yours truly as Secretary.

We had quite a few fellows at the meeting with their wives and had a nice evening together. It's hard to find a night that everyone can make the meetings. We hope to solve this problem in the near future so everyone can take part and see if we can make the Jersey Chapter grow to where we should be.

I have to get busy and write to some of my buddies who might think I have forgotten about them. My first sergeant is running all over the country on his new job and didn't get a chance to make the last reunion but I know he and his family will make the next one in Detroit.

At this time, on behalf of the Jersey Chapter and myself, I would like to wish you and your families the Merriest of Christmases and a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,
Jim Bowie
Co. B-330th

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
IMMEDIATELY.**

Secretary's Report

(Continued from Page 4)

correspond with and talk to in person, men from other organizations, who can't see how we have gone on so long, and kept as active as we have been, and how we obtain the national publicity that we do get. We are the envy of many organizations, and I sincerely hope that I will see the day that we will be even more envious. I know that some of you get sick and tired of me harping on membership, but without paid up membership, we would not have an Association. I have said before and will say again, it is unfair to your buddies for you to go on as a freeloader. I would like to ask all of you to add this to your Christmas Gift List, buy yourself a paid up membership as a special Christmas Gift, to you, from you. If you are already a paid up member, why not extend the Christmas Spirit and buy a paid up membership gift for that special BUD-DY. Remember the day that special buddy helped save your life as well as some others, or remember the day that your canteen was dry and you were dying of thirst, or remember the day that your nerves were so badly shattered and you needed a cigarette but had none and that special buddy came to your aid. Now is the time to show that you haven't forgotten him.

I have received a letter from Col. Norman Campbell, who is our Historian as well as a member of the Executive Board. He is making a collection of World War II souvenirs for the Association History, just before the Reunion, he received a German Swastika Flag, on it was the names of a number of 83rd Division men who had signed it. This man is interested in German medals, anyone having any that they care to donate, contact Col. Norman Campbell, 1942 Lewis Mt. Road, Charlottesville, Virginia.

There is one more thing I have in mind, and that is those Ash Trays that have the Division History on them, there are still some available, send me a check or money order in the amount of \$5.00 and I will forward it to you. These are a very nice tray, and makes a nice gift. Several of the wives purchased them at the Reunion to give their husbands for Christmas, why not suggest this to your wife, or let her read this note and use her own judgment.

Well Buddies, I guess that there isn't much more for me to cover at this time as I am in a race against time, trying to get this issue out before Christmas. By the way, I received complaints about the delay on the last issue. The first issue after Reunion is always slow as

there is a lot to cover, it was taken to the Postoffice on November 9, and almost three weeks later, some of the men haven't received them. If you were one of them, contact me at once and I will send you another issue by way of first class mail.

Remember the two big issues at this time. 1 Check your membership card, it should read expires Aug. 1969 and, 2. Start planning now for Reunion in Detroit, August 1969.

Yours truly,
Larry Redmond, Co. H, 330th
Secretary-Treasurer
83rd Infantry Div. Assn. Inc.



"Frankly Speaking"

I was just about recuperating from the wonderful reunion we had here in Philadelphia when I had to start right in again making plans for my daughter Barbara's wedding.

At first I thought I was losing a daughter and my secretary but now that it has been over two months since she has been married, I find that I have not lost her but gained a wonderful son. I am most sure of all the 83rdrs who were invited enjoyed themselves and I would like to apologize to those I could not invite due to the space limit, as Larry Redmond said to me at the reception when they were all bending their elbows at the cocktail hour, he is mighty glad that the 83rd Infantry Division Association was not footing the bill.

Enclosed is a picture of a "Happy Family": Mr. and Mrs. John J. McGinley, Mr. and Mrs. John E. McGinley and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrogan.

I am very proud to present this to all my buddies and friends of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Frank McGrogan
Co. "D", 330th

"Frankly Speaking"

Dear Buddies:

I would 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.



The article you are about to read is a repeat of my article from this time last year; it is most appropriate for this time of the year and I thought it was worth repeating and not only that, I did receive some new memberships last year from it.

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. At 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 vase 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 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 payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association to Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Haverstown, Pennsylvania 19083.

THANKS.

Frank McGrogan
Co. "D", 330th

Warren Chapter Auxiliary

Hi Everybody,

We had our first snowfall of the season this week. It looked very nice from inside but what problems it created in driving.

We have a professional baker in our Auxiliary. Mary Nuzzi creates some beautiful cakes. You name it and she will bake and decorate it for you. We are very proud of her. I understand she made a beautiful Raggedy Ann cake for Chris Minotti's birthday. It was almost too pretty to cut.

The men ushered in the Fall Season by having a steak fry. It was held at the home of Babe and Theresa Gautschi. As usual the men showed what good chefs they are. There was plenty to eat and drink.

The Warren Chapter was honored by a visit from Bill Palazzolo and wife Virginia. Accompanying them were Loyal and Kate Pangle. Not often you get to entertain the president of the 83rd Division and the president of the Michigan Chapter at the same time. There is a little place here called Danceland and everyone met there and really cut a rug. You should have seen the Square Dance. It was something to see! But everyone enjoyed themselves.

Babe and Theresa opened up their house to us again. They are a wonderful and very hospitable couple. Babe has his basement paneled and did all the work himself. A very handy man to have around the house. How about that, Theresa?

We went to a wedding reception last night and was surprised to meet R. J. and Margie from Cleveland and Zora and Dick Greene from Youngstown. The occasion was the marriage of John and Pat Shamrock's daughter. He is a new member of the Warren 83rd. So we all had a very nice time.

The women are preparing for the annual Xmas Dinner for our husbands. It is being held at the Chateau Supper Club. Anyone in town at the time is welcome to attend.

Have to close for now as I am preparing dinner and you women know what that is.

So long for now.

Milly Kelly



ELIE RECALLS ANOTHER WAR —

Lucien Elie holds a copy of the '83rd Thunderbolt,' the combat newspaper of the division which told of linking up with the Russian at the Elbe River during World War II.

Lucien Elie Honored Nov. 16

Lucien D. (for Donat) Elie, 12 School Street, is a man of many uniforms—uniforms of service to the community.

His uniforms, past and present, include U.S. Army O.D.'s which he wore overseas with the 83rd Division during the Second World War, which also served as uniforms for membership in the Richard F. O'Brien Post, VFW; and Amesbury Post, American Legion.

He wears the uniform of the Seam Squirrel of Powow Puptent, Military Order of Cooties, the uniform of an assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 7, the Civil Defense Auxiliary Police, and the lapel pin of the Holy Name Society.

Jiggsey, as his friends and acquaintances fondly call him, at one time wore the uniform of a gas station attendant, having worked with Richer's Texaco Station—which is now the Warias station, on Friend Street.

A native of Haverhill, Jiggsey is 58 years of age. He attended St. Joseph's Grammar School, Haverhill, and Haverhill High School.

He is married to the former Mildred Dockery of Newburyport, and they are parents and grandparents. They have one daughter, Anne Marie, who is married to Bruce Fournier, Portsmouth, N.H., and two granddaughters.

Jiggsey entered the Army in 1943 at the age of 33, and shipped out of Boston Port of Embarkation on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

In combat in France, he was wounded by a German mortar shell, spent five days in a hospital, and returned to his outfit which took part in the Battle of St. Malo and other battles before being ordered to halt near Pilsen, Czechoslovakia.

Because he was twice wounded, Jiggsey, along with other combat-seasoned GIs, was given a 30-day Christmas furlough back to the States in the winter of 1944.

Honorably discharged as a Technician 5, Jiggsey reassumed his gas station uniform, and worked in the Richer Kaiser-Fraser garage.

Later he became employed with Chase-Shawmut Co., Newburyport, where he has been for 16 years. He is in the machine shop, and is a member of the IBEW Union.

Jiggsey has numerous awards, among them one from the VFW, presented Feb. 19, 1966, for outstanding community service and one from the former Sacred Heart Holy Name Society for exhibiting outstanding qualities of Catholic leadership and example to his community, presented May 22, 1966.

He has a citation of merit from Powow Puptent for service to the Cooties' hospital work; and a certificate of appreciation from Lone Tree Council, Boy Scouts, in recognition of council camporee leadership.

Jiggsey has a quiet, direct and dedicated way of helping other people. He lives his life with modesty and appreciates good humor. Among his many activities, are collecting stamps and taking pictures. The pictures he has taken of the Boy Scouts would fill a half-dozen albums, and are generally on view at Scout award occasions.

Mrs. Elie is also a dedicated citizen, and is a practical nurse serving in a rest home here.

In recognition of the time and effort he has given to the community and the cheer and happiness he has brought to many disabled persons, both children and adults and hospitalized servicemen, a testimonial was given in his honor November 16, in St. Joseph's Parish Center.

Fall River Chapter

By Manny Martin, F-329

Another holiday issue of the Thunderbolt in the making, and just a little reminder to each of us that old man time



is taking his toll slowly. The obituary column in our Thunderbolt seems to get larger by the year, pointing out to us that many of our beloved comrades are leaving us to answer our maker's call. This is one prime reason that those of us that remain, should band closer together, and do everything possible,

not only to perpetuate our wonderful association, but also to work harder than we have, to make it a larger success. There are many competent men in our association; it has always been a mystery to me why more of them do not speak out on issues, or seek office in the association.

It was with a sincere pang of hurt and regret that we learned of the sudden demise of the brother of our good friend, John Raikos, Nick Raikos was a fine gentleman in every sense of the word. A sincere, ambitious and successful young man, to know him was to like him. Your reporter had on a few occasions, enjoyed his company and most intelligent conversations. To his widow and son, his mother and sisters, and our good friends Andy and John Raikos, Adeline and I along with our entire Fall River Chapter, extend sincerest and deepest heartfelt sympathies.

Our own Tony Telles suffered the loss of a brother also since our last printing. Tony's brother was a real personable fellow who attended most of our Fall River Chapter functions, and always enjoyed them very much. We shall miss seeing him at our future affairs. We all join in extending to Tony and his family our deepest sympathies.

John Bernard underwent serious surgery a little while back, and we are very happy that he decided to have it done when he did; delay would have caused serious complications. We are delighted to report that though John is not quite up to par as yet, he is recovering nicely and should be his old self soon.

Tony and Lena Gonsalves son David, has entered the service, and knowing how very close these three wonderful people are, I can imagine the void that

this has left in Tony and Lena's lovely home. David is one of the finest young men that we have ever met, and we are proud to extend to him all best wishes for everything good during his time in the service.

Our President Pete and Loretta LaRue with their nice family have moved into a new home in the suburban town of Somerset. I am told that it is a fabulously lovely house, and our wish to these grand people is that they have many years of good health to enjoy their home.

The chapter is real busy getting ready for our Christmas party to be held on Saturday, December 14. This promises to be one of the biggest and best yet. All arrangements have also been made for our famous New Year's Eve party, and every indication points to a great time for all.

In closing, may we wish for every 83rd Division man and his family, a very Merry and Happy Christmas, and may the Gods, for the New Year, bestow upon you and yours first good health, and very success. God bless to all from the entire Fall River gang and their ladies.

330th Infantry

Hello Buddies:

Sorry to say, but at this time I am at a loss for words to say for the 330th Regimental Unit. I would like to say that with your continued cooperation, the 330th Regimental Unit will give all other units a run for their money in membership for this year. I can't give you an exact count at this time, but in the next issue, we will have a complete breakdown of all units.

I would like to appeal to all of you 330th men who are not carrying a paid up membership card, to please send in your dues today. The 330th was never a unit that had to be carried by someone else, in combat the 330th was always ready to go where assigned and do their best to defeat the enemy, right now our enemy is non-paid members. Let's get into the fight in real 330th spirit and show the 329th, 331st, the Artillery units as well as the other special units that we are still the best fighting unit in the 83rd Division.

On behalf of all the members of the 330th Regimental Unit, I would like to extend the best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. May God Bless us all.

Larry Redmond

Greater Indianapolis Chapter

Hello 83rd Buddies,

Are you all enjoying nice weather or is it cold like it is here in Indiana?

Winter hit Hoosierland with a blast and brought some snow, however there is no accumulation of the white stuff yet. Well, guess its just about time for winter any way. Some people are lucky in that they can get away from it all, like making for Florida or some place south where the snow doesn't fall so heavy.

On Friday, November 15 our local chapter conducted a business type of meeting at the 40 and Eight Chateau. John Robinette, Ned Smith, Wilfred Zander and Matt Brumbach comprised the group. Well any way we decided to have our annual Xmas party on the 20th of December. The place: Officers Club, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. The time will be from 7:00 p.m. until ??

In the past we have had good attendance and lots of fun, so you boys don't forget to bring guests with you and let's get together and have a real big time. This also goes for any of you Thunderbolts that are in the vicinity of Fort Benjamin Harrison on the eve of December 20, you are invited. There may be some doubt if one of our chapter members and his wife get to attend the Xmas party. But if they don't get to the party, well I think they will be happy any way (more on this even later). Barbara, see I do remember your name; please excuse the other error.

The Hustle and Bustle at Christmas time seems to be a little later in Indianapolis this year. (Could be that I haven't been where the crowds are heavy and bargain counter fullbacks are really rough and tough. Maybe it would be wise to shop for Christmas by mail order, eh!)

And when you speak of Christmas that always brings to my memory of the last Christmas the 83rd spent in Germany. Remember the HURTGEN FOREST? I'm sure everyone does.

That has been a long time ago, but the memory still lives on, doesn't it. No doubt there were times when we all would have been pleased to have sat around the dining table at home eating some of Mom's home cooked vittles. However, there was a job to be done and I think the 83rd accomplished what they set out to do; that is to help win the war. Maybe some day there won't be anymore wars; let's hope so. Let's hope further that this will be the last Christmas our boys will have to spend in Vietnam.

I haven't been in contact with some of our chapter members but I assume that they are well and around. I urge more of you to attend some of our chapter meetings and help out on plans and decisions that have to be made and I especially urge you if at all possible to attend our annual Christmas party. I know our able Secretary will get the word out in plenty time. (I speak of the ever dependable Ned B. Smith.)

As you ride through either the country or the city you can see new basketball nets, new backboards and freshly painted posts. That means one thing in Indiana—that the basketball season is near at hand. (Better known in Indiana as HOOSIER HYSTERIA.) I really enjoy it though.

I must make for the mail box with this writing or Larry Redmond will divvy out a bunch of demerits to me for tardiness.

So long and our Indianapolis Chapter wishes all of you a Merry and Joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Matthew F. Brumbach
7144 Lockwood Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217
Staff Reporter

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL REUNION

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Look at the expiration date on your Membership Card —

If it does not read Aug. 1969 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.

Detroit Chapter

The pace has quickened in our chapter activities. For an outfit that has been more or less dormant for a couple years, all of a sudden there are all kinds of things going. In October we had our monthly social and business meeting at Bruce Winchell's home. This guy must be some kind of a pioneer! Not only is he a long way from Detroit but also way back in the woods somewhere. To get to his place you get off the freeway, take this road and that trail, make a couple of rights and lefts and then you pick up the Indian guide. After climbing up and down a few hills and fording a stream, there's Bruce Winchell's Wilderness Way Station. It was well worth the trip though. They really treated everyone royally. The chow was in great abundance and the liquid refreshments flowed freely.

After spending a pleasant afternoon chit-chatting—with a little chapter business thrown in—intermittently fighting off two Indian attacks, we reluctantly headed back to civilization. Fine people those Bruce Winchell's. Sure hope the snows are not too deep this winter. We'd like to see them again before the Spring Thaw.

Some of the chapter members have been invited by the Ford Motor Co. American Legion Post to partake in a Stroh Brewery Tour. This tour is one of the items we are considering for the reunion program. In order to be properly informed on the pertinent details of one of these tours, a few of the hardy souls have volunteered themselves as guinea pigs for this scientific venture. They will all have pencils and paper with them and will take notes so that they will be prepared to answer all questions. We must be certain that this tour will be worthy of Thunderbolt participation before we make the final decision. To the brave souls who are making the supreme sacrifice—Good Luck, Hic.

The Loyal Pangles and Bill Palazollos shot down to Warren for a chapter shindig over the weekend of November 9 and 10. They had a ball feasting, boozing, dancing, etc.; a typical "roll out the red carpet" welcome. From us guys to youse guys, many thanx. Hope we have the opportunity to return the favor.

To put a little money into our treasury, we are having a raffle. The drawing date is November 30. Nick Boyd and Ed Zerucha are our raffle co-chairmen. They're both going gung-ho on the project. The latest report I received sounded very encouraging. Jack Daugherty, our bankrupt treasurer, hopes it's a big success. He'd like to be treasurer of something other than red ink. Jerry

Zingg, our social Avant Garde, has arranged a wild affair to celebrate the big night of the raffle drawing. He has conspired with the owner of an establishment called the 24 Karat Club. Hope the name implies gold for us—to host our group. There will be dinner, dancing, floor show, etc.—all Dutch treat—so we don't burn up the dough before Jack has had a chance to go to the bank. We're asking the Warren and Cleveland Chapters to join us for the festive occasion. Hope they make it. We'll have a pre-reunion reunion.

To one and all, we wish a happy, joyous and healthy holiday season. Don't spend all of your money on Santa Claus. Save some for the Detroit Reunion in 1969.

Nick Barbu

Letters to the Editor

2327 South Sacramento Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60623
29 October 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond,
National Secretary
83rd Infantry Division Assn.
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Please forward all necessary information pertaining to a membership in the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

I was an original member of the Division as formed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, was with the Division throughout its European campaigns, including the Elbe River Bridgehead; staying with the 83rd until assigned to administrative division the 99th for return to the states.

Therefore, you can readily understand my desire to contact old friends (buddies) of those by-gone days.

Previously, I did not know there was such an organization; but thanks to an article that appeared on the editorial page of The Chicago American Newspaper, I was made aware of its existence. This is something that I have always, even eagerly, awaited.

Your cooperation in fulfilling this request will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Ronald E. Surbaugh

P.S. I served with Headquarters Co.,
1st Battalion, 330th Inf., Reg., 83rd Inf.
Div.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
IMMEDIATELY.**

83rd Infantry Division

Nickname: Thunderbolt Division.

Shoulder Patch: Black triangle with vertex downward. In the center within a gold circle the gold letters OHIO form a monogram.

Song: "The Thundering Herd."

History

Organized Sept., 1917, Camp Sherman. Overseas: June, 1918.

Training

Reactivated: Aug. 15, 1942, Camp Atterbury, Ind. Maneuvers: Tennessee, 2nd Army. Moved Camp Breckenridge, Ky., Sept., 1943. Overseas: April, 1944 (ETO)

Commanding General

Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, Aug., 1942, to Dec., 1943; Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, Jan., 1944, to present.

Component Units

(As of April, 1944): 329th, 330th and 331st Inf. Regts.; 322nd, 323rd, 908th (L) and 324th (M) FA Bns. Higher Commands: Third and Ninth Armies.

Combat Highlights

Reduction of fortress St. Malo, spearheading of a drive to the Roer river and establishment of a bridgehead over the Elbe river are combat achievements of the 83rd Division. The Thunderbolts began landing on Omaha Beach (Normandy) June 18, 1944, wading through eight days of fighting to Carentan.

Next offensive action was against high ground at Periers. The 83rd crossed the Periers-St. Lo road, rested briefly astride the St. Lo-Coutancè Highway, then wheeled south to Avranches and west to Brittany, "Impregnable" St. Lo fell to the 83rd; its commander, "Mad Col." von Aulock, surrendering (August). The Thunderbolts captured Dinard, St. Lunaire and St. Briec with 13,000 Nazi prisoners.

Assigned to protect the right flank of the Third Army, then racing across France, the 83rd in patrol action, Loire Valley area, accepted surrender of Brig. Gen. Botho-Heming Elster with 20,000 Nazis at Beaugency Bridge.

The division by late September moved across France and into Luxembourg and took positions along the Sauer and Moselle rivers, moving on in December to Hurtgen Forest.

Action for the 83rd against the Nazi winter offensive occurred at Rochefort, where the 83rd threw the Germans out; Lierneux, where the division blazed a trail for the 3rd Armored in bitter January weather, enabling the 3rd to cut the last Nazi supply line.

Elements of the 83rd saw action at Roer bridgehead (Julich) and the drive on Neuss. The division (March 1) jumped off from Rockrath, moved to Neuss, smashed a way to the Rhine and crossed it.

A race for the Elbe with an armored division wound up the campaign, the 83rd establishing a bridgehead on the Elbe south of Magdeburg, 54 miles from Berlin, claimed nearest point to Berlin reached by an American unit.



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

SPECIAL NOTICE 329th MEMBERS

The new book "Rag Tag Circus" by Colonel E. B. Crabill, will be on the market either January or February. Anyone wishing information on it can contact him at 226 Sandal Lane, Palm Beach Shores, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404.

A limited number of autographed copies will be available, so contact him soon.

Larry Redmond

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

Hello Buddies

Now that the Christmas season is approaching us, mostly everyone is in a jovial mood and no doubt many of us



will be making plans for our next reunion in Detroit. We should all try to make an extra effort to attend and give all the Detroit Chapter members our fullest cooperation.

The Pittsburgh Chapter still meets the first Sunday of each month at the VFW Post in Brentwood and as usual we still have a very

great attendance.

Some of recent Jack Pot winners have been Adam Hassick and Andy Churpack.

We are planning our annual Christmas dance and party this year, and it is to be held at the Baldwin Fire Hall on Saturday, December 7, and a large turnout is expected. We will be combining our installation of officers and party at this gala affair. The new officers for the next two years will be as follows: President, John Ruprecht; Vice-president, Greer Thompson; Secretary, Steve Blasko; Treasurer, Al Gruber, and activity chairman, Charlie Altomari.

Al Gruber would like to thank all chapters and members for the confidence placed on him as a member of the executive board. Sam Klippa has returned to work November 4, after a very long convalescent leave and we all wish Sam the best of health and happiness in the days to come.

Joe DeLuca recently took in the Pitt-Notre Dame game in South Bend, Ind. Although the Pitt eleven didn't make a good showing, I am sure Joe enjoyed the trip and all the happenings.

Some of our not to pleasant news have been that Rita Dietrick was hospitalized November 3, and also Josephine Altomari on November 17, but I am confident that they will be back soon with us and enjoying our Christmas party.

John Dietrick, son of Paul and Rita, is scheduled for plastic surgery soon.

Alan Thompson, son of Greer and Catherine Thompson had a terrible accident last October 16, and it was understood that he required nearly one hundred stitches to close the wounds about his face, and we of the Pittsburgh

Chapter wish him a speedy recovery.

We are very sorry to report the death of Walt Poland, former 83rd member and also Charter Chapter member on October 3, and the condolence of the members, go to his wife Gwen, and sons.

In closing, may I extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Your Pittsburgh reporter.

Charles Altomari

Philadelphia Scrapple

By Dave Rosenberg
Co. B & F, 331st

The Philadelphia Chapter flushed with the many praises launched by the National Association members, who were overwhelmed by the Philadelphia reunion, are planning a huge Victory dinner and Christmas celebration to be held at Lou Volpi's "Pike Pub" on Baltimore Pike in Wawa, Pa. on Dec. 7, 1968.



Whenever a banquet is planned for our Chapter, an immediate hit is insured when we know that Lou Volpi will

have his hand in the planning. We expect a huge turnout. The Philadelphia Chapter is underwriting all the expenses incurred. Our fine President, Bill Chavanne has deemed it fitting that the Philadelphia Chapter members and their wonderful women folk deserve this outing as a reward for our efforts in putting on the fine reunion that was held in Philadelphia in August.

Our next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Larry Redmond. This will be incorporated as a business meeting and a Christmas celebration, and gifts will be exchanged. This meeting is to be held on December 14 and all "THUNDERBOLTS" are invited to attend. Our hosts, Mary and Larry Redmond are most gracious hosts, and we are aware that an excellent time will be had by all.

The Philadelphia Chapter has held three monthly meetings since our annual reunion in August. Each meeting was a success. Our hosts for the September meeting was that likeable pair, Bill and Bea Chavanne. We of the Philadelphia Chapter are doubly blessed, when we had the good fortune to select Bill Chavanne as our Chapter President. Bea Chavanne has proved to be as diligent a worker as her husband Bill. This pair have endeared themselves to the Phila-



Mary Redmond in foreground and Clyde Moad making his first appearance at a Reunion.



Bea and Bill Chavanne, President and First Lady of Phila. Chapter.

delphia Chapter through their efforts to make each chapter endeavor a success. This monthly meeting has been enjoyed by all. Our meeting was most spirited, the discussions were lively, the liquid refreshments were abundant, the tasty morsels prepared by Bea Chavanne were heavenly. So what more can you ask for? Needless to say, a wonderful meeting was held and enjoyed by all.

The October meeting was held at the home of our past national president, Al Belvedere and his beautiful wife, Ann. Ann Belvedere combines beauty and performance. As a hostess Ann Belvedere rates with all of our Philadelphia Chapter women, and that means perfection, so you can see that this monthly meeting was also a huge success. Again the enthusiasm of the Philadelphia Chapter men and their women folk added to the general tenor of the meeting. The discussion on how to enlarge the Philadelphia Chapter as well as the National Association was the topic for the evening, and it was a lively and encouraging subject for all.

Saturday, November 23, was the date of our November meeting of the chapter. This was held at the home of Frank

McGrogan. When you feel that you want to be with real down to earth folks, we suggest that you visit with the McGrogans. We know, we always know that when your spirit needs lifting up, a visit to the McGrogan domicile is a ticket to great things. This monthly meeting was a real humbinger. The McGrogans were capably assisted by the newlyweds, Barbara and John McGinly. The lovely daughter of the McGrogans served as Junior Hostess, and son-in-law, John, dispensed the liquid refreshments. Mary McGrogan presided over the dips and Frank observed the pre-meeting bull session, and proffered the drinks to the assemblage. The McGrogans are admirable hosts. This meeting was also a spontaneous hit; we were blessed with the presence of Bob and Dot Thompson, the very charming Louise Litrenta and her husband Bill, as well as our long time member, Walter (Squeaky) Sammler. It was a pleasure to see these members join us again. We sincerely hope that they and many more of you will be with us as time goes on. As Larry Redmond repeated, the meetings are getting better and better with each month. This meeting was most lively, and plans were made for the victory dinner and Christmas banquet which is to be held at Lou Volpi's "Pike Pub" in Wawa on Dec. 7. The Philadelphia Chapter meetings are a splendid example of good cheer and brotherhood that prevails when 83rd men and their women meet.

**Make Your
Plans
For
The
Detroit
Reunion
In 1969
Now**

Chicago Chapter News

By William M. Doty

First of all, all of us in Chicago want to wish each and everyone of you a very Happy and Blessed Christmas and, of course, hope that 1969 will be a year of prosperity and happiness for all of us.



Now, as to our activities here in the Windy City (and it sure has been windy and cold lately). In October, our new officers were installed at a dinner party at the Como Inn, a very lovely Italian restaurant. We had a great time, and your reporter was especially pleased to receive from the members of our chapter a silver engraved mug which was given in appreciation for the work done by your reporter for the chapter. A similar mug was given to Jim Burton in absentia. I'm sure he is just as pleased as I was with this token of appreciation by the boys of the Chicago Chapter.

We do miss seeing Jim around since he has moved to Indianapolis. We suppose that by this time the Indianapolis Chapter is enjoying the entertainment provided by Jim, which was always given so freely for so many years to our Chicago Chapter. All we can say is that our loss is Indianapolis' gain.

Our November meeting was held at Fred's Patio Lounge which is owned and operated by Chicago member Fred Collecchia. I forget what outfit he was with, but some of you may remember Fred. We had a great time, but missed Adeline (Al) Novak, wife of Tony Novak, who has been ill the last two months. Tony came alone but had a good time anyway (I guess). We sure hope Al will be feeling well enough to be with us at our Christmas party.

Our new Secretary, Harold Dopp and his wife, Lois were there, and he is doing a great job (with her help, we are sure) of sending out our monthly notices and keeping our members advised of our activities. Of course, Lee and Herman Koeneman and our President, Henry Kukulski and his lovely wife, Lottie were there, as well as Mae and Wally Marks (the two love-birds), and Joe Gallanty.

We made plans for our Christmas party to be held at the Ivanhoe Restaurant. This will be a theatre-dinner party, and we all look forward to it.

We regretted somewhat the fact that

so few members from Chicago were present at the Reunion in Philly, but we are sure we should have a large turnout for the Reunion in Detroit, since it is so much closer to Chicago.

In the last issue of the Thunderbolt, we noticed a letter to Larry Redmond from Richard Fletcher who lives in Woodstock, Illinois and just recently found out about the association when he saw an article by Vic Landis looking for "lost troops". Since we are ever on the alert for new members, we wrote to him, and sincerely hope that he will join us.

That's all for now.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Finally we have a chance to be notified of the 83rd Div. Reunion. My husband served under General Patton with the 83rd.

His address was: Pvt. William Robert Hill, 35-240-444, Co. C, 329th Inf. Regt.

He was discharged from Darnall General Hospital, Danville, Kentucky, 23 October, 1945.

Thank you,
Mrs. William R. Hill Sr.
600 Everett Street
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Ed. Note: This like many more letters received from wives of our 83rd men, makes it look as if we have failed to notify them of our Association. For the information of all of you, we are unable to get a roster of men who served with the Division in World War II. The only contact we have with these men is by obtaining names and addresses from you who are on our roster along with returns from newspaper writeups.

* * * *

Larry J. Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083
Dear Sir:

Saw an ad in the local newspaper regarding the planned convention for the Division in Detroit next summer. Would appreciate any and all information on this when available. My address is:

Jack K. Morris
212½ W. Lapeer
Lansing, Michigan 48933

I was a member of Co. I, 3rd Bn., 330th Inf. Regiment.

Hoping to hear from you soon.
Jack Morris

Peace On Earth And Good Will To All Men

The past year has been one that has had its good moments and for these we are thankful. We of the Philadelphia Chapter for many months under the fine leadership of Al Belvedere and Lou Volpi and Bill Chavanne, were pledged to deliver to the general membership a great reunion. We are most satisfied, we backed our leaders and presented a wonderful reunion. We were fortunate to have held many monthly meetings and many social events that were well attended. We also were privileged to attend the wedding of Frank and Mary McGrogan's daughter, Barbara, to John McGinly. This was an event we will always remember. The beautiful nuptial mass at the McGrogan's local parish church, was a sight to behold. Barbara McGrogan was an exquisite bride, her beauty and saintliness shone, as she was led to the altar by Frank McGrogan. Frank attired in the morning coat and striped trousers looked like a visiting diplomat, charming and suave. Mary McGrogan looked like a picture out of the Vogue Magazine, attired in a pink creation that smacked of good taste. The services were conducted in wonderful manner and was interspersed by singing of a soloist, who had no peer. The nuptial mass was my first experience to such service and we will always treasure the memories more so because we are so fond of the celebrants.

At the conclusion of the services the members of the wedding and their guests were invited to attend the reception which was held at one of the finest motel and hotel ballrooms in this area. The Cherry Hill Inn ranks with the finest in the country and was most suitable for the honoring of the newlyweds. There was a cocktail hour that left nothing to be desired. Four splendidly scarlet attired bartenders officiated at 40-foot bar. Six waitresses passed through the huge crowd of 200 handing out the tastiest of hors d'oeuvres. The receiving line was visited and the bride exchanged many kisses with the guests. Frank McGrogan so well versed in mingling with the guests was at his best as he visited with everyone, dragging all to the bar for drinks. The bar never was closed. A sumptuous banquet was tendered, nothing was spared, it was a wonderful wedding. A splendid orchestra played on and on never stopping. Everyone danced, ate, drank, ate and drank. It was a splendiferous affair. It couldn't happen to a nicer family... for the wonderful memories we are most thankful, and so we wish to all our Buddies and their wonderful wives and children best wishes for a Merry Christ-

mas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all . . . and may peace and good will prevail on earth . . . amen.

Dave Rosenberg
Co. B & F, 331st

Letters to the Editor

Larry Redmond
National Secretary
83rd Infantry
132 Rockwood Drive
Haverstown, Pa. 19083
Dear Mr. Redmond:

I am a former member of the 83rd Infantry Division. I was so pleased to read that there have been annual meetings and sorry I was unaware of this up until now.

Would you please forward information to me as soon as possible on this upcoming meeting. I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Frank A. Barnard
5910 Utah Avenue
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49002

Old address:
Frank A. Barnard, 36896964
Co. H, 329th Infantry, 2nd Bn.

* * * *

Mr. Redmond:

Sending you the name of the outfit I was in during Second World War.
Co. D, 308th Medical Bn.
83rd Inf. Division

Edward Walsh
153 Shoemaker Street
Swoyersville, Pa. 18704

* * * *

Dear Larry:

Don't forget those people who were attached to the 83rd Div. such as me, Co. A, 802nd T.D. Bn. (attached to 2nd Bn. 329th Inf. Col. Sharp Commanding 2nd Bn.) I have a list of attached units. Need them? We the attached units had no "Mother", only the 83rd, (separate Bn's, that is) and we always remembered her that way.

The "BUCKSHOTS", 329th Inf.
Robert C. Plummer
23 Brewster Avenue
LaGrange Park, Illinois 60525

* * * *

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Noticed in a "News Note" in the Chicago Tribune, that you were interested in contacting former members of the 83rd Division. I was a member from 1/45 to Dec. 45.

Would be very much interested in receiving literature on the Association.

V. E. "Bill" Berkman
2248 N. Parkside
Chicago, Illinois 60639

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Was with the 83rd Division from October 1942 to August 8, 1944. A member of Co. K, 331st Inf. Platoon Sgt. of 3rd Platoon. Would be very interested in becoming a member of the good old 83rd Inf. Div. Assn. Please send me particulars.

Frank J. Horvath
840 Columbia Ave.
Palmerton, Pa. 18071

* * * *

Dear Sir:

I was in Co. B, 330th Inf. of the 83rd Division.

Robert E. Persons
509 West 1st Street
Rushville, Indiana 46173

* * * *

83rd Inf. Div.

Div. Band

Rank, Tech. Sgt.

Ser. No. 33307214

Home address:

E. K. Liedtke Jr.
Executive Suite, Apt. 232
9505 N. Church Drive
Parma Heights, Ohio

* * * *

Dear Mr. Redmond:

My husband was in the 83rd Division in World War II. He never was contacted, but we have moved several times since he was discharged.

His sister sent him your add in the Messenger, so I thought I would contact you for him. Sounds like he has been missing out on a lot of fun all these years.

I would like for you to send him all the information he has to know about your next Reunion, hope my husband is there to enjoy it with all of you fellows.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Stephen G. Hamilton
Route 1
Crestline, Ohio 44827

* * * *

Dear Sir:

As a member of the 83rd Div. in W.W. II, I am interested in keeping in touch with former members.

I am writing this letter in response to a notice printed in our local paper, (The Lorain Journal).

I was a member of the 308th Engineer Bn. I was discharged as T/4 Donald J. Clark, Hq. Co. 308th Eng. Bn. APO 83, N.Y., N.Y.

Don J. Clark
312 W. 29th Street
Lorain, Ohio 44055

November 4, 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083
Dear Mr. Redmond:

I have seen your article in the newspaper. I have never attended a reunion, and I am thinking about attending. Would you please give me additional information.

My Reg. is 331st Reg. Co. I, 83 Inf.

Yours truly,
Theodore B. Eaker
495 South Street
Clarion, Pa. 16214

* * * *

October 23, 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083
Dear Mr. Redmond:

I am writing in regard to the clipping in the paper in our home town entitled "Manhunt". I was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division, 331st Reg. 3rd Bn., Co. K.

I would appreciate you getting in contact with me in the future concerning the date, time, and place of any reunion for the 83rd Division.

My address is as follows:

Mr. Andrew W. Wargo
Box 318
Richeyville, Pennsylvania 15358

Yours truly,
Andrew W. Wargo

* * * *

18 October 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083
Dear Mr. Redmond:

I note in the Cleveland paper of 17 October that you are interested in former members of the 83rd Div. It is not quite clear whether you are concerned with those who were members during the period of federal activation in WW II, or also interested in those of us who served with the 83rd during its period of active reserve. Should the latter be the case, I would be pleased to associate myself with an organization which would keep alive at least the ghost of the late departed.

My service with the division was as division surgeon from 1948-1958.

Very truly yours,
William J. Loeb, M.D.
(Col. M.C. USAR)
11811 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

* * * *

— Just A Reminder —

**PLEASE PAY DUES
NOW !!**

Letters to the Editor

Wakarusa, Indiana
10/20/68

October 17, 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Haverton, Pa. 19023

Please enroll me in the 83rd Infantry Division Association. At the end of the war I was Executive Officer of "A" Battery, 908th Field Artillery Battalion.

I am looking forward to seeing all of my old friends in Detroit next summer.

Sincerely,
Gifford H. Hampton Jr.
1st Lt. F. A. U.S. Army
0-1171176

* * * *

10/25/68
Cannonsburg, Pa.

Hi Buddy:

I am sending you my address.

I am formerly a man of the 83rd Inf. Div., a man of the 83rd Inf. Div. M.P. Platoon. This is the only time anyone knows where to contact anyone, is when you read it in the paper. I read your name in the Washington, Pa. Observer & Reporter, Washington, Pa.

My wife and I would be pleased to know what date in August this Reunion will be held. Hoping to hear from you soon, an account of planning vacation ahead.

From an old Buddy.

Thomas Dowell
26 Strabane Ave.
Cannonsburg, Pa. 15317

* * * *

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I read in the Cleveland Plain Dealer that you are trying to get addresses of members of the 83rd Div. Here is mine.

H. B. Goldstein
633 Moreley Ave.
Akron, Ohio 44320

* * * *

I would like some information about the 83rd Inf. Div. Reunion that is to be held in Detroit in the coming summer. I served with the 331st Regiment up to the Elbe River.

Thank you.

Walter Giza
1825 S. Cumberland Ave.
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

* * * *

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that I was assigned to Company C, 324th, 83rd Infantry. In a recent article in the Chicago Tribune, I was informed of the next scheduled Reunion in Detroit, Michigan.

Kindly advise.

Frank E. Kuba
3547 W. 65th Place
Chicago 29, Illinois

E. Jaye Frye
P. O. Box 292
Wakarusa, Indiana 46573
In answer to your manhunt.
Elias J. Frye
Service Btry. 323rd F.A. Bn. 83rd Div.
* * * *

Dear Sir:

In your ad in the Cleveland Press, looking for former members of the 83rd Inf. Division. I served in Co. B, 331st Inf. in Ling, Austria, from Oct. 1945 until the Division was sent back to the United States. I also served in the Army Reserve, Btry. A, 908th Field Arty, Bn. 83rd Inf. Division from October 1955 to Jan. 1962.

Robert J. Lolly
11003 Elmwood Ave.
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125



**Make Your
Plans
For
The
Detroit
Reunion
In 1969
Now**

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

132 ROCKWOOD DRIVE
HAVERTOWN, PA. 19083

Non-Profit Org.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 310
Upper Darby, Pa.

Return Requested

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME (please print)

ADDRESS

CITY, OR TOWN, AND STATE ZIP CODE

CO. REGT. OR BN.

I have been honorably discharged from Army Service..... or I am still on active duty..... Enclosed check or money order (\$5.00) payable to:

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

132 Rockwood Drive

Havertown, Pa. 19083

DATE SIGNATURE