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When the call of our country was heard, they, as brave men, marched away with abiding faith in their God, their Country and their Flag.

The red of our Country's Flag was made redder by their heroism; the white more stainlessly pure by the motives which impelled them and in the starry field of our glorious banner, the blue has been glorified by the service they have given for American ideals.



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President's Corner

Dear Buddies,

Now that the holidays are over, I hope that everyone had a good year and a better one to come.



To the President of all chapters: please forward the names and titles of all your officers to me as soon as possible.

The Boston Chapter is working for a good reunion, and our program to date looks very good. But we need just that little bit from you.

So when you receive that advertisement application, please do not hesitate — everyone has friends.—“Ask them.”

Thank you,
Pat Di Giammerino, President

Don't Forget 70 - Boston

Dear Sir:

The 83rd Infantry Division Association Inc. is an Organization composed of men who served together in World War II. Each year we hold a Reunion, and each year it is held in a different city. This year it will be held at the Hotel Sheraton-Boston. We have members in all of the 50 States of the United States. Usually in attendance at these Reunions, we have between 600 and 800 members and their families. This will be our 24th Annual Reunion and we sincerely hope that it will be a huge success.

At our Reunion, we publish a program book, and seek ads from all over the country. The purpose of this is to help defray some of the expense of the Reunion, thereby giving those in attendance, the best program at a minimum of cost. It also gives your business a chance to have some extra publicity as well as aid Veterans.

We ask you to take an ad in our program book, no matter how small an ad you wish to take, we appreciate your kind help. Send your check or money order made payable to 83rd Infantry Division Assn. Inc. and mail it in the enclosed envelope. You will be sent a copy of this program book when it is published.

The Reunion is being held August 20, 21, 22 but we are seeking the ads early so that we can have ample time to have the book properly compiled and published.

Thanking you for your kind consideration.

Yours truly,
Pat Di Giammerino
83rd Infantry Division Assn. Inc.

Convention Chairman's Corner

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

Well here we are again. It has been a rough winter with sickness and etc. But we are still playing along as always.

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday seasons and are looking for a prosperous New Year.

Things are going along fine as of this writing with the hotel.

We have set up a Gardner Room 'A' for the children's activity such as playing records, etc.

Gardner Room 'B' will be set up for the women and the girls will have you doing something.

We are now working with some people in regards to a New England Clam Bake which you will all enjoy we know, and also being worked on is a tour through a brewery company, which is always a must.

By our next Thunderbolt we will have our program for you and it will be a good one which none of our great members want to miss. So please make these days for the 83rd Div. Reunion, August 20, 21 and 22.

For anyone who has never attended a reunion, make one and you will make one every year thereafter.

Oh yes, we are setting up a bus trip to Science Park. This is one of the greatest, most fabulous family gathering spots in the city. You will marvel at it. One could spend a full day and would not see it all. This is a must for the children and grownups. We will have more on it later, so you see we are trying to make everyone happy.

**Make Your
Plans
Now
For
Boston
Aug. 20, 21, 22
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Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here we are once again with another issue of our great paper "THE THUNDERBOLT", compiling the news for this



along with getting it mailed out comprises several man hours of work, but believe me, when I get some of the letters of appreciation from the boys, it makes me feel mighty proud that I am able to carry on. When I took over this job, succeeding a great man like Harry Lockwood, I knew it was going to be a great task, but having had the opportunity to work with Harry like I did, I had a fairly good knowledge of what to do and how to do it.

We are now passed the midway mark of the year, before we know it, we will be starting to get ready for the coming Reunion. I am told that it is a sign of old age when the time starts to fly by on you like it seems to do. Each year we come back from a Reunion and start to settle down, and before you know it, Christmas is upon us, then comes New Year's and before you know it, Spring. Then before we get a chance to turn around it is Reunion time.

Well Buddies, I am proud to report that our membership is over the 600 mark, but not as far over it as we would like it to be. At the present time we are sending out about 2300 copies of the "THUNDERBOLT", which once again means that we are carrying too many freeloaders. I am sure that each and everyone of you who receives an issue of it are glad to receive it. I am sure that there are many of you who want to become a member, but carelessly keeps putting it off. This is your Association, to keep it going we have to have paid up memberships. We should have right now between 1,500 and 2,000 paid up mem-

bers. You are one of these members who are helping or should be helping to keep it going. If you are not paid up for this year, please do so today. Don't wait until a few weeks before Reunion then complain that right after Reunion I am bugging you again for your dues. Our books close the 15th of July for audit, as of that time all who are not paid up are delinquent. The new year starts August 1st, so as of that date your dues are due for the next year.

I am sure that there are none of you who can't afford to pay \$5.00 per year to help keep such an organization going. This Association is so different from other Veterans Organizations. It is different inasmuch as it is composed of men who served in the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II; we do not include men who served in World War I, nor do we include the 83rd Division Reserve. Our members are your Buddies; men who fought side by side with you, men who went through the Basic Training at Camp Atterbury, the Tennessee Maneuvers, the training at Camp Breckenridge, then to Camp Shanks, New York and from there to England, Wales, France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Germany and Holland. We in this Association are like a big family, we trained together, lived together and fought together.

We the Officers of this great Association sincerely hope that when the next issue of "THE THUNDERBOLT" goes to press, that we can proudly say we have finally passed our 1,000 paid up membership mark. We have been trying for years, but as yet we haven't succeeded. Do your part today to help make this possible.

As you know we will be holding our Reunion in Boston, August 20, 21 and 22. We sincerely hope that we can look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend, please lend your support to the Association by taking an ad in our Reunion Ad Book. We are still the envy of many of such Associations.

Yours truly,
Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Look at the expiration date on your Membership Card —

If it does not read Aug. 1970 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.

Battle For Membership

Gentlemen, the 83rd is famed for winning battles. Let's see what kind of a job we can do with our membership drive.

Out of 35,000 men who served with the 83rd, we should do a damn good job.

Below is a copy of Frank McGrogan's work. Good work, Frank.

Pat DiGiammerino
President

HELP! HELP! HELP!

7236 Battersby Street
Phila., Pa. 19149

Dear Buddy:

The 83rd Infantry Division Association held its 23rd annual Reunion on August 14, 15 and 16th, at Detroit, Michigan. There was a very nice group of former buddies, and a good time was had by all. Well, Buddy, we are looking forward to having a much bigger group at our reunion this year, which will be the 24th annual reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association to be held in Boston, Mass., August 20, 21 and 22, 1970.

We are also interested in getting more boys to join the 83rd Infantry Division Association and also getting them to pay up their dues, and help make the 83rd Infantry Division Association the biggest and best of any of the Division Associations. We are appealing to each and every one of you for your support and assistance in trying to contact any of your former buddies and try to get them to join us in this great drive. You will remember that during the days of combat when the going got rough the 83rd was called and we lived up to our reputation of the THUNDERING HERD; we were always a dependable unit and we know that each and everyone of you are just as dependable in helping with this appeal. Well, Buddy, we appeal to you, if you haven't sent your dues in as yet, "DO IT NOW", also get a buddy to join.

Remember that when August 1971 comes along we want to land in Cleveland in real 83rd Division style; that is the real THUNDERBOLT style. We want to make the people of Cleveland feel proud that we, the 83rd Infantry Division, wore the shoulder patch bearing the name of the great state of Ohio. In our journey to Europe and back we know that the people of Ohio are proud of the job that we did while bearing their name.

Your dues in the amount of \$5.00 can be sent to the 83rd Infantry Division Association, c/o Mr. Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083.

Yours in Comradeship,
Frank McGrogan, "Co. D"

P.S.: Help make "D" Company the BIGGEST & BEST of any Company there.

Dear Buddies:

Yours truly doesn't have too much to report at this time because of the lack of response to my letters from all those concerned. This last period seems to be the one where everyone is too busy with the holidays, a heck of a lot of snow shovelling and I guess that no one is thinking in the way of reunions or membership. I'm hoping that everyone will pick up the urge now to join up and to start writing to your buddies. Maybe by the time of the next issue of the "Thunderbolt" we can report a big upsurge in membership.

To Paul Powell, 1st Bn. 331st Inf., thanks a million for the complete listings of all the newspapers in the country, the book complete with all the addresses and information needed to really put on a campaign for our membership drive all across the country. Mr. Powell is only the second man to answer my request in the first "Thunderbolt" of this year for this type of information. Thanks again, Paul, I appreciate it very much. With this book of addresses and some cooperation, we may hit the "thousand" mark in membership for sure.

Another holiday season is upon us now, along with spring, and it's time again to plan our vacations to coincide with the Reunion to be held in the City of Boston this year on August 20, 21 and 22. The boys in Boston are working hard right now to make your stay a memorable and happy one, so come on out and enjoy yourselves. Don't forget to notify all your buddies of the dates and remind them to send in their dues to Larry Redmond.

Happy Easter one and all. So long for now.

Samuel Klippa
Co. D 331st Inf.

The Pittsburgh Chapter just lost one of its older members, Joseph Setticase of Company "D" 331st Infantry. Joe had been ailing for a number of years with a heart condition and was unable to attend too many of our meetings and he was unable to do any strenuous labor but he was a good member that was always willing to help any way that he could.

On behalf of the Pittsburgh Chapter and all those in the Association who knew Joe, I'd like to express our deepest sympathies to his wife and children. May he rest in peace.

Samuel Klippa
Co. "D" 331st Inf.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY**

Greater Indianapolis Chapter

83rd Infantry Division Association

Hi Buddies,

For sometime here in "Ol Naptown" the thermometer seemed to have been stuck and below Zero too, but finally that Artic type weather passed on through here and it is much warmer now (got my fingers crossed tho). Plenty winter left yet.

I am unable to report on any of our Chapter Members as I have had no word from any of them since Christmas. They probably have stayed in out of the weather like myself for the past few weeks.

Guess the big item of the year now is our next Reunion. I bet the boys in Boston are really busy getting the preliminaries over with and I bet once comes August you can count on a Gala and Exciting time in Ol Boston. Speaking of Boston, a former Lt. of the 908th FA Bn. lived at 96 Beacon Street in Boston. His name, Winslow P. Johnson, just wonder if he still lives in Boston. Also I received Christmas cards from two other former members of C 908 FA Battalion, Lt. James R. Sanders and LeRoy Renninger sure was glad to hear from these two. Received a newspaper clipping from Manny Goodridge of the death of another former officers of the 908th FA, Lt. Hampton. I'm sure Lt. Hampton was well known by most all 908th FA members.

While speaking of former officers of the 908th FA Bn. and the fine ones, there would rank at the top of the list Captain John Robinson; he seemed to have all the ingredients that make up a fine officer. Of course, there were lots more that made the list also. I sure would like to see all the former C 908th FA men again. I'm sure we would not want for words for things that happened in the past.

I had a real nice letter from a gentleman in North Carolina. He asked if I would get the pertinent information and the up-to-date status of CAMP ATTERBURY and send this information in for publication in the Thunderbolt. This would take a reasonable amount of time for compilation, but with assurance of Larry Redmond and his staff that this could be published, I will gladly undertake this job. Probably there are lots of former 83rd Division men that have never been back to Atterbury since the days they slogged through the winter mud in 1942. Maybe I could have the opinions of former Thunderbolts through our staff reporters and editor.

Sure hope Larry Redmond can hang out that 1,000 membership sign at this coming Reunion. Everybody is invited to push a little to achieve this goal.

I think I will get on the Hot Line real soon and call some of our Chapter members and renew acquaintances with them. I need some news from them.

So long and hope all you Thunderbolts are well and happy.

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

330th Regiment

Hello Buddies:

I am sorry to say that there isn't too much news for the 330th Regimental Unit at this time. As of right now, we are just about holding our own in paid up memberships.

I was quite surprised when Frank McGrogan, Co. D, 330th composed a letter and mailed it out to quite a number of 330th men who were delinquent in their dues. I did receive several replies from them thereby building up the 330th membership. I would like to ask all of you to get behind the Association and try to help increase the paid up membership.

I am sure that each and everyone of you who served in the 330th Infantry Regiment are mighty proud of their unit. Show how proud you are by lending your support to the Association. Try contacting some of your former Buddies, or make friends with another 83rd man. If you wish to be a Buddy, send in an extra \$5.00 to cover some less fortunate man who may not be in a position to pay his dues.

Well Buddies, once again we are coming down the home stretch as far as Reunion is concerned. Start planning now to meet your Buddies in Boston.

Yours truly,
Larry Redmond
Co. H, 330th

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Boston Chapter News

Hello 83rders:

Time has come again to give you a little of the news of the Boston Chapter and the meetings we have had here. Attendance at the meetings have been very good. I certainly hope I can mention most of the boys that attend in this article.



Our first meeting was at Pat DiGiammerino's home. I was unable to be at this meeting. However, I was at Pat's house earlier in the day. His wife Ginn, was getting everything ready. I sure hated to leave. Later in the day I phoned and spoke to Pat and he said I was really missing a good time as I could hear from the noise of the members in the background.

On January 11, Mary and Nick Francullo had the meeting at their home. Mary Francullo and Nancy Tynan celebrated their "33th" birthdays together. Phil Pappa had to speak to the women about the books they were reading, "ha! ha". Jiggs Ellie, Joe Petrucci, Norman Billodeau, Ray Bijork, Mike Caprio, Nick Francullo, Amby Tynan and Mr. President, Pat DiGiammerino, were present and also a couple of Old Timers from the 308th Engineers, Cliff Wooldridge, and Larry Arrigo. I think the 308th was on our side in France, at least Larry and Cliff claim they were. There were many children with their parents at this meeting and Mary had quite a crowd. The children watched the Hockey game on television while the meeting was in progress.

Vera and Mike Caprio had the meeting at their home on February 8th. Vera had so much food that I must have put on 12 pounds. I gained 12 pounds while Pat DiGiammerino lost it when he had the Flu. Pat we are certainly glad that you are back in true form. We were very happy to see two young boys from the New Haven Connecticut area at this meeting. They were Ray Orsene of Bradford, Conn. and Louie Lavasse of Stoney Creek, Conn. I must add they still have their 83rd manners, too. Hope to see you at more meetings, boys. Mike Caprio, Joe Petrucci, Nick Francullo and Phil Pappa had something to tell Gerry DiBattista.

Mike, Joe, Nick and Phil told Gerry how to keep in shape, however, Gerry does very well on his own. Harry Melikian and Louie DiMichele were present



Mary Francullo and Gin DiGiammerino dishing it out.



Yvette Polites, Mary Francullo, Nancy Tynan, Amby Tynan and Larry Arrigo.



Pat DiGiammerino making everything known in his speech.

for this meeting also. Louis, I hope you are able to make more meetings in the future. Harry and Louie are 323rd Field Artillery men. The Hunter is back, that is Al Tartaglia, after a poor season. It was nice to see him and his wife at the meeting once again. Congratulations to Vera and Mike as their son received his BS in Business Management at University of Rhode Island. Thanks again, Vera, for a swell time.

A little news from my own unit, the 323rd FA Bn. Well men, we are hoping that all of you will be in Boston this August for the reunion. This will be the largest turnout for the 323rd that we have ever had, so save your pennies and get to Boston.

I must mention a couple of old postal workers from Altoona, Pennsylvania, who wrote and told me that they would be coming this August. In case you have not guessed who they are I will name them, Bill Shanner and Donald St. John. We are going to teach St. John how to spell "Boston". I hope he finds it. Mrs. Alice Costello also hopes to make it from East Liverpool, Ohio.

A recent phone call to Cincinnati, Ohio tells me that Erwin Ehhardt will be coming also. We are in hopes of having his young wife, Norma, to come along with him. Erwin, we could also use the "Sheriff".

George Polites is just getting back on his feet after having a real battle with the Atlantic Ocean. George broke his back last summer while swimming in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. That will teach him to stay in Dracut, Massachusetts. However, George said if the two "Rebel" brothers, G. K. and Don Willis get up to Boston in August, he will defend himself in Indian wrestling,

the title he now holds. George, we of the Boston Chapter are glad to hear that your condition is back on the good side.

We are expecting as usual, Willie Snodgrass and family from the Rolling Hills of Kentucky, that is if all is well with them. I will have all the New England boys at this reunion. Space does not permit me to name them all in this writing, so boys, make plans for your vacation this August in Historic Boston, Massachusetts.

I must sign off now so I can get this in before the deadline.

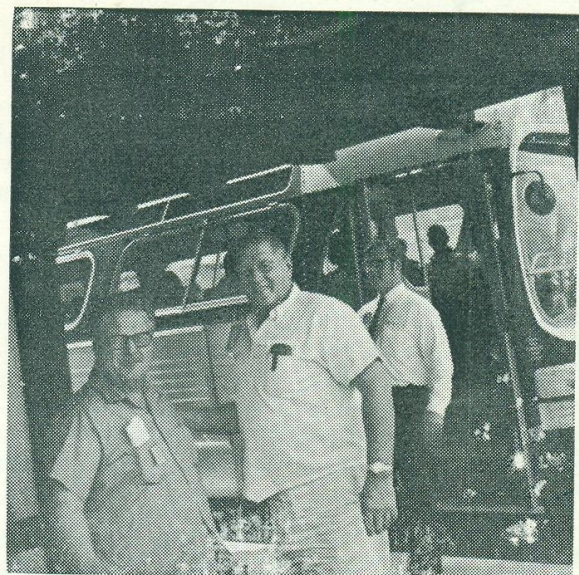
Your roving reporter,
Amby Tynan
Hq. 323rd FA Bn.



Mary Francullo and Nancy Tynan at 39th birthday party.



Larry Arrigo waves to the girls.



Amby Tynan and Ray Bjork.

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

Hi Fellows:

During these severe winter months, the Pittsburgh Chapter hasn't cancelled a meeting. Our attendance record has been excellent. We have never had below 21 members attending; and considering that some members have to travel thirty miles one way to maintain this record, I want to say here and now "Congratulations, fellows, this is truly a great Chapter."

Our annual Christmas dinner-dance was held December 6, 1969 at the V.F.W. Brentwood Post Home. With 58 attending, cocktails were served, followed by a delicious steak or ham dinner. Several guests attended; but Dr. Chuck Keeler (A-Co. 331) and his lovely wife, Lola, drove all the way from Ohio just for this event. Now that you have found our meeting place, come more often. You are always welcome. Our entertainment committee did an excellent job in selecting many useful prizes which were won by the following: Mary Hassick, Dotty (Lucky) Wilson, Ruth Hopta, Millie Gruber, Marjorie Churpak, Peg Ruprecht, Marion Lozowski, Frances Alicandri, Ann DeMarino and Margaret Gelety. Sam Klippa and Paul Dientrich were winners of the house drawings. Dancing and liquid refreshments were enjoyed until the wee hours of the morning.

Our regular January meeting had 21 members present and was held at the same Brentwood Post Home. All officers were present and committee reports were brief but informative. The 1972 reunion was the main topic. New ideas are being studied at great depth by the committee. Each committee chairman agrees that children who attend this reunion should be given better consideration. The Hilton Hotel is tentatively scheduled for the reunion site. The new scenic points by 1972 will be the Three Rivers Stadium across the Allegheny River, the Point and Manchester bridges will be gone, the Bridge to Nowhere is now complete and is going somewhere, which means a new historical Point can be viewed from this hotel. Plan now to attend something different — 1972 Reunion at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is our motto.

Joe DeLuca has informed us that arrangements have been made for members only to hold their April meeting at Monessen Legion Home. There is something special concerning food to follow the meeting. Sounds great, Joe, I know it will be good.

"Smokey" Alicandri informed me that he and his wife, Frances, are enjoying their favorite winter sport—skiing—at the many ski resorts this year.

Diane Jo Klippa has been accepted at Allegheny Community College for two years and then on to the University of Pittsburgh. Law is her interest. Alan Thompson has been accepted at the Penn State University, Altoona Campus, this fall. His interest is in business administration. Best of luck to both youngsters.

Henry Golembiewski had a successful heart operation at last October and is now able to attend meetings once again. May you enjoy good health for many more years, Hank. Speaking of heart surgery—it was wrongly reported last issue that Yolanda Costanzo had undergone leg surgery. It was a very delicate heart operation. Our apologies, Yo, and we were all very happy to see you bouncing around the dance floor at the dinner-dance.

Al Gruber's daughter, Karen, has been in and out of the hospital several times in the past few months. Hope those doctors find your problem, Karen, so you'll be feeling better soon. Rickey Gruber was home on leave from boot training which was a morale builder at the Gruber home. Al Suess, Jr. leaves for basic training February 17 in the National Guard for nineteen weeks and will serve for six years.

This reporter also received a short note from Sgt. E. M. Brewer and was glad to know he still has the Christmas spirit.

Our February meeting was well attended with 25 members present. Emil Becker, our historian, was back looking well after a brief period of absence.

Larry Leonardi regretfully resigned as our convention chairman due to health and an overloaded work schedule. We were all sorry Larry had to make this decision, but better now than later. John Ruprecht has agreed to be co-chairman and we hope to name a chairman at our March meeting. The following members agreed to serve on the reunion committee: Steve Blasko, John Ruprecht, Al Gruber, Sam Klippa, Joe DeLuca, Adam Hassick and Gene Costanzo.

Your Pittsburgh Chapter reporter, Greer Thompson, is enclosing a letter received from his son-in-law concerning the Chapter's contributions to an orphanage in Saigon. I hope this letter will be printed elsewhere in the February issue of the "Thunderbolt". Incidentally, my son-in-law, Capt. McNamee, returned February 7 after serving a year in Vietnam. He and his wife, Francine, will be residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico where Capt. McNamee has one more year to serve with the Air Force. The Thompson family is glad to have him back in the states.

In closing I would like to wish all of you a very successful, healthy, and happy New Year.

Greer Thompson
324th F.A.

Department of the Air Force
903rd Aeromedical Evacuation
Squadron (PACAF)
APO US Forces 96307

Reply To
Attn Of: AESASM
Subject: Letter of Appreciation
To: 83rd Infantry Division Association
c/o H. G. Thompson
536 Somerville Dr., Pittsburgh, PaP. 15243

The men of the 903rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron wish to express our appreciation for your generous contribution of toys for the orphan children of Vietnam. Your gifts were distributed at a Christmas party given by our squadron at the Regina Paces orphanage in downtown Saigon.

In a land that has known war and misery for decades, the orphans of Vietnam have perhaps suffered the greatest, and certainly they have suffered the most unjustly. Your donations enabled these children to know the meaning of Christmas for the first time in their lives.

Thank you again for your charitable gifts as we of the 903rd and the children of Regina Paces wish you all a Happy New Year.

Peter M. McNamee, Capt.,
USAF, MSC
Supply Officer



The Manuel Martin Family at their Summer home.

Newsletter

I am happy to report that where Chicago is concerned, our Chapter has become more and more active. The interest displayed by the members in the Chapter now exceeds the interest which was shown by most members, even at the time that Chicago held the Annual Reunion. In December we had our Annual Christmas Party at the Ivanhoe Restaurant. Over 40 members and guests attended and all agreed we had a



great time.

This was followed up by a POLISH NIGHT at Jake's Restaurant. Arrangements for this party were made by our immediate past president, Henry Kukulski. Again, a good number attended and all enjoyed the Polish food and the Polish hops (both the liquid kind and the dance!).

Our February meeting will be at the Millionaire Club on February 21st, and since most of our members enjoy going to the Millionaire's Club we expect a good turnout at this meeting.

We have been discussing the Reunion to be held in Boston this year, and a lot of the membership are planning to attend. Last year Chicago was well-represented in Detroit, but from the enthusiasm shown by our members this year, the number of Chicago members going to Boston this year should exceed those who went to Detroit.

Just recently your reporter received a call from Jim Burton, and in all probability Jim may return to Chicago. We in Chicago certainly would look forward to his returning and again joining the Chicago Chapter because it was a great loss to us when he moved to Indianapolis. If he does return, it will be Indianapolis' loss and Chicago's gain.

Can't think of anything else—so, that's all for now folks!

William M. Doty
Reporter

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Past President's Corner

Please excuse me for not sending in an article this past issue, because I just let time pass me by and was too late to get one in.



Now that the weather is starting to get better, and everyone has recovered from the holidays, I hope that everyone is getting that feeling about "Reunion Time".

Let's all make plans to attend, and make this one a success as we had in Detroit last year.

Virginia and I are going to Europe this year and hope to get to Boston on our way back.

We are going to Rome, and then to Sicily; we will also tour all of Italy.

If time permits, I hope to go to France, to Normandy, Cherbourg, St. Low, Dinard, and some of the other war zones. We are leaving for Rome on July 22. If there is anyone who is going this year, please contact me, maybe we could all meet in Rome.

We here in the Michigan area, have had pretty bad weather, as everyone else. With a few exceptions, everything is coming along pretty good.

I won't be bringing any shirts and caps to Boston this year. So if anyone wishing any, please contact me before I leave for my vacation.

So until next time
Hope to see you in Boston
God Bless All
Vito (Bill) Palazzolo
Past Pres.

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Nick Francullo taking life seriously.

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Michigan Chapter Reporting

Moon Landing Picnic

Hello, You All.

The great Lake State, at this particular time, can be called "Land of Snow". All you snow buffs, especially those owning snow mobiles, are welcome to Michigan. And, inasmuch as I'm concerned, welcome to return home with the snow.

Road conditions determine most of our meetings in January and February and usually, at this time of year, we don't get together often as we would like. January being extremely cold and so much white stuff on the ground, no monthly meetings were scheduled. Except for several house parties given by members living near each other, very little Chapter business has been transacted. We do, however, expect to be in full swing in another month.

Many of us have been on sick call in the past weeks and for some, it has been the flu or what-have-you. Among those requiring some time in the hospital are: Bruce Winchell's wife, Jean, Lee Hettrick's wife, Dorothy, and, our good man behind the bar, Steve Benson. I'm happy to report all are at home and doing well.

It is with regret and sorrow to inform the Association of the death of a member's mother, Mrs. Muoio of Donora, Pa., mother of Marion Muoio, Dearborn, Michigan. The Muoio family and firends are grateful to the many members from the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Chapters attending the rites, and for their kind deed.

Several weeks ago I came across some pictures taken at our July meeting that was held on the day of the moon landing. It is our hope, space permitting, they can be re-produced and printed in the next issue. As in every case when photos are taken, many of the members or wives were elsewhere when the pictures were taken. If you were excluded, you know why.

At the present time this column is somewhat disorganized and hope in the future to have a more complete and professional system of news gathering and reporting.

Best regards,
Nick Boyd
"E" & "H" Co., 331



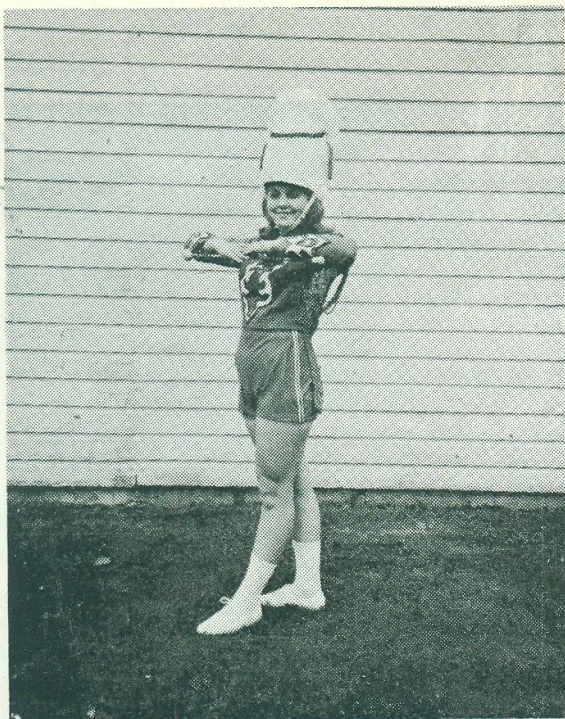
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Denise Czeck

Cleveland Chapter Report

Winter is almost over and we are all looking forward to spring and its accompanying pleasant pastimes (golf, fishing, picnicing, etc.)

We held our February election meeting February 15 at the home of Ed and Jo Glinka and I am happy to report that we had a very good turnout and we were treated to a very fine Kraut, Pork, and Dumpling dinner by our gracious hostess, many thanks Jo.

We have a very fine slate of officers for the coming year, headed by Casey Kowalec, president; Walt Meczka, vice-president; John Evans, secretary; Dominic Christopher, sergeant-at-arms.

Trustees: Bill Herhuth, one year; Bob Grobelny, two years and Ed Glinka, three years.

Our next meeting will be held at my home, 8221 Bertha Ave., Parma, Ohio on March 15, 1970.

I am happy to report that the weddings of Walt and Mary Meczka's son, and Bill and Alma Herhuth's daughter are on succeeding Saturdays in May, instead of the same day as previously planned, thus we will be able to attend both.

On February 14, 1970, Denise Czeck, daughter of Chester and Emilie, won the Senior Grand Champion Twirler award in Westlake, Ohio. She also won first place in fancy strutting. During the three years in competition, she has won 78

trophies and 77 medals. Quite a record for a fine young lady. Picture attached.

Once again, Dom Christopher is planning a trip to Europe to visit his friends in Belgium, who took care and hid him from the Nazis during the war. A fine friendship has developed and Dom looks forward to his visits every three years.

Speaking of trips, our daughter Barbara is looking forward to her visit to Switzerland and France during the coming Easter vacation where she will get a chance to practice her "Parlez-Vous".

As a closing thought, I take this opportunity to wish a "Happy Easter" to one and all.

Casey Szubski

New Jersey Chapter News

Hi Buddies,

It seems you no more get done with one column and the next one is due. I hope everyone found Christmas and New Year's to their best. The only thing missing in mine was not having my son, his wife and children home from the Philippines. After two and a half years there, we hope to have them home in April.

I made a fast trip to Boston, Mass. the week before Christmas and made the round trip back through Springfield so I could stop in and see Frank Marsh. He took me on a tour of his plant where they mold all kinds of tools and sockets for Sears & Roebuck. It's too bad the Reunion isn't close enough to the plant so he could take you all on the tour. It was very interesting. Thanks again, Frank.

The Jersey Chapter received a beautiful Christmas card from the Warren Chapter of Ohio, with 83rd Emblem and all on it. It sure was nice, and on behalf of the Jersey Chapter, I would like to thank them. If any of them were watching the Hula Game on TV, they would have seen a gang from Warren holding a banner up for everyone to see. That gang from Ohio sure gets around.

Charlie Schlanick and his wife Mary, have been spending three weeks down in sunny Florida. Boy when you have money, you can do anything. If it isn't Charlie, it's Stan Bielen touring Europe. Well that's the way it goes.

That time when we start thinking about the reunion is coming around again. I think this one in Boston, Mass. is going to be one of the best. They have most of the facilities you would need in making a good reunion. Let's all try to make this one and have on heck of a time together.

Hope everyone is in the best of health as this has been a rough winter for quite a few families. Best to all.

Yours truly,
Jim Bowie
Co. B, 330

Warren Chapter Auxiliary

Hi Everybody,

We Warrenites are enjoying a lovely Spring day but the weatherman predicts snow flurries by tomorrow. I don't think we have been without snow one day this Winter. When Summer rolls around we sure will welcome it.

It is a little late to be talking about Christmas but we had a lovely dinner-dance at the Chateau Supper Club. Helping us celebrate the holidays were Dick and Zora Green and Norm and Mary Glaze. It was also nice to see Catherine and George Dubos.

The following week the children had their day. We all got together at the Cafe 83 and had a covered dish dinner and gift exchange. Our jolly Santa was Claude Whitman. There are not too many little ones any more. Our young ones are growing up and having families of their own.

Joe and Mary Nuzzi had open house for their son Jim and his lovely bride, Sherry. They were married in Germany while in service. They have both been discharged and are residing in Warren. Mary baked the wedding cake for the reception and it was too beautiful to even cut.

Our Auxiliary had their January meeting at the home of Liz Skovran and elected officers for the coming year.

President, Alma Whitman; vice-president, Millie Kelly; secretary, Liz Skovran; treasurer, Angie Phillipone.

Our next meeting is on February 24th



Warren Group In Bus Enroute to Army and Navy Game.

and will be held at Alma Whitman's home. The women are selling candy for Easter and have to have their orders in by then. Our bank balance will be increased a little through this sale. When we get through with our donations and the Christmas dinner we have very little left at the end of the year.

Hope everyone is planning on the Reunion in Boston. It will be nice to get together again and it won't be too long. This is all for now. Enjoy the Summer and relax in the sun.

Millie Kelly



Warren Group In Philly For Army and Navy Game. Ray Voracek and his lovely wife in front row.



Warren Chapter men and wives in front of Lou Volpi's Restaurant. Joe Minotti, Mrs. Voracek, Dimps Minotti, Mary Redmond, Lucy Volpi, Carol Hoolan, Millie Kelly, Larry Redmond, Ray Voracek, Charlie Tomazin, Mrs. Tomazin, Dick Kelly and Bill Hoolan.

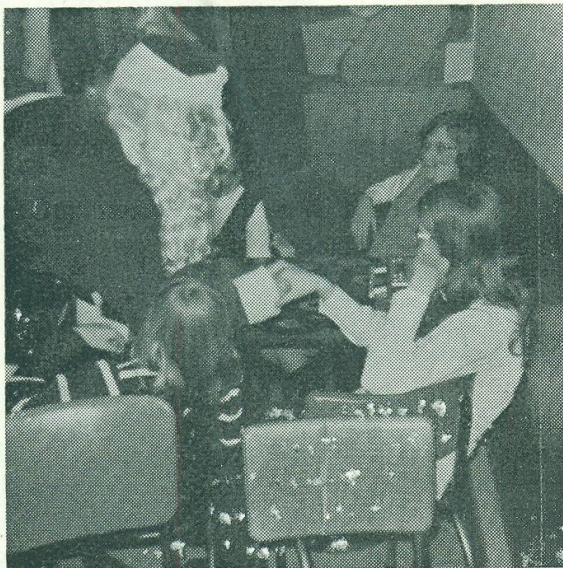
Warren Chapter News

Hope everybody came through the Holiday Season in good shape and are ready for the Easter Holiday.

We in Warren, had our annual Christmas party at the Chateau Supper Club, and a fine turnout we had. We did not have any out-of-towners, but our local group turned out real well. Dick Greene and his wife were there for the first time and Norm Glaze and his wife were also on hand. The party started early with the men's club presenting all the wives with a lovely corsage, and ended up later, with everybody trying to put the distillers on an extra shift. We of the men's club, thank the girls of the Warren Auxiliary for a fine dinner. You know, they take care of the dinner tab. Quite a tab, too. These girls earn their money by selling candy at Easter time,



A few of our women.



Santa visiting children.

and cards and candy at Christmas time. They also donate a substantial amount every year to the Hard of Hearing Foundation in Warren. A very worthwhile cause. I think that these girls deserve a pat on the back for their hard work.

We in Warren have been discussing the four Chapter get together — Pittsburgh, Warren, Cleveland and Detroit. I

have a letter from Marion Muio of Detroit and they seem to like the idea very much. Would like to have the Chapters discuss this among themselves and come

up with some dates available to all. We have some plans already for a weekend party here in Warren or wherever is best suited for the four Chapters, but

the date seems to be the big factor. The weekend of July 4th sounds very good. The 4th being on a Saturday, and most everybody has the day before off, and

travel back home on Sunday. But we would like to know some idea of how many from each Chapter will attend.

We have some ideas for a program that will be enjoyed by all and how it should be financed. Should it be financed by Chapter attendance or by individual attendance or partially by both. If the idea is favorable to all Chapters concerned,

how about a meeting of representatives from the Chapters about May 30th in Cleveland to set the stage for final plans.

Sorry I did not answer your letter Mario, but, I thought this would reach all and get a better answer from all concerned. I hope to hear from all Chapters on this.



"Mama Kissing Santa". Alma and Claude Whitman.

Would like to congratulate the Greater Michigan Chapter for a very unique Christmas card. Very original. This shows the best interest is not always in the biggest Chapters. Keep up the good work. Talking about Christmas cards, my one time captain, Sam Foster, of Maryland has a dandy every year. It's in Gaelic, and every year I have to find an interpreter to translate it for me. Also had a card from Vince D'Amico, of Baltimore; he used to be our barber and left us on maneuvers. He is still barbering in Baltimore. In November I had the pleasure of being in Baltimore, and spent a very pleasant evening with Vince and his wife. He still looks the same, only a little heavier. This was the first I had seen Vince since 1943, and didn't recognize him right away.

The Warren Chapter has changed their meeting date to a Sunday, and now meets at one of the member's house, once a month. This seems to be more favorable to all. It has increased the attendance at each meeting.

Babe and Theresa Gautschi have had a little bad luck recently. She fell and broke her ankle and Babe had an accident at the Mill and broke his hand. Both are in casts and doing very nicely so far. Especially Babe, he is drawing that sick benefit and enjoying every minute of it. Just like being on retirement. We all wish them a speedy recovery.

Joe and Mary Nuzzi are overjoyed at having their new daughter-in-law home from Germany along with their son. She is a Texas gal. On Saturday, February 7, they had a wedding reception and welcome home party for the pair. A real grand affair it was. About 300 people attended. The wedding cake was baked

by Mary herself, who is quite an accomplished cake maker in her own right. I would say that she is a pro at it. Very nice, Mary. Mary also bakes all cakes for any special affair the Warren Chapter holds.

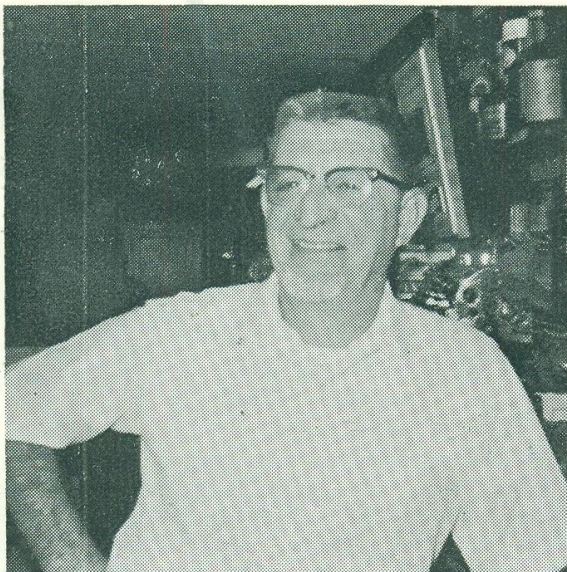
Norm Glaze has now moved into Warren, and has an apartment at 5050 Perkins-Jones Road, Apt. 5A, Warren, Ohio. If any of his friends back East would like to drop him a line, here is his new address. (Norm was formerly with the Greater Philadelphia Chapter.)

This is all for now, so I hope all have a fine Easter Holiday and would like to hear soon from the other three Chapters.

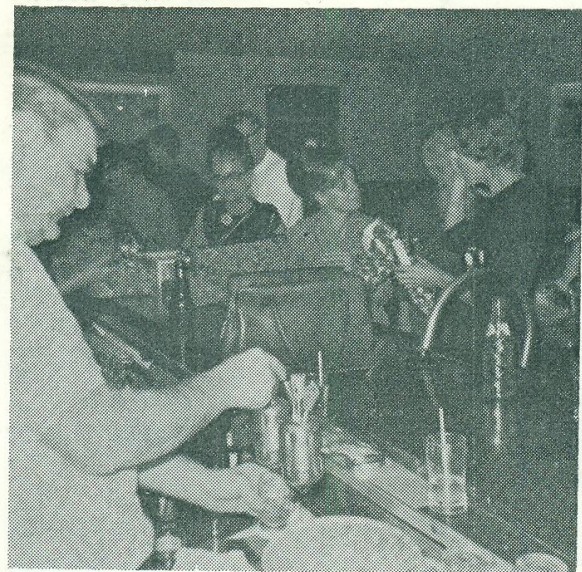
Joe Minotti



Joe Minotti and Mary Nuzzi.



Joe Minotti and his new beard.



Dick Kelly serving refreshments.

An Open Letter To All "Thunderbolts" Living In Michigan

Prior to the 1969 Reunion, our Chapter was re-chartered from the DETROIT CHAPTER to the MICHIGAN CHAPTER. This change in name was a deliberate one to make it possible for all members of the Association living in Michigan to become members of a Chapter of their own.

Our records show that there are about 80 ex-83rd men living in this great state of ours who are eligible. Sad to say, only 13 are presently chartered members, and so a special invitation to all of you to become members of the Michigan Chapter, your Chapter, is hereby extended.

Most, in fact all of you, are members in good standing with the Association; you must be, because you are on Mr. Redmond's mailing list. This is an indication that you have some interest in the 83rd Infantry Division Association. The Michigan Chapter would like to nurture this interest and ask all of you to become a part of this group of real nice Joes that make up the Michigan Chapter.

As a Chapter Member, you will have the opportunity to meet and visit with people in your neck of the woods. Because we meet more often than the once a year Reunion, you will become better acquainted with people who will attend Reunions with you and thus make your attendance more meaningful.

What does belonging to a Chapter mean to you in time and money? If this has been a concern to you, let me put your mind at ease. Monetarily speaking, a few nickels a month is all that is expected from each member to help defray the cost of correspondence.

Time wise, the sacrifice is minimal. As you know, Michigan is blessed with a superb system of Freeways and Thoroughways, so that no matter where you live, you are within 2 hours driving time to our meeting place. We have held meetings in Flushing, Columbiaville, Freeland and the Irish Hills. We have travelled, yes, but we've made a day of it, because all of our meetings are a family affair. This our purpose, to meet not only ex-G.I.'s, but their family as well. None of this gavel pounding, may I have the stand, sort of thing. Our meetings are conducted in a casual, relaxing atmosphere.

The proof is in the pudding, they say. We'd like to prove to you that joining our Chapter can be an experience for you and your family. Why not drop me

a line; I'll be only too glad to send you all of the details and a schedule of our meetings for the year.

The Michigan Chapter can be the best and biggest in the Association. The potential is there. This is our goal, you can help us reach it. WHY NOT JOIN US!!

Sincerely,
MARION E. MUOIO
6217 Jonathon
Dearborn, Michigan 48126
Corresponding Secretary,
Michigan Chapter

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The 83rd Infantry Division Association wishes to extend our sincere sympathy to our members who have passed to their eternal reward.

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ANDREW B. KOTCH
77 W. Chestnut Street
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Andrew died at the age of 71 years. He served with the Pennsylvania State Police during World War I, played baseball an outfielder with the Reading Baseball Team and also in the Pacific Coast League. During World War II, he served with the 308th Engineers.

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