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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We've just returned home from Florida where Rita visited her parents at Ruskin while I attended the Executive Board Meeting in Orlando. Believe me, it was sure nice to be in Florida while Michigan was suffering through a terrible ice storm. But it didn't help any when I received word that 2 of our large trees had fallen victims to the storm and that one of them had come down upon our house. Fortunately, before arriving home I found out that there was a mis-understanding on my part and that the trees fell in the yard below the house and not on it. And even better, the electricity, which had been out for four days, was put back into service just shortly before we arrived home and our good neighbors, who had taken care of our place during this crisis, had seen to it that the furnace was operating so we would have heat upon our arrival. We hope that you have neighbors such as ours, for they are a real blessing.

It was good to see all of the Executive Board Members and those wives who also came along for a few days in the sun. However, there was very little time for the members themselves to bask in the sun, for much work had to be done in just a short time. Some mis-understandings between the hotel management and ourselves resulted in mix-ups that were necessary to unravel and we found ourselves in a meeting with a hotel Executive on Sunday morning, before leaving for home.

But we did come up with a program which we're sure that you will all enjoy, and you'll find more about that in another part of this issue. In the meantime I want to remind you that if you haven't sent your AD for our Program Book then how about doing it now, right now, that is. The Board needs your support in this, for the book goes a long ways toward helping to keep the cost of registration down. We have managed, in spite of sky-rocketing costs, to keep the registration fee down to the same as it was last year. But part of this is based upon a good response to our Program or AD Book. So get with it, gang, and get those ADS in.

One other thing before I close, and that is that there will be some changes proposed in our current By-laws when we meet at our annual meeting in August. These changes, which are outlined in this issue, could have a drastic effect upon the future of this organization and therefore I would emphasize that your presence in Orlando is of paramount importance. Read these proposed changes so that when you vote upon them at the meeting you will know what you are voting for or against.

Rita and I hope to see you in Orlando.

Bob Taylor  
President

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IF YOU DON'T PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION,  
THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 1976-77.

## REUNION CHAIRMAN

The Executive Board, with President Bob Taylor, Sam Klippa and myself, with a few wives, met in Orlando, Florida March 4 thru March 6th of 1976. Although there were plenty of things to iron out, we all believe we will have a successful Reunion.

As you all know, if you had attended previous Reunions, it always starts on Thursday thru Saturday. More and more members arrive on Wednesday each year, so be sure to come early and bring your wife.

Room rates are much cheaper at the Sheraton-Towers than those at the Landmark Hotel in Myrtle Beach; which are Singles \$24.00, Doubles \$29.00. At those rates we hope more members will stay in one place. Make your reservations now, as the hotel plans to put all 83rd Members in the same tower.

Attractions in the surrounding area are: Walt Disney World, Sea World, Cypress Gardens, Kennedy Space Center, Busch Gardens and Silver Springs. The Buses usually leave at intervals of 2 hours for the various attractions. Bring your shorts, as it will be hot. If you drive down and go through Kentucky or North Carolina be sure to buy your cigarettes there. Booze is a bit cheaper in Florida.

Respectfully Yours

'Doc' G.E. Keeler

128 SE Leland St.

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

(NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS FOR YOUR RECORD.)

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## 30TH. ANNUAL REUNION 83RD. INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION INC. ORLANDO, FLORIDA

### THURSDAY : AUGUST 19, 1976

9:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M. - Registration in Lobby.  
10:00 A.M. To Noon - Bingo for women.  
2:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room.  
8:00 P.M. To Midnight - Beer Party and Cash Bar.

### FRIDAY - AUGUST 20, 1976.

9:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M. - Registration in Lobby.  
10:00 A.M. To Noon - Bingo for women.  
10:00 A.M. To Noon - Business Meeting, Members Only.  
1:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room.  
7:00 P.M. To Midnight - Dinner Dance and Cash Bar.

### SATURDAY - AUGUST 21, 1976

9:00 A.M. To Noon - Registration in Lobby.  
10:00 A.M. To Noon - Business Meeting, Members Only.  
9:00 A.M. To Noon - Leisure time for Ladies & Guests.  
2:00 P.M. To 3:00 P.M. - Memorial Services.  
3:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room.  
7:00 P.M. To ????? - Banquet, Dancing and Grand Finale, Cash Bar. Have a Happy Reunion.

'Doc' Keeler

Reunion Chairman

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## REUNION SITE RUNDOWN

Now that we pretty much have the Reunion Program settled and are counting the weeks until the Sheraton Towers Hotel opens it's doors to us, we can settle back and take a little better look at the overall picture of what we can look for in Florida that will make our stay even more enjoyable.

For openers the hotel itself is one of the nicest that we have visited. It is in an open, non-congested area and is designed primarily for conventions such as ours. It is convenient to both the I-4 Expressway and the Florida Turnpike. It has it's own Liquor Store, Restaurants, Gift Shop, Swimming Pool and Cocktail Lounge. The rooms are all spacious with outside windows and with individual Air Conditioning Units. And the Convention Center itself is the nicest I've seen, with Meeting rooms, Ball Rooms, and our own registration area completely removed from the rest of the hotel. I'm sure that you will agree that this is the finest facility to which we have ever been for a Reunion.

As for the area's attractions, what can we say that you haven't already heard about Florida. You're practically in Disney World's backyard, and also nearby are the Stars Hall of Fame, Gatorland, The Citrus Tower, Sea World, Circus World, and Lake Buena Vista with a most unique Shopping Center that everyone will enjoy. But also, you will be within about 1½ hours drive of Florida's other tourist attractions.

Kennedy Space Center, Cypress Gardens, Masterpiece Gardens, and Daytona Beach are all about 1½ hours away, while the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum and Saratoga Jungle Gardens are about 3 hours away. So those of you who would like to make a vacation of this trip could hardly choose a better place to start from than right there at the Sheraton Towers Hotel.

For those who will be flying in to Orlando, there is both limousine and taxi service available and Budget-rent-a-car has a desk in the hotel lobby. However, if you would like to rent a car it would be wise to reserve one in advance. Most Florida car rentals are by the day, with no mileage charge, but you pay for the gas that you use.

Also, for you golfers, the hotel guests may play golf at the Cypress Creek Golf Club nearby, which is an 18 hole Championship course. Check at the hotel front desk for a fee and reservation schedule.

If you're a fisherman then perhaps you'll be interested in going deep sea fishing. There are both full day and half day fishing parties available only 1 hours drive away at Daytona Beach, where you can fish 15 to 35 miles off shore for Red Snapper, Grouper, etc. You don't even need to bring fishing gear, for they will supply it. Here, again, more information about this is available at the hotel desk.

But for those who are interested only in local

attractions there are Buses that leave from the hotel for Disney World on a regular schedule, while the Gray Line Tours leave from the hotel each day for Sea World, Kennedy Space Center, Cypress Gardens, Busch Gardens, Silver Springs and St. Augustine.

I think that you'll have the time of your life at the Reunion, so make your reservations early and make a real vacation of it. Use the reservation card that was in your last issue of the Thunderbolt or write to the Sheraton Towers Hotel, 5780 Major Blvd. Orlando, Florida 32805. Be sure to mention the 83rd. Infantry Division Association to get Reunion rates.

Hope to see you all in Orlando.

Bob Taylor  
President

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THE BEAUTIFUL SHERATON TOWERS HOTEL.  
REUNION HEADQUARTERS - 83RD INF. DIV. ASSOC. INC.

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## NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Hi Buddies:

Just received my copy of the Thunderbolt today, March 5, 1976, and started to get my next Column out so it can get to the Printer on time.

The last Issue, my copy for September, October, and November Issue arrived in Pittsburgh a few hours late and I received a letter saying it would not be in the Thunderbolt because it arrived too late. This I could not understand, as I had sent it in six days before the date it was due, September 10, 1976. It arrived in Pittsburgh on the eleventh. The experience I have had the last eleven years with the Printer here said, as long as he was still working on the Thunderbolt he could always add something that came in late. Once he started to bind the copy, it was too late.

My Column took six days to get to Pittsburgh, but a letter of mine to the Editor and an answer from him took four days for both, so there surely must be something wrong with the mail these days.

It was the first time in eleven years, as Reporter, for the Jersey Chapter that I was late getting my Column in to the Editor. My name was in the issue of the Thunderbolt stating that my copy was late and if it happened again, it would not be printed until the next issue. Now I sent my Column in for December, January, February Issue three wks.



ahead of time and I read all the Reporters were late this time, which also included me. Maybe the Jersey Chapter was spoiled by me as far as getting the copies of the Thunderbolt before anyone else in the Association the past eleven years, because I would pick them up at the Printers for Harry Lockwood and then for Larry Redmond when he took over, and as I said before, it was nice getting the Thunderbolt before Christmas and New Years and getting everyones good wishes before time.

I had brought it up at the Pittsburgh and Chicago Reunion that I had talked it over with the Printer and he suggested changing the dates and this could be a reality and it wouldn't conflict with any of the Holidays and it would be easier on him and the mailing problem. When I mentioned this at these Reunions, I had the feeling I was talking to myself, as no one made any remarks at all. Both times I just sat down and shut my mouth. I don't know why the dates were changed, or who changed them. The news we get now is really out of date as far as Holidays of any kind are concerned. Summer news we get in the Winter and Winter news we get in the summer.

Also, I personally look forward to hearing about what the other Chapters are doing, where they have been, and what they are doing to make their Chapter grow. It seems we are getting away from that now. You have to look between the pages to find their Column. I say lets have more stories and pictures about our Buddies and their families and make the Thunderbolt more enjoyable. What I have said in my Column here is not to criticize, but to ask why. I know it's a hard job getting the Thunderbolt together, and I think there should be more than one person doing it. I think that, wherever the Editor comes from, the Chapter should give him help. Pay them if necessary, if we need the money for this, I don't think we should have any problem getting it. I'll do my share and I know the rest of the boys will do likewise.

Now for the bright things in life. Emil Wehling and his wife are celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary on June 15, 1976. We would like to wish them thirty more years of health and happiness. Emil said it seems like yesterday and nothing has changed since that first day. It has been one steady Honeymoon.

My wife and I will be celebrating our 38th Wedding Anniversary on May 7, 1976, and I would have to say I feel the same as Emil.

Stan Bielen and his wife will be heading for the Canary Islands by the time you read this. He said he goes on a Honeymoon every year. Boy, when you have money, you can do anything.

We have had some good meetings of late with quite a few coming out. We try to plan activities, but can't seem to agree on a date. I hope this summer we can plan trips to the beach, that's one place everyone seems to enjoy themselves.

We are trying to get a group together to stop at

Myrtle Beach on the way back from the Reunion at Disney World, and stay at the same Motel we did last summer, the 'Waikiki' which was across from the Landmark.

When we were there last year, my room was \$106 for the week, and if we stayed another week, it would have cost \$66.00 which was considered inexpensive, and it was superb. Ask the Cleveland group, they'll tell you the good times they had. I hope we can get quite a few to go back with us.

Sorry to hear about Casey Kowalec being sick. I hope everything is fine with him.

We are all around the age, that we should enjoy ourselves, as we live from day to day. Life is too short to think about tomorrow, you have to live day by day.

I know if I had a few dollars to spend I do. You save for a rainy day and you can bet someone else is going to enjoy it.

Looking forward to the Florida Reunion and hope to see everyone there. Take care, and God Bless you all.

Yours Truly

Jim Bowie

330th Co. B

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#### THE MEN OF THE THUNDERBOLT DIVISION:

We the men of the 83rd realize that time is passing us by, and we should make every effort to keep in touch with our Buddies of the WWII era. These Buddies are your proven friends and in these days we learned to live with each other, and in the fading years of our lives, we should keep in touch.

At the Reunion last year it was very heart warming to me, to see how Buddies still cling to each other. I have been to other Reunions, but for the first time I involved myself in the meetings. I think all men should take this opportunity to express themselves. The Hospitality Room was rewarding to me, for the first time I was able to talk with men from the other Units that make up our great Division.

As I said before, time is passing us by, it is a long time since the Reunion and I realize that I was to get a news item to Sam Klippa for the first Issue after the Reunion.

To begin with in my past Article I wrote about the men that made up the Headquarters group. I neglected to mention Gene Costanzo - THAT WAS A CARDINAL SIN - and I do owe Gene an apology - he was a Goodwill Ambassador in G Co. He was always kissing the young (5 to 10 years) girls in the towns we liberated. Bill Bogacz and Al Suess were also disappointed that I had not mentioned them, they were not part of the Headquarters group, but part of the fighting Platoons. Al Suess claims the title of the Youngest Member in the Association. He was still wet behind the ears when he joined the 83rd Division at the young age of 18, but like all of us, he grew

into a man when the first shots were fired.

Once again we must touch on a sad note. I received a letter from Mrs. Lee Jones informing me that Jimmie passed away in August 1975. Also, another member of G Co. has joined his Comrades in Arms, George Smith.

On the good news --- I was sitting in the Office just a few weeks ago when I received a phone call from one of the original G Co. men - Vincent Pinano one from the Company had heard from him since he left the Unit during the Bulge in January 1945 - 31 years ago. For those interested in contacting Vincent, his address is: 354 E. Front St.- Atco, New Jersey 08004. He still is the jolly fellow, that he was when he joined the Outfit in 1944.

The communications is on the increase with Beau Titus. Titus and Bob Piette discussed having G Co. Reunion - where the fellows could get together for a few days and talk over old times. The response has been good.

Another G Co. man, O.K. Baird was in New Orleans for a conversation. It was good to see Kenny and his wife once again.

Back in October 1943 when I joined the 83rd Div. at Camp Breckenridge, I did not realize at the time, how fortunate I was to join an Infantry Division. I had been in the Army for 13 months and had spent 10 months at the Replacement Training Center. I felt sure that I would be assigned as a replacement in a Division that was in the Combat Zone. To me, this is a disheartening feeling, not only for an Officer, but more so for an Enlisted Man. We all know what Hell combat can be, but to those of us that trained with the 83rd Division in the States, it was a sense of satisfaction to know the fellow beside you was a friend and you know what help you could expect from him.

For the replacement, Combat was a new world to him. He was a stranger to all except the replacement along side of him, and he may have known him only a few hours. We would like to take our hats off to these fellows, and there are many of these replacements in our Association today.

They were replacements for only a short time, because once assigned to a Platoon or a Squad they welded into the Unit and became part of us, and then they had their chance to act as Veterans and to give advice to the new replacements that were assigned to the Unit. These replacements came to us almost on a daily basis, and as Company Commander it was hard for me to keep up with the new men that were assigned to the Unit, and I know that there are many things that come up at the Reunions, that I had heard while we were in Combat, but I never did get to know these men.

In G Co. the list of replacements is as long as other Units, and I may recall a few names and by no means is this the end of the list of names as - Al Suess, Bill Bogacz, Harvey Vollmer, George Berlet, O.K. Baird, Don Schwartz, Wesley, Goldstein,

Rutstein, Graff, Nazelrod, Sears, Tuttle, These and many others grouped together to form one of the many great Units that made up not only the 83rd Division, but the entire U.S. Army.

Captain "Mac"

"G" Co. 331st Inf.

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Dear Sam:

I am sorry to be so late in replying to your letter. I received my copy of the Thunderbolt just recently and was pleasantly surprised to see our 453rd Unit listed on page six of the 83rd attack on Carentan as an attached Unit. I remember the Campaign well.

I plan to be in Florida on August 19, 20 and 21 1976. As to what is happening in the 453rd Unit, I will not know for certain until September 1, 1976. I do know however, the Reunion will be held in Louisville, Kentucky this year. Our Unit meets yearly and I was unable to attend last year.

I shall be formulating a mailing soon, informing the 453rd of our acceptance into the 83rd Div. I shall inform the Unit Officially and urge Membership in the 83rd and mention the 83rd Reunion in Florida.

It may be some time before you will notice a response from our Unit. Please be patient. I shall stay in contact with you and will do some of the writing for the 453rd from time to time.

Sincerely

Peter Severhof

Sec't. Treas. 453rd AAA

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#### DIXIE CHAPTER NEWS

Hi Buddies:

We had our first meeting on March 27th, at the Ramada Inn in Columbia, SC and had a good turn out with fifty three present. Our next meeting will be on May 15th, at Statesville, NC. At this time I don't know the location but Keith Eckerd will be making the arrangements and can be contacted at: Box 292, Taylorsville, NC 28681. We will have an outing on June 12th at the lake home of James (Buck) and Mary Muldrow in Greenville, SC, and hope to have a crowd for this one.

We of the Dixie Chapter are still working for new members and at this time we have 81 paid-up members. Come on you guys, who fell by the wayside, cough up those Dues.

I usually make the trip to the meetings, which is 500 miles more or less, on Saturday and return home on Sunday. This meeting we drove to Charleston, SC on Friday and spent the night with Billie's two brothers who have retired from the Air Force, then drove to Columbia on Saturday. On Sunday, Billie & I went with Lessie and Dick Riddle to their home in Saluda, SC for a nice visit. Dick called Larry and Mary Redmond, who were expected at our meeting, but Mary had the Flu and they couldn't make the trip. We all sure enjoyed talking to Larry and hope Mary



makes a fast recovery.

I am proud to be an 83rd member and can't understand any man who was with us who isn't a member. The four Thunderbolt Issues we receive each year is worth more than the Dues, plus good friends all over the United States. Come on guys, send in those Dues.

Hope to see everyone in Orlando. Bye for now.

Jake L. Glenn, Sr.

'L' Co. 330th Inf.

P.S. We had a report of the death of an 83rd member.

Fred Melborn

'M' Co. 329th Inf.

He died in October of 1975 in Greenville, SC.

(Fred was not in our files. ED.)

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#### MICHIGAN REPORT

The following appeared in the Obituary Column of our local news paper on January 30, 1976.

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#### STEVE BENSON SLAIN LOUNGE OWNER

Services for Steve Benson, owner of El Toro Lounge, will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday at the St. Cletus Church. Mr. Benson, 59, of Warren, MI was slain in the lounge Wednesday, January 28.

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Steve was a member of several Veteran organizations in the Metropolitan Detroit area and also a member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, the Michigan Chapter Co. E. 331st.

Reporting the death of one of our members is saddening. The impact of Steve's death, however, is profound in that his death came in a cruel and inhuman way.

Several days after Steve's burial, another article appeared detailing the apprehension of the suspect in Steve's murder, his history as a felon and his arraignment on murder and armed robbery charges. The suspect is a six times convicted felon who has spent most of his adult life in and out of prison. Recently released from Jackson Prison after serving three years for armed robbery and criminal assault, this criminal was set free to strike again.

To be sure, this kind of news is a sad commentary for our day and age. Sad that while these cruel and inhuman acts continue to increase and the culprits are released by the hundreds, we still argue the pro and con of the gun control bills before Congress. Sadder still, that some of us can justify these arguments in defense of the lobbyist who maintain that when guns are banned the sportsmen are penalized and the criminal will still have guns.

Valid as they are, such arguments are never-the-less contradictory and in a sense self destructive. Owning guns for protection becomes a mute question for how often is the victim given warning and a chance to use the gun he purchased for his protection? Owning them for sport, admirable as it may be, on the other hand is out of perspective. That is, unless we are callous enough to admit that

the face value received in pursuit of the sport is greater than the value placed on just one life lost through the use of guns.

The argument that when guns are banned, only the criminal will have guns is sheer folly considering that our right to own guns makes them that much more accessible to the criminal. It would seem therefore, that the solution is a TOTAL BAN from manufacturing to ownership.

If there is a cause the 83rd as a group can address itself to this Bi-centennial year, let's make it TOTAL BAN OF ALL GUNS. Let's tell the manufacturer his profits will have to come from other means. Let's tell the sportsmen there are other sports to be enjoyed.

Marion C. Muoio

'C' 308 Eng.

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#### PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

We men and wives of our Philadelphia Chapter-welcome you, our Comrades and families to our City of Brotherly Love - in this our 200th. Birthday of our great Country.

We may have rotten apples (a few) in Congress, State Capitols and City Halls throughout our land, but our wonderful Country will go on and grow in spite of them.

I say this from the bottom of my heart. We have more good people in our homeland than bad guys. You very seldom hear of the ones that do good. Let's cast the rotten apples aside and start our next 200 years - in Faith in our Country and Comrades, and all pull together.

Thank You

The sad news of our Association; our following Comrades and wives have suffered Heart Attacks. We Pray for their rapid recovery.

Don Roth - 'M' Co. 331st Inf.

Phil Derricola - 'F' Co. 331st Inf.

Casey Kowalec - 'C' 322 F.A.

Mrs. Uridel, wife of Al Uridel - Cn 329

O' Lord

Our Heavenly Father, watch with us, we pray thee, over our sick Comrades, and families for whom our Prayers are offered, and grant that they may be restored to that perfect health that is Yours alone to give; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Our cheers and Get Well to Mary Redmond, wife of Larry; 'H' 330th. Inf., and to Mary McGrogan wife of Frank McGrogan - 'D' 330th. Inf. Both of these wonderful ladies have been ill and we hope to see them soon. We members of our Philadelphia Chapter have a great program set up for our New Year of 1976 and are now preparing for Orlando, Florida. At our January Meeting our good friend Larry Redmond was elected as our Publicity Director. We all know Larry's work, and cooperation and the great job he can do. We thank him for accepting the position. The best of luck to Larry.

P.S.

I haven't received any Thunderbolt Magazine since we returned from Myrtle Beach. The ones that I saw from our Buddies of the Philadelphia Chapter, left out all our Chapter News and Chaplain Reports. If there is anything wrong, please let our 83rd. Association and our Philadelphia Chapter in on it.

(John Piscitelli's Column for this Issue was Post-marked February 2, 1976, and the Deadline was Jan. 10, 1976. Frank McGrogan had his Column on page 3 and John Piscitelli had his Articles on page 14. Please look in Vol. 31 - No. 1, John. Vol. 31 - No. 2 does not have your Article because you were a month late in getting it to me.) ED.

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#### CHAPLAINS STEEPLE

O' Mighty Lord.

We men of the 83rd. Division Association, Pray for the following men, our deceased Comrades of our 83rd. Thunderbolt Division:

Gen. Claude Ferenbaugh - Ass't. Div. Commander

Alfred Gruber - 'M' 331st Inf.

James Motta - Serv. 908 F.A.

Dwight C. Smith - 'G' 329th. Inf.

Clarence P. Ziegler - 'G' 329th. Inf.

Albert Bargaen - 83rd M.P.'s.

Roger Dise - 'E' 331st. Inf.

Clyde Roe - 'L' 330th. Inf.

David L. Bell - 'L' 330th. Inf.

Lord. in times past when courage was needed - You Blessed us - men offered their lives, and did not doubt it was good - we thank You for their courage and we commend them to your kindness.

Lord.

Welcome into Your Kingdom our departed Comrades and bring them all into the light of Your presence. AMEN.

O' Lord - we Pray to You as we come into our 30th year of this organization, our 83rd. Infantry Div. Association of World War II. We Pray and believe in our Country and her destiny. We believe in the great dreams of her founders - we believe in her place among Nations, and in her ideals. We believe that her Democracy must be protected, her privileges cherished and her freedom defended.

Yes, O' Lord, in all this we do believe. AMEN.

John T. Piscitelli

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IT ISN'T TOO EARLY TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT ADS CAN BE SENT IN NOW. ALSO, IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO OUR 'BICENTENNIAL REUNION' IN ORLANDO, YOU CAN SEND YOUR 1976-'77 DUES TO ME NOW.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY.

HELP MAKE YOUR ASSOCIATION GROW.

DO YOUR SHARE. SIGN UP A BUDDY.

LET ALL YOUR FRIENDS KNOW WE ARE ACTIVE.

LETTERS ARE OUR BEST FORM OF ADVERTISING.

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....Making their sixth appearance at the 83rd Inf. Division Reunion in Orlando, Florida will be the Howard Carlboms of Stockton, CA and the Frank Mangums of Modesto, CA.

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An avid golfer who finally got to heaven, found one Championship Course after another. One approach was covered with tall fir trees and really looked tough. Someone was attempting to drive a ball 400 yards over the thickest clump of trees.

'Who does he think he is?' asked the newcomer. 'St. Peter?'

'He is St. Peter,' whispered an Angel in the gallery. 'Trouble is, he thinks he's Jack Nicklaus.'

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....Three men were in the hospital waiting room when the nurse rushed in and said to the first man, 'Sir, you're the father of twins.'

'Hey! Isn't that a coincidence?' he replied. 'I'm a member of the Minnesota Twins Baseball Team.'

Later the nurse came in and said to the second man, 'Sir, you're the father of triplets.'

'Gee, the man exclaimed. 'Another coincidence! I'm with the 3M Company.'

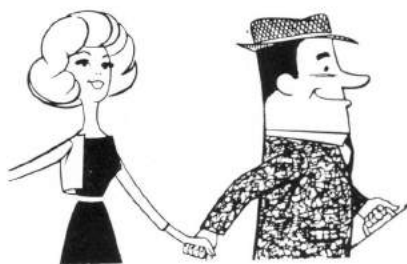
The third man jumped to his feet, grabbed his hat and said, 'I'm getting outta here. I work for the 7 Up Company.'

Michael Brick  
908 F.A.

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PAY YOUR 1976 DUES  
OL' BUDDY...thanks



## WE'RE MOVING

OUR NEW

ADDRESS IS.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO SEND ME YOUR 1976-'77 DUES

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## WARREN, OHIO CHAPTER

Greetings from the Warren Chapter:

With the summer just around the corner, a full slate of summer gatherings is in the offing for the Warren Chapter Members. First of all will be our Annual Anniversary Dinner-Dance which will be held May 8, under the chairmanship of Dick Kelly, Joe Philapone and Bob Johnson, followed by Golf Outings, Family Picnics and last but not least, the Annual Steak Fry.

Committees have been appointed by our President, John Caparanis and plans are being finalized. How about a mini-summer Reunion Picnic with our neighboring Sister Chapters, Cleveland, Detroit and the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Fortunately the members of the Warren Chapter are enjoying apparent good health now. Al Shamrock had a short stay in the hospital and seems to be on the way back to good health. Olga Teringo has recovered from surgery. We've had several cases of chest popping pains as Ann and Charlie Tomazin became grandparents for the first time, Mary and Joe Nuzzi became grandparents for the first time and the Champs, Birdie and Lee Titus became grandparents for the umpteenth time. Millie and Dick Kelly have just returned from a scouting trip to Florida as sort of an advance party for the August/76 Reunion.

Joe Philapone (I don't know about his wife Angie) seems to be enjoying his retirement and is looking well.

Thersa and Babe Gautschi are anxiously awaiting the marriage of their daughter on May 15! (So is the rest of the Chapter.)

Ray Voracek is recuperating from his latest bit of adversity, he broke his foot.

And last but not least, the planning of the 1977 Reunion, Warren, Ohio is moving right along under the chairmanship of Ray Voracek, assisted by Lee Titus and also Ray Minotti. More news and details of this will be forthcoming soon.

Well this is about all this time from Warren, Ohio. We just want to say that there is a standing invitation to all 83rd members to any and all of our affairs. If any of you are ever in Warren, you can reach us either by calling our President, John Caparanis or look up the Cafe 83 in the phone book and ask for Dimps Minotti and she will round us up. God Bless

Mike Skovran  
Hq. Co. 331st Inf.

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## CHICAGO CHAPTER NEWS

Hi Gang:

Chicago Chapter Members were shocked to hear the news about Al Gruber and we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Millie, and the Children.

Enthusiasm for our organization will be missed and remembered by one and all.

Well, our Christmas Party was held at Bill Bogacz's V.F.W. Post on the south side of Chi Town and we had a very good turnout. The food, drinks and hospitality was tremendous. Our Grab Bag Presents went over with the entire group. The party was still going when Yours Truly got sick and had to leave much to my chagrin; but as a result of this, I am now about thirty pounds lighter and still trying to lose weight. Maybe by the time of the Reunion, I'll have reached my goal of 200 - 210 Lbs.

Our next meeting was at Rita's and the women surely outdid themselves on the quantity of goodies. A lot of good it did me! Our Business meeting was all about the upcoming Reunion in Orlando, Florida and we are looking forward to it.

This Reporter, being on the road, was down to the Sheraton Towers the beginning of March working for your Reunion and believe me, when I tell you I'm sure you're going to enjoy Disney World and the other sights in the area.

One other thing I'd like to say is that your President, Bob Taylor > Your Reunion Chairman, Doc Keeler and your Board Chairman, Casey Szubski sure are going all out to get this Shindig going for you members.

Well, until next time I report, I hope that you all have an enjoyable Easter and that the good Lord will be with us at all times.

Your Chicago Reporter  
Harold Dopp  
'M' Co. 331st Inf.

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## LATE NEWS FLASH

....Fred Fisher of 'B' 308 Engineers, passed away in March. Cause of death was a Heart Attack. He was a Bus Driver and some of our members in Monesson PA seen him around quite often but to my knowledge, he was never a member in the Association nor did he attend any Reunions. He leaves behind a wife and two Children. Our Sympathies go out to them.

I am writing to you at this time to see if it is possible to make mention of my wife Irene passing away in the Thunderbolt?

Irene passed away on the 4th of March after a long and serious illness. She had so many wonderful friends throughout the Association, through the 83rd Reunion, Bus #4 to Europe and visiting 'Old Buddies' in our travels around the Country. I would like these friends to know and it would be a problem for me to write each of them individually.

Arnold Cipperly  
Hq. 330th Inf.

## CLEVELAND REPORT

Hello Buddies:

Our February Meeting was held at Ted and Emily Szynanski's, this being our Annual Meeting it was naturally our Election Meeting. Ted and Emily really did themselves proud with the spread that was afforded our Chapter. The women also had a hand where needed to ease the burden on Emily.

The Business end of our meeting was abbreviated so we could get on with the election of Officers for the year 1976. The new Officers are as follows:

Earl Lindsey-----President  
Bob Uher-----Recording Secretary  
Walter Meczka-----Treasurer  
Roland Warner-----Sergeant-at-arms  
Alfred Uridel-----Staff Reporter

With the Election over, the Reunion was brought up. Casey Szubski gave us a rundown on the progress made thus far, and it sounds like the guys and their wives have the ball rolling in the right direction. We're all hoping to attend to help make this a successful Reunion, bear in mind that the people involved with the job, are miles and miles away from Orlando, Florida. They don't just take a Bus or jump into their cars to arrange the Program, this entails getting time off from work and hopping a plane, and a lot of expense comes out of their pockets, so patience is important, give the guys the credit that is due them.

We have some of our members on the sick list. Chet Czech had some Oral Surgery done, Bob Uher not feeling up to snuff, nothing serious but we hope to see them well again. Eleanor Szubski having some pain after Oral Surgery, and Julie Cox has a very sick mother, a speedy recovery to all.

Bob Grobelny is our Chapter Historian, and those of us that have photos, give them to Bob and they are entered in a large album. Looking at these pictures of our group you begin to realize and notice how time has crept up on us. No more does one see the Svelte physiques, and full heads of hair.

Ed Glinka informed me that he has a Grandchild and another on the way, the Reporters job is tough enough so you folks that have news, give some to your respective Reporters, don't wait two or three years to disclose.

This will be our last Edition before the Reunion in Orlando, so plan your Vacations and join us in a good time. Your DUES ARE DUE, pay up and let's see if we can't go way over the THOUSAND PAID MEMBERS.

God Bless &  
See You In Orlando  
Al Uridel  
Cn. Co. 329th Inf.

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(CORRECTION! THIS IS NOT THE LAST ISSUE! ONE MORE!)

NEXT DEADLINE - JUNE 10, 1976

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## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER REPORT

The Pittsburgh Chapter has one of the greatest attendance records, for any interested parties, the average attendance being thirty one. A few people who don't show up at each meeting do come from time to time.

We are pleased to announce our Spring Dance to be held at the Alpine Club in Monesson on May 22. Our Chapter Members certainly are looking forward to this Dance and we know our boys on the committee from Monesson will do their usual good job.

We wish to congratulate Bill and Ann DeMarino on becoming Grandparents for the first time, daughter Carol and husband Bill made it possible.

Sorry to hear about our friend Hank, had Cataracts removed but was not successful in the one eye. Also, his wife Elena spent time in the hospital. Hope they are both doing fine now. Wouldn't it be just great to have good news all the time?

Plans are starting to materialize for the Annual Reunion in August. Quite a few of our members in the Chapter feel the costs are getting out of reach for quite a few people. Perhaps suggestions should be in order. If the costs are kept within reach of the majority of members who wish to attend but can't afford it, I believe we could have a better attendance each year instead of less. Resorts are places to go if you are looking for something to do which we are not. I know with prices going up as they are, this might be something to look into in the future.

Ed Reuss

'I' Co. 331st Inf.

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## NOTICE

### TO ALL THOSE IN THE LOUISVILLE AREA

Now would be a good time for all of the 83rd men in the general area of Louisville to get in touch with Dan McCarthy and see if you can't get things rolling for the 1978 Reunion there. Workers will be needed to help Dan out. Get the 83rd spirit you guys and get active in the first Reunion ever to be held in Kentucky.

I'll be in Louisville the first of May and hope to get together with Dan and the Convention Bureau.

Some of us from the Pittsburgh Chapter are going down for the Governors Breakfast.

Maybe we can all get together.

Samuel Klippa

Sec't. Treas.

'D' Co. 331st. Inf.

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PAY YOUR DUES NOW!  
SIGN UP A BUDDY AND WATCH US GROW.

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U. S. ARMY PHOTOGRAPH

*December 14, 1944 shows men of the 329th Inf. in house to house fighting in Gurzenich, Germany near Duren.*

## Historians Corner

Dear Buddies:

It was a terrible personal shock to read of Al Grubers untimely death. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Casey, stay with us, we need you. Nancy and I wish you a speedy and lasting recovery.

The death of General Ferenbaugh is another great loss to us and the Country. Our Condolences to his family. He was an Officer and a gentleman.

I'm including in this report a photograph I took of both our Generals at Wernegrode, Germany before he left for the United States and reassignment.

This report is a continuation of the 'After Action' pages started in the last Issue of the Thunderbolt. To me, as Historian, the pages come to life. Do they to you?



General Macon & General Ferenbaugh

Also, my good friend Col. 'Bill' White has another humorous story on his 'Capture' in Normandy.

Thanks Bill, we all enjoy your writing. Stay in there and keep punching.

In this Issue I will also start the series of photographs taken by the U.S. Army, of the 83rd in combat.

The date is December 14th, 1944 and shows men of the 329th in house to house fighting in the Gurzen-ich, Germany, a suburb of Duren.

Take Care Of Yourselves  
Your Historian  
Wm. Kent O'Connell  
M.P. Plt. Div. Hq.

(Continued from last Issue)

Early in the day Observers spotted Enemy Armor concentrating in the vicinity of (T 347786).

Supporting Artillery ranged in on the target with good effect, forcing the Enemy to withdraw those tanks still capable of operation. In spite of his determined efforts the Enemy was forced back until the town of HOTUT (T 3678) was passed, where the Division consolidated its line.

The Division Zone was changed on order of VII Corps received at 1700, altering the boundary between the 4th and 83rd Infantry Divisions (See item 1047, G-2, G-3 Journal 7 July, 1944.) In compliance the Commanding General of the 83rd Infantry Division issued Oral Orders at 2130 for an attack on 8, July 1944 (See item 1138, G-2, G-3 Journal, 7, July 1944.)

### 8 JULY 1944

At 0415, six Enemy Light Tanks were discovered attempting to take up positions on our right front. Artillery was adjusted on the target, causing them to retire. The main attack, however, was withheld, until 0930 in accordance with Field Order No. 5, 83rd Infantry Division (See item 1259, G-2, G-3 Journal, 8 July, 1944.) The attack of the 331st Infantry which started at 0930 advanced threatening the flank of the Germans in the 329th Sector. The Enemy was forced to withdraw and by evening the 331st Infantry was firmly established on their Objective and making preparations for the next phase of the operations. In the 330th Sector, no advance was made during the period because of repeated counter-attacks. Here, German tanks and Infantry strove throughout the morning to achieve a penetration. Although the attack was repulsed with heavy losses to the Enemy, it forced the Regiment to fight a defensive action.

### 9 JULY 1944

Operations Memorandum No. 32, confirming Oral Orders of the Commanding General, VII Corps, issued 8 July, was received at 0845. The Division was directed to continue the attack to the south, seizing the Objectives on the north bank of the TAUTE RIVER, and also to draw Enemy attention in the vicinity of TRIBEHO (T 3974.) German resistance continued along the entire front. Through the night Enemy Artillery and Mortar fire increased and all indications showed the Enemy concentrating his Armored strength on the left to support his Infantry in preventing the 330th Infantry from crossing the TAUTE RIVER and cutting the ST.LO - PERIERS road. On the right flank the Division initiated its attack at 0830 and continued to advance forward as the 331st Infantry and elements of the 4th Infantry Division launched a coordinated attack in the direction of SAINTENY (T 3477.) At 1855, the Division captured SAINTENY, opening the road net to the south. During the afternoon the Division Command Post at (T 372829) was moved closer to the front line units, opening at (T 378808) at 1700.

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10 JULY 1944

In compliance with Oral Orders, VII Corps, received at 2330 on 9 July (See item 1641, G-2, G-3 Journal, 9 July 1944) the 83rd Infantry Division attacked to the south in coordination with the 4th Infantry Division on the right and the 9th Infantry Division on the left. Air missions which had been scheduled were cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

The attack jumped off on time as the 329th Infantry advanced through the lines held by the 331st Infantry. The advance was pinned down south of BOIS GRIMOT (T 3577L by Enemy automatic weapons firing from previously prepared strong points.

Enemy counter-attacks by tanks and Infantry continued against the left flank and the 330th Infantry was unable to advance throughout the day.

The 308 Engineer Battalion supported the attack by clearing mines and preparing trails.

11 JULY 1944

The 83rd Infantry Division issued Field Order No. 8 at 0400 for an attack at 0900 with two regiments abreast (See item 1851, G-2, G-3 11 July 1944.)

The 331st Infantry and 329th Infantry cleared strong points and repulsed Infantry-tank teams as they moved slowly to the south. At 1245 the 330th Infantry attacked on the left following an air support bombing and Artillery preparation. The regiment moved to the vicinity of LA LANDE (T 3776.) Seven tanks were destroyed during the attack, making a total of fifteen destroyed in this sector. Mopping up proceeded on the Division left flank.

12 JULY 1944

The Division received Oral Orders from the Commanding General, VII Corps, to resume the attack on the morning of 12 July. In compliance with these orders, plans were made to resume the attack. Field Order No. 9 was issued at 0300 for an attack at 0915 (See item 2061, G-2, G-3 Journal, 12 July 1944) with two regiments abreast and the third regiment supporting the attack by fire.

The attack started on time and progressed slowly against very stubborn resistance. The 329th Infantry encountered a strong point manned by tanks and Infantry and after several attempts reduced it and organized the position for the night. Enemy tanks were met on the left flank and the advance in that sector was slow.

During the day, six enemy tanks were destroyed.

13 JULY 1944

Shortly after midnight 12 -13 July 1944 there were indications of withdrawal by the enemy and strong patrols were sent out to ascertain enemy dispositions.

The Division issued Field Order No. 10 at 0100 (See item 2300, G-2, G-3 Journal, 13 July 1944) and

continued the attack at 130930, placing the 329th Infantry and the 331st Infantry in line with the initial objectives just north of the TAUTE RIVER and prepared to move south of the TAUTE RIVER on Division order. LE MOULIN (T 3775) was occupied by troops of the 330th Infantry at 0600. The attack met only light resistance initially. Later in the afternoon, the right flank encountered several enemy enemy tanks and Infantry was forming in the vicinity of AUXAIS (T 352752) and another group of enemy tanks launched a counter-attack from the vicinity of (T 349752.) An effort was made to bring Artillery fire on both of these groups, but our front lines were too close to permit firing. At 2300, all front line units held their positions and made plans for resuming the attack on 14 July based on oral instructions issued by the Commanding General, 83rd Infantry Division. A small task force from the 330th Infantry and Reconnaissance Troop was left to hold, the area in the vicinity of LE MOULIN (T 3775) and remainder of regiment was brought into Division Reserve in the vicinity of (T 355778.)

(To Be Continued)

The last time I wrote, I mentioned that I might write about how a certain 'fearless' leader got himself captured without a shot being fired, so I might as well tell about it now.

The evening of the 5th of July 1944, some of you will remember that the 3rd Battalion, 330th was attached to the 329th for a night attack. I was having a time as I wanted to go with the Battalion while the Regimental Surgeon was wanting to have me evacuated. I had been hit three times by them. We finally came to a compromise, with Lt. Col. Wilkerson, the Bn. C.O. letting me stay, but instead of being allowed to go with the Battalion that night, I would have to stay with the vehicles and bring them up the next morning. As it was either that or be evacuated I agreed, and the Battalion took off without me.

Early the following morning, about 5 o'clock two men from the commo platoon showed up with word that the Battalion had been hit hard with a counter-attack including tanks, which meant either Mark V Panthers or Mark VI Tigers, the Battalion itself was badly shot up, Col. Wilkerson was badly wounded, and what was left was practically out of ammunition.

I told them to go to regiment and report what had happened and to tell Col. Mac that I was on the way up to take over. I then hollered for Tossolini to load up a jeep with all the ammunition that we could carry and get ready to take off. We headed down the Blacktop CARENTAN-PERIER Highway with Toss driving and me sitting beside him with my Airborne Carbine in my right hand. My left arm was bandaged to my side under a shirt someone in regiment had lent me the night before, my right forearm was bandaged from a rifle bullet through it and I had some grenade fragments in my forehead the first day

of the attack.

I had always believed that you can convince yourself that you can tell ahead of time what you will do under certain circumstances. Believe me, I got a rude awakening that day that proved to me that you never know what you will do when something happens. I have always been glad that I had kept my ideas to myself but I was completely positive (to myself) that I would never be taken prisoner.

Toss and I had gone about half a mile when we found the Battalion Sergeant Major. He told us that the rest of the Battalion, what was left of them, was about a mile further on down the road. We covered a good mile without seeing another person and then finally in the ditch beside the road ahead of us I saw some Medics with their big Red Cross painted on the sides and front of their helmets. I told Toss to pull up alongside them and we would see if they could give us any information. We got the information alright. The Medics and several other Americans with them were prisoners - and SO WERE WE. Just as we stopped in the middle of the road, before I could say a word to them, about a dozen Germans raised up and I then saw two MG 42's, one on either side of the road, trained on the Jeep - and us. My right hand went up in the air so fast that I could not drop my Carbine and I was sitting in the Jeep, waving it at them. That was how Toss and I became guests of the 17th SS Panzer Grenadiers.

The year before last, I went to California to see my oldest son and his family who live in Carmichael, which is practically part of Sacramento. Toss lives in Reno and I got Bill Jr. to drive me to Reno after I had called Toss on the 6th of July, 1974 and we had our Thirtieth Anniversary together. Toss has his own Trucking Outfit and is also Command Sergeant Major for the Nevada National Guard. He told me that every time he fills out one of these forms that asks if he was ever a POW, he always says Yes, he was. When the form then asks how long, he always puts down, about an hour and a half. I told him I did the same thing.

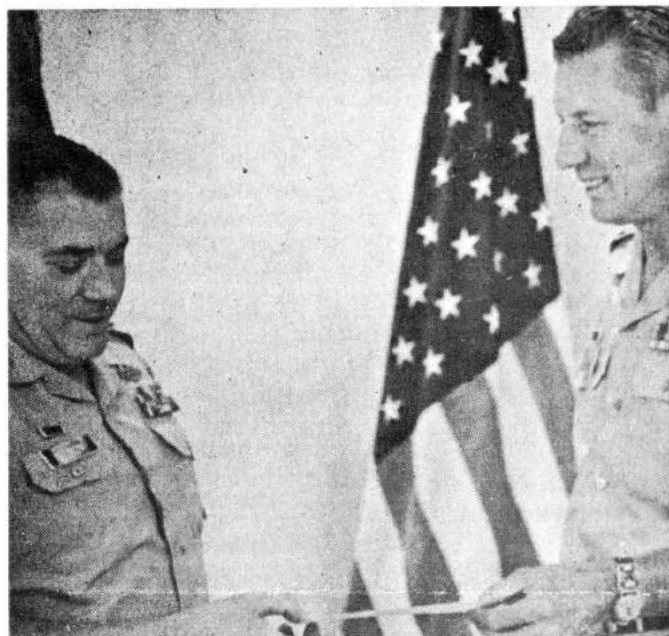
I would like to clear up something that might be bothering a number of men. Sam Klippa mentioned it in the copy of the Thunderbolt before last I believe. He couldn't understand why I was always being considered with the 3rd Bn. 330th when he knew that I had been in the 1st Bn. 331st and also in Hq. 331. Sam is right. I was in both of these units and I am proud of them too, in fact, when I first joined the Association, I stated that I had been a member and also when I registered at my first Reunion, which incidentally happened to be at Myrtle Beach, I stated that I had been with the 3rd Bn. 330, 1st Bn. 331st and Regimental Hq. 331st. Larry Redmond happened to be at the Registration and immediately put my name in the 330th Roster. The 330th was the first unit that I was assigned to after joining the 83rd Division just prior to its departure for the

other side of the Channel. As I am trying to write things in more or less of a sequence, I will have some stories to tell about the 331st a little later. There will be one especially about an inspection that I made of 'D' Company 331st (and this includes Sam) shortly after I joined the Battalion in Vigneux on the Loire River.

Col. Bill White  
330th & 331st Inf.

(Got you down for both Regiments now.) ED.

By coincidence, just as I was putting Col. Bill Whites Column together, where he mentioned Ensio Tosolini, I received a letter from Tosolini with his Dues and the enclosed photo from his News Paper. On his Application was a notation asking, 'how many 83rd men are still part of our Military Forces; both Active and Reserve. I can't answer this question for him, except that I know just a few.



Command Sgt. Maj. Ensio Tosolini, left, who is also President of Chapter 13 of the International Foot-printer Association, presents a check for \$500.00 to Major General Floyd L. Edsall, Adjutant General of the Nevada National Guard. The check will be used to help landscape the new headquarters facility on south Carson St. (NNG Photo)

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Dear Members of the 83rd:

First I want to extend a WELCOME to all of you who may be coming to Florida in August for the Reunion in Orlando, and wish you all a very pleasant stay. We would like to be with you but at this time cannot make such plans.

My husband, George (Company 'G' 330th) is recuperating nicely from a year of sickness and I thought some of his Buddies would like to know. On



1/31/75 he suffered a slight Heart Attack. On 2/3 he suffered another severe Heart Attack and was hospitalized. On 2/10 a two man team of Cardio Vascular Surgeons did Open Heart Surgery on him - removing a vein from his leg and using it as a by-pass for the completely blocked right Coronary Artery. His recuperation was good until 3/30 when he began to suffer from dizzy spells and blackouts and was again hospitalized for what was assumed to be a blood clot on the right side of the brain. The clot apparently broke loose during the Heart operation, but it could not be determined for sure. Anti-coagulants were prescribed to dissolve the clot. He returned home on 4/10.

On 4/16 he suffered another Heart Attack and was returned to the hospital for another 10 days.

He has had to retire from his job as head of the Electrical Department at the Federal Prison Facility here in Tallahassee and now spends his time putting around the house and with his many Hobbies (coin collection, rock collection, model building etc.) He still suffers occasional dizzy spells and some Angina and is taking many different types of medication to control same.

We are both thankful that we are in Tallahassee for the Doctors have been giving him excellent care, and the Hospital also did everything they could to make him comfortable.

I know George would like to hear from his old friends from the 83rd. And again, WELCOME to beautiful Florida.

Mrs. George E. Relyea  
1720 Paula Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

(A sick Buddy who could certainly use some comforting words from his Buddies. Drop him a line or two, you guys in 'G' 330th.) ED.

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Bob Taylor:

Of course you don't know me, I was one of the first Enlisted Men to be sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. There were just a few men there when I came maybe 100. The Draftees came in a couple of weeks later. I came in from Ft. Belvoir, Virginia and was with the Division from Camp Atterbury to my release at Passau, with the 783rd Ordinance.

While with the Division in Europe, often helping with and assigned to each Infantry Regiment to help move troops, also working with small arms weapons.

The last Reunion I attended was at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in the '60's. I have an old friend in Lansing, Michigan I saw last year for the first time since Passau, Germany. He would be interested in becoming a member. (Application Form is already on its way - ED.) He was also in the 783rd. Ordinance.

I may be able to attend the next Reunion in Florida. Good luck in all the endeavors for the Division. I live 20 miles south of Cincy Ohio on I-71, on the way to Louisville.

(Let me hear from more of you. This is good for the Association. It creates interest. ED.)

Arthur H. Doggett  
783rd Ordinance

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This Reporter has just learned recently that we have quite an important figure of the Sports World amongst us in the Pittsburgh Chapter. John Guzik of 'B' Company, 331st. Inf. (Buttons Guzik as he was known before I had the pleasure of meeting him) was Coaching a Basketball Team known as the Reich Club and it is my understanding that this team literally burned up the league in those days, during the pre-war years, that is. The fans and the people of the South Side (where John lives) took great pride in his team, and for good reason.

The South Side Team withdrew from further participation in a Playoff with the Homestead Millers for the Championship because their demand for a share of the gate receipts, instead of the allotted \$20.00 expenses, was refused. John wrote a letter to the League Officials which read:

'As a result of the vote taken by the Players of the Reich Basketball Club, it was unanimously agreed to withdraw from further participation in the Muny League Playoffs, contrary to the expressed wish of the teams sponsor, Mr. A. Reich.

Today John is one of the leading EXPERTS on Horse Racing here. One thing is for sure, he is a darned good Butcher for the A&P Stores.

Enclosed are some of John Guzik's photo's.



Lou Guzik, Skrak of 5th Armored Div. & John Guzik

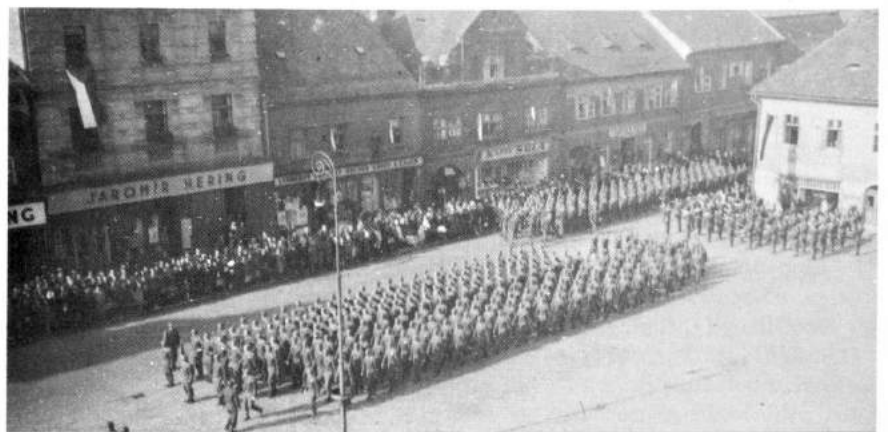


Nahf, Salczynski and 3rd one unknown from 'B' 331



A great leader - Patton

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'B' Co. on parade before returning home. Photo taken in Rokycany, Czechoslovakia



'B' Co. 331 on K.P.

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John Guzik

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Arthur H. Doggett sent me the name of a former 83rd. man who was interested in joining the Assoc., and we already have him signed up. WELCOME ABOARD: Eugene S. Bond - 1727 Springfield Lane - Lansing, MI 48912. Hope you will join us for the Orlando Reunion this year and meet some of your old World War II Buddies for the first time.

This was the first time Eugene ever heard there was an 83rd. Inf. Div. Assoc. I'm sure a lot of you still have addresses of Buddies which I never have contacted for Membership. Let's get them to me. Do your share to SIGN UP A BUDDY.

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....I'm sending this check to pay Dues for the following Buddy. He was a very good man and Soldier and if my health permits, I'll try to see him in August at Orlando. He was one of the best 81 MM Mortormen I've known. His name is Jaquin Blanco - 3324 St. Louis - Tampa, FL 33607.

Robert Hedger  
'M' 330th Inf.

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....Here are my Dues. Had a lot of sickness in the family. My mother died recently. (Our Condolences to to one of our Regulars and his family.)

J.W. Nicholson  
'C' 324 F.A.

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....I never hear from too many of the fellows anymore. Sgt. Lockart doesn't write either. Judge had

called me at Christmas time ten years ago. Hope I can get to the Reunion someday.

Phil Poso

'B' 331st Inf.

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NOTE:

Jesse J. Pirkle -Route #1 Box 14 - Rex, Ga 30273 is trying to locate Norman Sawyer and Carl Twigg. He asked me for their addresses, but they are not in any of my files. If you know these men, please write to Jesse and send their addresses. ED.

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.... I just got my Thunderbolt and always enjoy reading it very much. Thank You. I've attended a few Reunions in the past but was always disappointed in not finding Buddies which I really know. I was in 'B' 331st. Infantry. My Thanks go out to you and all the Members who keep the 83rd. alive and Active. Thanks again for the Thunderbolt.

Harry Knock  
'B' 331st Inf.

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....Yes. I paid my Dues for 1975-76. We are lucky enough to be Retired and live in Lake Placid Florida during the Winter and then along about April we go - to Highlands, NC for the Summer. We have a home in Highlands and a Mobile Home in Florida.

The mix-up in addresses, they sent the last new Thunderbolt to Florida when we were in NC and that is why it was returned.



(This is one of the big reasons for Members not getting their book. Sometimes, for just one wrong digit, the book is returned. Make sure I have your address recorded properly.) ED.

John Scott  
'C' 330th Inf.

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I am writing to see if I can get any information of any kind of the 330th. Infantry Regiment. I forgot what Battalion I was in. I was with the 83rd. when it was first formed at Camp Atterbury in 1942, I was wounded in France on the 17th. of July, 1944 and was Gunner on the 60 MM Mortar. Was in Rifle Platoon and then transferred to the Mortar Platoon.

I know a man in the 329th. of the 83rd. Division who received a book with all the names of the boys in his Company or Regiment including those who were wounded or killed. I don't know why I never received one of those books.

Please tell me if you can help me get the right information about where to get such a book. It has been such a long time, but I would enjoy reading about my Division.

'A later letter.)

Many Thanks for the list of men in 'A' Company of the 330th Infantry. I know two of them; Arthur Klug and Joseph Roy. I also want to Thank You for the Magazine.

I was seriously wounded on the 17th of July, 1944 while waiting for orders from our Lt. to dig in somewhere. A piece of shrapnel from a tree burst pierced my right Lung. My blood pressure is giving me much trouble now and I have been getting 100% Disability since my discharge in 1945. I married a girl here in Memphis while I was in the VA Hospital. We were married in the Chapel after the American Legion and two or three others made the arrangements for us. We have five children, three girls and two boys. Both boys are in the Service now, one in the Army, the other in the Navy.

Does Tennessee have a Chapter, like some of the Northern States? (Information was sent. ED.)

Clifford Anderson  
'A' Co. 330th Inf.

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Another man that was never a Member, was just recently recommended by Jay Goodman, and signed up for the first time. He was Robert A. Mitchell, of 2 Bn Hq 331st Infantry. WELCOME ABOARD, Bob.

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.... I ran across an Ad in the newspaper about the 83rd. looking for it's Veterans. I don't remember if I answered it or not, but I am now. The write-up I'm speaking about referred to the '21st Annual Conclave will be staged in Chicago during the month of August 1967. The Article I am referring to is 9 years old.

I'm trying to find out how to get my medals replaced. I lost everything I owned when I was wounded in the Battle of St. Lo, on July 4th. I was

in the hospital in England for 6 months and then sent across the Channel to Belgium and while I was recuperating, worked on the docks in Antwerp, Belgium. I was shipped home in December of 1945.

Maybe you can help me by letting me know who to contact for my medals.

Sgt. Kenneth B. Emery  
'G' 329th Inf.

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(The information about medals was sent to Emery.)

....I'll list the two names I mentioned on the phone today. Both should send in their Applications shortly and a couple more names will come in the future. If you send them a copy of the Thunderbolt, it would help.

Captain 'Mac'  
'G' Co. 331st Inf.

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....I would like to join the 83rd. Association for 1976, and my Dues are enclosed. Mike Jarmoska of Reading, PA gave my name to Michael Brick and he wrote me a letter. I had never been contacted about the Reunions before but had heard of them through Jarmoska.

Claude Carpenter  
'B' 908 F.A.

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....Romeo Lettieri of 'D' Company 331st. Infantry, writes that one of these days he is going to make one of our Reunions when he is not too busy. He has retired from his job with the city of New York but picked up another job in the meantime. He tells me that he has been keeping in touch with some of the boys and that some of them never respond to his letters.

Lets go you guys in 'D' Company, drop him a line and let's get 'D' Company back to being the best in attendance at the Reunions again. I don't know if any other Company ever came close to having 56 of their Members at a Reunion as we did in Pittsburgh at the second Reunion. We can do it again, so let's start with Orlando this year. ED.

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....I never know when my Dues are paid. I would appreciate it if you would acknowledge payment with a card. This year I was alerted that Dues are due, by your letter which had printed on one side that 'DUES ARE DUE.'

Edward Patch  
'F' Co. 331st Inf.

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....Sorry about my Dues. It was just a slipup. I haven't heard anything from the 83rd. last year and after checking my card, found that I wasn't Paid-up. I wouldn't think of not being a Member of the Division I fought with in World War II. My Army memories will be with me as long as I live.

Frank M. Cancasci  
'D' Co. 331st Inf.

## THE BOUNCING EIGHTY-THIRD IN TENNESSEE

'Twas the summer of forty-three,  
They roamed the hills of Tennessee  
On the first maneuvers of the EIGHTY-Third,  
That 'bouncing' outfit that keeps their word.

The Blues and the Reds there played at War,  
But knew what they were preparing for.  
They played the game and made it real,  
And never griped (?) when they missed a meal.

Of course, some threatened to 'go over the hill'  
But at the end were in there still.  
Those Dough-boys sweat and ate the dust  
Kicked up by tanks, which they always cussed.

Some got too hot, and some 'passed out'  
But then the 'Doc' would bring them about.  
And the Chaplains' word of cheer and smiles  
Seemed to lighten the load and shorten the miles.

Some days they rode, but most times they walked  
Twenty miles or more, but never squawked.  
Muscles grew hard and faces turned brown  
As they 'Picked 'em up and laid 'em down.'

Fifty minutes with a full field pack,  
Then, 'Take a break! Flat on your back.'  
'All right, GET GOING,' the sergeant would yell,  
'On your feet, let's hit the trail.'

Hardly a time for a smoke it seemed  
Before that hard-boiled sergeant screamed.  
'Chow time atlast,' the private sighed,  
'Another mile and I think I'd have died.'

Then, settling down in relaxation,  
He opened his lunch with expectation.  
'Aw Nertz, the same old cheese and dog,'  
He grinned, as he leaned against a log.

'When I was back in the old home town,  
Cheese-on-rye had a pleasant sound;  
But when this is over and I get back,  
I'm gonna eat nothing but chicken and steak.'

Though that dog and cheese was not so hot,  
Yet, when you're famished they hit the spot.  
And you quench your thirst and think it's fine,  
Though the water tastes like Iodine.

So on they went, day after day,  
Running and bouncing into the fray.  
Flanking, enveloping, capturing a Blue,  
Defending, withdrawing, seeing it through.

At the end of the week came time for play.  
If you were lucky and got away.  
Some washed their clothes, wrote Mom a letter;

Cleaned up equipment, wet from the rains,  
And always some played 'certain games (?)'.

Someone would start a crazy rumor,  
But that's part of Army humor:  
'We're going there,' 'We're going here.'  
'Maneuvers cut short, no water, I hear.'

So week after week they battled it through,  
Getting set for a job they had to do.  
In years to come, when the War is won,  
And they spin some yarn to a wide-eyed son,  
They'll say, as they wink like a wise old bird,  
'I too, was a member of the EIGHTY-THIRD.'

Chaplain - H.H. Webster  
West Point, GA 330th. Inf.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sam & Buddies:

Sorry we missed the Reunion this year. Have been off work the past two months with a double Operation and am going back to work in a week.

We sure plan to go to Florida next year, health permitting.

I want to congratulate you and my Buddy Cliff for the good job with the Thunderbolt.

John W Robinette  
'C' 308 Eng.

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I am very sorry for not paying my Dues last year. Am running for Re-election in the County Legislature for my fifth term. Have enjoyed the Political Arena so far; as I guess someone has to do it.

Cliff Snyder  
'C' 330th. Inf.

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All is O.K. out my way. Was sorry not to make Myrtle Beach, but got the detailed news from Bill Doty, who stopped to visit on his way home. My oldest son lives in Tampa and I hope to make it a double pleasure by attending the Reunion in Orlando.

Jim Burton  
'D' 329th. Inf.

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Couldn't make the Reunion at Myrtle Beach the past year, but will certainly try to make next year in Orlando, Florida.

Anthony Piantedosi  
'C' 323 F.A.

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Hope all of you had a wonderful time at Myrtle Beach last year. Would have made it myself, but my Company went out of business.

John R. Biesz 'I' 330th.



Enclosed please find my Check for Dues. Note that I have moved to a new address.

Joseph Kuzma  
'G' 331st. Inf.  
407 Ave. A.  
Bayonne, NJ 07002  
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Hi Sam:

Got your message. Check for my Dues enclosed. Keep pushing for the THOUSAND MARK.

Have reached the age of 65 and am now on Retirement.

Lucien D. Elie  
Hq. 329th. Inf.  
(CONGRADULATIONS! You earned it.) ED.  
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Dear Friend Klippa:

Just received my copy of the Thunderbolt. As usual it's most interesting. There were three items of interest and comment.

First. Congradulations on your election as Sec't. Treasurer. I'm sure you'll do a bang up job.

Second. On page five of the Thunderbolt, Meadows Minnick of 'L' 330th. states that he has 83rd. License Plates. I should like to have one but do not know what address to forward my \$6.00. Can you oblige?

Third. John Folsom suggests contacting the German Veterans Association for a drink of beer etc. Well! A drink of beer might be O.K., but if you have a few and some of our erstwhile enemies get plastered, it might turn out not so nice - especially if some of the soldiers have bitter memories of the War or were gravely wounded. I speak from experience.

Thought I'd pass this on.

Ted DeMasse (Col. Ret.)  
G-2 Div. Hq.

(Had several letters about Plates and forwarded all inquiries to Meadows Minnick.) ED.  
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Dear Sam:

Here's my Membership Dues. Don't cut me off the Thunderbolt Mailing List.

George Sites  
Former Top Kick  
Hq. 908 F.A.  
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Dear Sam:

My Ministry in this wilderness, made so by the laws of Pennsylvania, does not allow me to attend many Conventions.

I enjoy the Thunderbolt and the pictures in it that allow us to relate to one another.

Do I recall you from the Columbus Convention many years ago?

Robert McIntyre  
'C' 330th. Inf.  
1st. Scout 1st. Squad  
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Dear Sam:

I will do all I can to get more Members from my Company. See you all in Florida next Year.

John D. Alley (Col.)  
'A' 331st. Inf.  
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Dear Sam:

The Magazine is looking good. I particularly enjoy the Historical Items.

George Irvine (Col.)  
Hq. 324 F.A.  
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Hi Sam:

I was past Member of the 83rd. Inf. Div. Assoc. until last year. My wife passed away with Open Heart Surgery in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. I just lost interest in everything. I am getting back on my feet again. I am thinking about taking the trip to Europe in June. You will be hearing from me.

Frank J. Albano  
Cn. Co. 329th. Inf.  
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Dear Mr. Klippa:

I am interested in the ETO '76 Tour of Europe. Enclosed is my Deposit. I will be travelling alone as my wife passed away in August.

Al Levendoski  
Hq. 330th. Inf.  
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Dear Mr. Klippa:

Fred O. Kiger of 'I' Co. 331st. Inf. now has a Change of Address: 2111 Tobaccoville Road - Rural Hall, NC 27045.

Fred is unable to write since he suffered a Stroke. He doesn't get around much.

Dues are enclosed for the coming year.

Mrs. F.O. Kiger  
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Sorry to be late with my Dues. The November Issue brought to my attention the fact that I wasn't Paid-up.

May I add my two cents about the present Format of the Thunderbolt. I like it! Especially Articles about the early days in Normandy that appeared in

the March, April, May Issue. Sure brought back some Memories.

Keep up the good work.

Best of Luck  
Sebastian Vasquez  
'K' 331st. Inf.  
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Dear Sir:

I liked it always when the Roster of Paid-up Members was in the 83rd. Thunderbolt. I think that correspondence between Members helps in getting new Members. Good luck on the THOUSAND MEMBERS.

Hope to see you someday.

Ralph Wavra  
'L' 329th. Inf.  
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(Address lists are available to anyone that wants to have them for writing to their Buddies. There have been complaints that the space in the Thunderbolt can be used for better purposes.) ED.  
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Mr. Klippa:

We now have a house number. Bob enjoys the new Thunderbolt Magazine a lot. He retired from his old job after 32 years. He keeps busy with the work around the house now. Bob was in 'A' 331st. Inf.

Mrs. Robert Trimble  
C.M.R. #9  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
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Dear Sir:

I am sending a Check for my husbands Dues. He has been in the Veterans Hospital for five years in Holly Hill, NC, so I have been taking care of his--- Dues. He was a Member of 'M' Co. 329th. Inf.

Mrs. Robert P. Allard  
19 Quinebaugh Ave.  
Putnam, CT 06260

(You guys in 'M' 329, get out your pens and send Bob some letters of Cheer.) ED.  
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John D. McLaughlin, (Lt. Gen.) along with his Dues for the year, sends his 'Thank You' for the Article about him in the Thunderbolt, written by our Johnny 'Reb' Folsom. His application read: P.S. Thanks for the fine Article on me in the last Thunderbolt. Do you have any extra copies to send me? He enclosed a donation for the extra copies, and I have already sent them to him.

ED.  
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Earl F. McDonald had a 'Notation' at the bottom of his Membership Application with the following information:

'I was in the Initial Cadre in 1942 from the 3rd Cavalry. Was 1st. Sergeant of 'K' 331st Inf. until the end of May 1945. Was 1st. Lt. in the 15th. Inf. of the 3rd. Div. in Korea in 1950-51. Retired as a Major in 1962.

Sorry I'm late with my Dues. Just one of those things.

Earl F. McDonald  
'K' 331st. Inf.  
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I have been a Member since 1946. Am just paying my Dues now.

George Toner  
'A' 329th. Inf.  
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Dear Sam:

I've been a Member of the Association every year since it was formed. Since I can't find where I paid my Dues last August, I'm sending them now. Thanks.

'Doc' Harvey Davis  
Hq. Divarty  
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(Davis O.K. Toner, no record of being paid.) ED.

Here's one that I enjoyed reading:  
Pvt. Joseph J. Kara ASN 35516758  
1st. Squad 2nd. Plt. Co. 'C' 330th. Inf.  
Barracks #440 Camp Atterbury, Indiana.  
Discharged February 13, 1943.  
Reason: Section II Circular #397.

I was discharged because of my age. I was 44 years old, will be 77 years old next January 5, 1976 and was in only 3 months and 30 days.

Al Uridel, my barber, has been after me to join.

Yours Truly  
Joseph J. Kara  
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I inadvertently misplaced your Notice of the current Dues that are due. I meant to send it in but I discarded the Dues request and kept the Tour sheet instead of Vice Versa. May I have another Application?

Sam, this is the only correspondence I have had since the Reunion in August. Is the Thunderbolt being discontinued? Normally, an Issue is out within two months of the Meeting.

Cordially  
Leo Schneider  
1 Bn. Hq. 331st. Inf.



Dear Sam:

I send my very best wishes for continued success of our Association.

Charles P. Snyder MD  
Major M.C. 331st. Inf.

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Hello Sam:

Last year at the Reunion, I signed up a Member Delbert Rinehart of Dayton, Ohio. I went to his home and he told me that he hasn't received the Thunderbolt as yet. Please try and help this man. He is very much interested in the Association. By the way, he was the driver of the Regimental Commander of the 330th. Infantry.

Thank You  
Robert Hedger  
'M' 330th. Inf.

(Delbert Rinehart was listed in the file as being in the M.P.'s and living in Steelton, PA. There never was a Change of Address sent to me. His Thunderbolts went to the Steelton Address and were not returned.)

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Dear Sam:

For almost a year now, I haven't received any Publications or news of the 83rd. and have finally come to the conclusion that I evidently forgot to pay my Dues, and my name must have been removed from the list. I have attended many Conventions with the 83rd. but have been unable to attend the last few, I had other commitments.

Dues enclosed, and would appreciate having my name added to the Mailing List again.

Russell T. Hite  
Div. Hq.

(Russell was never off the Mailing List. It was only because his Dues were in arrears that he did not get the Thunderbolt.) My Membership letter, which was sent to all the unpaid Members, brought him back to the Active List again.)

ED.

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Dear Sam:

Did you know that Captain McKenna had 27 men of Company 'M' 330th. at the Myrtle Beach Reunion? They were scattered in four or five different Motels, and I think this was wrong, they should have all been in one Motel. I doubt if half of them signed up for the Reunion. Atleast I didn't see very many of them at the Banquet. I believe it would have been nice if the Captain could have gotten all of them to sign up in the Association. We would have been one of the largest Units in the Association. How about you, Sam writing him about this. I'm sure he would listen to you.

I asked my Doctor about going overseas with the

Association. The Doctor said that if I lost 25 lbs. by Spring and if I could walk 3 miles, he then would consider letting me go. I'll call you this Spring to see if you have two seats vacant. My wife Pinie and I would love to go. It would mean so much to us.

I'm sorry, but this is the way it would have to be done. My son, Robert Lee is near Frankfort, Germany, with the 3rd. Armored Division. We haven't seen him since last May. Will close, hoping all will work out.

Robert Hedger  
'M' 330th. Inf.

(Captain McKenna, please take note.) For the record, the Captain is now a General in the Reserves. ED.

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Enclosed is my \$6.00 Dues for Membership in the Association.

I am on the Disabled list for the past two years due to a fall. Been on Crutches for the past year and havd had five Operations on the right leg.

I've been trying to get some Service-Connected Pension from the Veterans Administration, and so far have had no luck. Any help would be appreciated as I still have three of my seven children in Grade School. Four of my Children are married and have their own family.

Thank You  
LaVern J. Forthofer  
Hq. 324 F.A.

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Thomas C. Roberts - Major U.S.A. Ret., wrote to me about General Ferenbaugh, as did many others who saw thg news in their Local Paper, and informed me of the error in the Column. The Obituary in this Thunderbolt mentions Oran Beach and it should have read Omaha Beach instead. Also, Ferenbaugh was not C.O. when the 83rd. went overseas; he was the Assistant C.O.

The Major states that General Ferenbaugh went on to bigger and better things after leaving the 83rd. because of his abilities and leadership. He thought of him as a very good man and says that we should all remember him. (I'm sure we will.)

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#### YOU ARE IMPORTANT

Did you ever stop to think what an Army of people you represent? Your Parents each had two Parents, those four had two Parents, each, and so on. Marching back into the past; all these people had to live before you could. Would they be proud of what you have done with their gift?

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HAVE YOU TOLD YOUR BUDDIES THAT DUES ARE DUE?  
LAST YEAR'S MEMBERS SHOULD BE REMINDED NOW.

....I have not paid my Dues for the past two years due to leg operations. I hope you will enter my name in the next Issue of the Thunderbolt.

Burton A. Clyde  
908 F.A.

(I think some of you 908 guys should write to this Buddy and cheer him up a bit. ED.)

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

I sent a check which the 83rd. Inf. Div. Cashed in 73-74, but I never received notification or Magazine of same. If they would give me credit for same, I'd send my money for year 75-76 Dues. Any information would be appreciated.

Frederick D. Kibbey  
"I" 329th Inf.

(The last Thunderbolt was sent to this man, but I've got no information about his past Dues being paid.)

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....O.L. Cook Jr. of 'F' 330th. sent a check for two Members he wanted signed up (one had already paid and I asked for another name in his place, and some other information that he wanted.

This is another good way to build up the Assoc. Membership. Thank You O.L. Cook, Jr. ED.

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....Enclosed is a check for \$6.00 for O. Kenneth Baird of 'G' 331st. Inf. He was in New Orleans on a Convention. Incidentally Sam, he is interested in the ETO Tour with the 83rd this Summer.

Captain "Mac"  
"G" Co. 331st. Inf.

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#### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Old Shep, a 14 year old dog can't see too well. Maybe someone in a car on Noblestown Road couldn't see too well, either. The car hit Shep.

The dog was dragged quite a distance and then he was thrown free and he rolled down a hillside and lay still. The car kept going.

A little kid ran down the hillside. A Van stopped and two young guys jumped out and ran down too. One of the young guys picked up Shep and the little kid said to take the dog home. The boys mother, Judy Yeager, put a blanket over Shep and then called Mr. Cottrell, who lives next door.

Mr. Cottrell took Shep to a Vet in Thornburg and put down a \$25.00 Deposit for an Emergency Operation. After four days, Mrs. Yeager, who has a dog and a cat, took Shep in. Mr. Cottrell was going to pay the balance of the Vet's \$85.00 bill.

And then someone gave Mrs. Yeager's boy, a newspaper and she happened to see an Ad about a missing dog. She phoned Sue and Larry Leonardi, who had almost given up hope of seeing Shep again, and they came and got their old dog. You ought to hear Mrs. Leonardi. 'We had a grand Reunion with Shep. He's getting along beautifully and, as the Vet said, he has the heart of a lion. We will remember all these

wonderful people in our Prayers for the rest of our lives."

There ARE a lot of good people around.

The above story appeared in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and was written by Joe Browne. Larry Leonardi was with "A" Co. 331st. Inf.

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....I got an Old Buddy to sign up, he sent me his check and I'm forwarding it to you. Earl Berger was a fine Mortor man and served in the 6 Squad of Co. M 330th. Infantry. He also says that nobody in Co. M has written to him since the War, but me. How about you guys in M Co. dropping him a line or two? Earl went all the way with us and I know all of you know him, or should know him.

Thanks  
Robert Hedger

(Earl Berger lives at - 34 Midland Ave. - Columbus, Ohio 43223.)

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George D. Grant, another Pittsburgh man, died suddenly on Christmas Night. His wife reported this to me when she received his Application for Membership in the Association. She gave no details, except that it was a terrible shock to her. ED.

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(The following letter is similar to many that I have been receiving lately, asking for Regimental Books, Insignia, Patches, Bolo Ties and Pendants and telling that they want to locate Old Buddies. If any of you can help these people, please drop them a line. Wish I could give everyone of them a satisfactory answer.

Bolo Ties and Pendants will be available just about the time this book reaches you. It looks as though they will be \$4.00 P.P.) ED.

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....James H. Young - 4821-26th Ave. - St. Petersburg, Florida 33713, wrote to Doc Keeler saying that he wants to join the Florida Chapter. James was in the A.T. Company of the 329th Inf. (I'm sure like to see us get that Florida Chapter going.) ED.

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....Enclosed, please find \$11.00, six for Dues and five for the Association. Unable to make the '75 Reunion. Hope to see you all in 1976. Keep up the good work. Great to have such Officers in the Association. Say Hello to John Guzik for me.

Yours in the 83rd.  
Ray Orsene  
"C" Co. 331st Inf.

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....Just received my Copy of the 'New Thunderbolt' and I think it's just great. I am pleased to see that the Association is starting to build up. It's been a hard job ever since the Association started and I think we owe a big 'Thank You' to all the Past Officers, etc., they did a fine job.

I belonged to the 83rd since 1944, in 'K' Co. of the 330th Inf. I would like to hear from anyone from



the company because it's been a long time. If possible, could you get the History for 'K' Co. of the 330th Infantry?

Again, many Thanks for a job well done.

Salvadore Bones  
'K' Co. 330th Inf.

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....Michael Brick of the 908th Artillery, sent a request for more Correspondence paper and Envelopes, along with a \$2.00 donation to cover the cost. He, and a couple of others are doing a Bang-up job in getting the boys in the 908 to send in their Dues. I wish there were more people like this in the Association trying to get their unit to join the growing Membership. Many Thanks to Mike for a JOB WELL DONE.

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....Thank You for my 1976 Dues Card and the reminder my Dues were due. I guess not receiving the Thunderbolt for quite some time did not add to jog my memory. I am grateful for the Boston Chapter Booklet I received from Amby Tynan, otherwise I would be lost as to what is going on. Would appreciate getting the past Issues. Thanks.

Romeo C. Maynard  
Hq. 323 F.A.

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Our President, in his mailing of the Xmas Cards to everyone on his old list of addresses, sent me a list of some 280 wrong addresses, and in return, I sent him the corrections. It's amazing how many of our people have moved in a few short years. Some of them leave Forwarding Addresses, others do not. Many of those on the list were deceased, as far back as 1962 for one of them.

When you move, or even when you plan on moving, please let me know, just as you would anybody else. It helps to prevent a lot of waste. ED.

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Hubert Edwards of Company 'B' 331st Infantry, retired from Ebony General Store which he opened on the 8th of September way back in 1934 with \$1,347.50 worth of stock and just \$15.00 to make change.

'Fat Back and Navy Beans was the hottest selling items in those days. You could feed a family of five for \$1.98 a week,' said Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was a man of many professions. He was a Salesman, Barber, pumped his own kerosene, stocked his own shelves, mixed animal feeds, played Violin in a six piece band; he was a self-styled Philosopher, Treasurer for the 331st at the Reunions. He was a lot of people rolled into one and I'm sure we all wish him the very best of everything in his Retirement. ED.

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Helen Marvel writes:

Rex and I planned to attend the Myrtle Beach Reunion, but he entered the Hospital early in Aug. - and was critical until his death on January 2nd.

Pete Ferrelli, George Palmero, Les and Dorothy Elkins, Andy and Jenny Casper and Bob and Martha Morman, all members of the 83rd, attended the Funeral. The family and I received Cards and Masses from so many wonderful friends we made throughout each Reunion.

Rex looked forward each year on going to each Reunion and missed only the first one. I am sending you a check for Dues for 1975-76.

Good Luck on the Reunion in Orlando.

Sincerely Yours  
Helen Marvel

(Rex was a Paid-up Member for this year and the check was returned to Mrs. Marvel.)

(Rex was in 'K' Co. 330th Inf.)

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Wm. P. Schneider of 'K' Co. 331st Inf. writes of his intentions to get a chain of letters going, and trying to get his guys to meet at some central point. He's going to give it a try. Hope he succeeds, because this is a good way to create enthusiasm in the Assoc.

He writes also:

After capturing the City of Dinard, we went into high gear and drove across France to Luxembourg, where Company 'K'

had pushed the Germans across the Moselle River. We stayed in the City of Luxembourg for awhile and we enjoyed every minute of it.

We then headed for the Huertgen Forest where we attacked and captured the town of Gey. That sure was quite a battle; then on to Duren. We were pulled out and headed for Aachen where we stayed at the German Barracks. We had Christmas Dinner there with all the trimmings. We thought we were going to get a little rest there, but late that afternoon a Directive was sent down for us to pack up and we headed back to Belgium and the Battle of the Bulge. We drove all night and the next day.

I guess the Germans were quite surprised that we made such a move. We set up as a holding force for awhile. On January 9th, 1945 Company 'K' was in position to attack. The snow was to our waist and the weather was bitter cold.

Our objective was to sever a highway which was one of the German Supply Lines. The Village of Petit

Langlir was captured. There was about forty Germans who had held some of the Village people Hostages. We convinced them to surrender. I had some of the men check out the barns and other buildings and they had reported that everything was O.K. I posted my Outposts and set-up the reliefs for the night.

I was feeling for a place to hang my harness in the barn, when I grabbed a hand which was being held high. I pulled and out came a German Non-com. I sent him flying out to the road where the rest of the Germans were. The next day another Company tried to take some high ground and wooded area but met heavy resistance. That night, Company 'K' was ordered to attack. We kept to the road because of the high snow and not knowing too well the terrain, we got to the top of the hill without any firing.

We took a road to the left, started down the road, then heard the Germans with their Mess Kits. I called for my Bazooka's, we got in quite close, so I had them fire two rounds straight down the middle. The Germans went screaming and hollering as we drove in and then a Mortar started up and my Bazookas knocked it out. Another Mortar started and we also knocked it out. We were in a dense wooded area by that time so we decided to get off the road and set-up Outposts. There was no way to dig in because of the frozen ground. By this time it's been about three days and nights without sleep. We had the feeling that we were surrounded.

The next day I took one of the men to a Creek that was some fifty yards away to try and get some water. I stood guard while he was getting water and you could see the Germans on the other side of the fire break putting things into trucks as if they were getting ready to leave. As I was standing there I looked to my left and there was some thirty Germans with their hands cupped on top of their head wanting to surrender. What a surprise! Here we went for water and came back with both.

That day, the 3rd Armored broke thru and got us out. We were sure glad to see them. Captain Cooper then called for me to come to the C.P. and gave me a map and told me to take him and the Company to a certain place on the map. We were tired, exhausted, cold and almost frozen but we kept going because we knew we had to cut the German Supply Lines. We kept going day and night, always in contact with the Germans - no fires - cold food and our feet were getting wetter by the hour. Finally we stopped and posted Outposts for the night.

Relief finally came and we headed for the Co. C.P. and some hot food. The Captain called for me. He and Lt. Andrews asked me if I'd accept a Battle Field Commission. I told them I'd have to see the Medics as my feet were frozen and I'd let them know. I didn't get the chance to as they had to cut my shoes off because Gangrene had already set in. They sent me back to England and I never received the Commission, but I did get the T/Sgt. Stripes. They put me in Limited Service in the Air Force in the

Parts and Replacement Depot. That was where I had finished out the War.

By the way, after thirty years, I received the Bronze Star Medal. I guess it was for being a good Infantryman and for having the Combat Badge. I'm sure proud of it.

After I got hurt, my folks received a letter and a map showing where the Division had gone from Omaha Beachhead to the crossing of the Elbe River. It was sent from the Office of General Macon.

I'm enclosing a snapshot that was taken in 1944 just after we had taken the City of Dinard. I'm on the left, forgot the name of the man in the middle, and the man on the right is Sgt. Winters. Please return the picture to me. I'd like to see it put in the Thunderbolt. I enjoy the Thunderbolt very much. Keep up the good work.

Wm. (Bill) P. Schneider  
'K' Co. 331st Inf.

(The photo is at the start of this story.)

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Steve Benson of 'E' Company, 331st Infantry, was murdered on the 28th. of January, 1976 in front of his Tavern as he was closing for the night. This bit of news came from Vito Palazzolo who knew him well. Steve was a regular Member in the Association and I know this will come as quite a shock to all those that knew him. Our sincere Condolences go out to all those that he left behind.

(I found out at the Orlando Board Meeting that the killer was arrested. May his punishment fit the crime.) ED.

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## A PLEA

I regret to burden you with some of my troubles. In order to establish a Claim with the VA, I must locate T/4 Sol Resnik who was with the Bn. Aid Medical Unit at Hamm, Germany, around the 1st of April, 1945. He can put me in touch with the Medic who treated me at the Railroad Station. I am enclosing his picture in the



event it would be of any value.

I will be eternally grateful if you could advise me as to who or what Agency I should contact to obtain this information. The Myrtle Beach Reunion was a BALL and I'm sure looking forward to the next one in Orlando, Florida.

Thanks a whole lot.

The last Issue of the Thunderbolt was certainly one of the very best.

Walter H. Carmichael, Sr.  
'M' Co. 331st Inf.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF  
THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION INC.

ARTICLE 1 - SECTION 4 - shall be amended to read:

The post office address of the corporation shall be the post office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation, or such other address as the Association may from time to time designate.

(Associate Members)

ARTICLE IV - SECTION 3 - shall be deleted in its entirety.

ARTICLE IV - SECTION 4 - (Honorary Members) shall be amended by deleting the last sentence and substituting therefor the following sentence:

The next of kin of any person so qualified as an "Honorary Member" is eligible to be an "Associate Member", with the exception that such a person shall have no voting rights to attend any business meeting of this Association.

(In addition to the above, Section 4 would become Section 3, Section 5 would become Section 4, and Section 6 would become Section 5.)

ARTICLE V - SECTION 1 - shall be amended by deleting the following as an elected officer, to wit:

I. Alternate Executive Board Member

ARTICLE V - SECTION 3 (Nomination) - (Sub-paragraph (e)) - shall be amended to read as follows:

The members of the Executive Board shall nominate one person for a five (5) year term and shall present such nomination to the membership for election at the election meeting after the election of all other officers has been completed.

ARTICLE V - SECTION 3 (Sub-paragraph (f)) - shall be amended to read:

No more than two (2) members from one chapter or one city shall serve at the same time on the Executive Board, with the sole exception of the President and the First Vice President who shall serve only during their term of office.

ARTICLE VI - SECTION 2 (Sub-paragraph (b)) - shall be deleted in its entirety, and the following substituted therefor:

The National President and the First Vice President shall serve as members of the Executive Board only during the year in which they serve as President and First Vice President.

ARTICLE VIII - SECTION 1 - shall be amended to read:

The Executive Board shall consist of five (5) elected members, the President, First Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Judge Advocate.

ARTICLE VIII - SECTION 4 (Quorum) - Shall be amended to read:

Three (3) members of the five (5) regularly elected members of the Executive Board, and either the President and/or the First Vice President must be present to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - SECTION 4 (Voting) NEW PROPOSED SECTION (If adopted, present Section 4 would become Section 5):

- (a) Each Executive Board Member present at any meeting shall have one vote.
- (b) The President and First Vice President shall have the same voting privileges and their votes shall count the same as those of the regularly elected members of the Executive Board.

(c) If the President and First Vice President shall be elected from a chapter which already has two (2) members serving on the Executive Board which would result in a controlling vote by that particular Chapter, then and in that event it shall be necessary that three (3) members of the regularly elected Executive Board vote affirmatively for any motion to be passed.

There shall be no voting by proxy.

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#### SECRETARY REPORT

I'm happy to report that everything is finally taking shape in this Office and starting to run more smoothly. It made me very happy to see that all the reports for the Thunderbolt came in early except for just a couple, but that still makes it easier for me to get the Thunderbolt out early, the way that all of you wanted it from the beginning.

This book contains some very interesting reading and again, much had to be left out because the book would have to be doubled in size to get it all in. I will leave out the Veterans Benefits part and some of the less important news articles that were sent to me, so that everything pertaining to our members is enclosed.

The biggest reason for having a DEADLINE is to get all the news in and get the book out as soon as possible to get it to you as early as possible before the news gets too old. The mention in another Article about not getting the Holiday news is untrue because previously I always got my Christmas News at the end of February, and this was for a November 10 Deadline. The Deadline was pushed up so that the Holiday news can be written early and you would be reading it in October. No matter what, there is no way in the world to satisfy everyone.

We are nearing the THOUSAND MARK again and this really makes me feel proud because this is my first year as Secretary and proves the point that I have always talked about, 'Letters are the best form of advertising.' Just n-i-n-e more and I'll be sending someone a FREE CARD, paid for by Yours Truly, of course. Maybe as you read this Column, the mark has been reached.

Preparations for the Orlando Reunion are as complete as we are going to get them. All that now remains is for you to come and enjoy yourselves in the sunshine of Florida and see as much of it as you can, because there surely is plenty to see. Bob Taylor has written it up quite well and there is no need for me to repeat everything. Like he said, take plenty of time, and make this a vacation you will remember for a long time to come. You never know when you will go there again.

I am putting out a letter, (written by our President, Bob Taylor,) asking for the support of all those in the files, member or not, to send in your ADS early. These ADS are very important, especially at this time, to help defray the costs of the Reunion at a time when everything is sky-rocketing. DO YOUR SHARE, BUY AN AD NOW.

While visiting in the Warren - Youngstown area recently, I decided to stop in and see some of the

members in that area. Mike Skovran was working at the time, so I called John Caparanis who was also at work, and then went over to visit with John at his Lumber Yard. We had a nice Bull Session and on leaving, I decided to make one more stop, in Newton Falls, to visit with Bill Nagel of 'D' Company. The War Stories get better all the time and some new names always crop up. Visiting with your Buddies is something that is always enjoyable.

We talked about the 'D' Company meeting at Louisville on the first of May and that this will help to get all of us together at future Reunions. I really believe that it will. 'G' Company of the 331 and 'K' 331 are planning similar meetings and you never know, but the results just might make our Association bigger than it ever was. Let's just wait and see what the outcome might be.

The Warren Reunion is going to be something very different from any of our other Reunions and it is my belief that we are going to enjoy it, maybe even more than those in the past. The guys are working on their plans all the time to insure that you will go home from there with the feeling of total satisfaction. It will be a change of pace.

There is much more news to write about, but in trying to keep the size down, I'll just say So Long for now. Many, many Thanks to all of you for making this year a great success.

Samuel Klippa  
'D' Co. 331st Inf.  
Secretary-Treasurer

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#### NOTE

I am writing to tell you my new address to send my copy of the Thunderbolt. I've sold my house and am selling part of household and moving in with my sister. But, I would appreciate it if you would send the magazine out there to me, as I enjoy keeping up with my late husbands Outfit and know what they are doing.

Thank You  
Eva Pauline Sherman  
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Many times over the years I have heard it said that the women of our deceased Buddies are WELCOME at our Reunions, but I don't know if it was ever in print in the Thunderbolt.

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell all of them, they are invited any time they wish to join us in our Annual Affairs.

They have made a lot of friends amongst us, and I'm sure everyone would enjoy having them attend.



## BOSTON NEWS

The real news from Boston now is wedding bells. Pat & Ginny DiGiammerino's son Gary is getting married on May 8th. Nick and Mary Francullo's daughter Theresa is getting married on October 3rd. We have had a few meetings since the last issue of the Thunderbolt. The men have a chance to gather as the girls attend the Showers.

Larry Arrigo, Pat DiGiammerino and myself, with our wives, went out to the Hollows in Quincy to eat a few weeks back. We had a wonderful night out with a lot of laughs.

Last Saturday night we went to Rhode Island to see Mike and Vera Caprio. Vera had a broken Elbow but has the cast off now and can bend it a little more each day. Vera's son Michael Jr. is happy about this because he is tired of making his own lunches. Vera put out an oversized lunch for us and we all had a very enjoyable evening. The real trouble is the time goes by so fast when we get together. However, we want to thank Vera and Mike for a nice evening.

Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino attended the Executive Board meeting in Florida. Ginny let us know a little about Orlando.

Boston was very sorry to hear Casey Kowalec was sick around Christmas. Laura, take good care of him.

Hope Walt Meczka is much better now. Mary, I thought Walt had the cure for all the boys in the Cleveland area.

I just talked to Nick Francullo on the phone. Young Nick's wife is awaiting their first child. I will have more on this in the next issue.

Nancy and I became grandparents on March 3rd. Our son John's wife Kathy had a bouncing baby boy, Sean Patrick. Everyone is fine.

We were sorry to hear that Gerry DiBattista's mother Mary passed away in March of 1976 at the age of 75 years. Our sincere sympathy to Gerry's family.

That's all until the next issue in June.

Amby Tynan  
323rd F.A.  
Boston Reporter

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Hello 83rders:

Time is around again, to do a little writing. I am just getting over the Flu which many of you may have had this year.

John Turkett wrote me a nice letter a few weeks back. John had a little trouble with his health lately. We hope by the time of this issue, John will be feeling much better.

Bill Shaner, Don St. John and Ed McCouch are going to meet in Phillie April 25th with a few more of the gang. Boys, I am sorry I cannot make it but Nancy and I have too many family events that weekend. However, I am going down to Phillie the first of May for a trip and may get down to see Les Taylor in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Romeo Maynard writes to me and I also meet him at the Boston meetings along with his lovely wife. I must say I enjoy talking with them.

Walt Harding will be sure glad to see us in August in the Sunshine State. I hope Walt has a chance to look up Arthur Norrie in Orlando before we get there.

Pat DiGiammerino of Service Battery is marrying off another son on May 8th. We are looking forward to the wedding.

Well, that's all for now, see you at the Reunion in August.

Amby Tynan  
323rd F.A.

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## 'FRANKLY SPEAKING'

TO ALL MEN OF CO. 'D' 330th.

Dear Buddies:

This is a reminder and follow-up of a letter I sent you a couple of weeks ago asking for a donation for an AD for 'D' Company - 330th in the Banquet AD Book for the coming Reunion..

I would appreciate it very much if you will take the time right now to send me your donation as it is getting close to the deadline. I have received a couple donations but not enough to take a full page which is our goal.

Buddies, I don't like to make a pest of myself but as I stated in my letter, 'D' Company was always there when they were called on and I would like to carry on our reputation.

For you, men, who may not have received my letter, my address is: 7236 Battersby St., Philadelphia, PA 19149. I will be looking for all donations as soon as possible.

Sincerely Yours  
Frank McGrogan

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD CORNER

Under normal circumstances the Board meets the first weekend in May. Because of the fact that the Reunion was put into the hands of the Executive Board this year and we were having some problems with the Hotel and Reunion plans, it was decided to hold the meeting the first weekend in March.

The meeting was held on March 6th and I am happy to report that the whole Board and Officers were in attendance. Our problems were resolved and the Reunion plans completed. It will be a good Reunion and all we need is the people to make it a great Reunion, so make your plans and reservations and we'll have a bang up time.

We have a good and concientious Board and we have initiated several plans to make it easier for future Reunion Committees in putting on a Reunion. One of the things that we will start with this Reunion is that you can prepay your registration fee. This will ease your financial burden at Reunion time

and help to break up the log jam at the Registration Desk. If you prepay, your whole package of tickets, Registration Cards etc. will be waiting for you and you won't have to sweat out the line.

If you wish to take advantage of this pre-payment plan, check Doc Keelers Column for the registration fees, according to your plans. Send a check to me:

Casey Szubski  
8221 Bertha Ave.  
Parma, OH 44129

Then all you have to do is come to the Registration Desk, tell them that you have prepaid, pick up your packet and start enjoying the Reunion.

Due to the many and varied attractions in the Orlando area, we did not schedule any tours as part of the Reunion. Everyone's desires and interests will be different and so each can pick his own special attractions.

Membership is once again close to the THOUSAND MARK and still growing, this could be the best year ever, but still the best is to have these members meet at the Reunions and enjoy the Comradeship, swapping of stories and etc.

SO, COME ON DOWN.

Casey Szubski  
Chairman of the Board  
"C" 323 F.A.

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The above letters from Frank McGrogan, Amby Tynan and Casey Szubski were three days late, my Thunderbolt article was completed and sent to the Printers, but because I felt that these letters were all important, I called the printer to see if we could add them to the book without too much work. It was decided that the best would be to add four more pages to the book, and this is what I have done. If there is any additional delay in getting this book out, it will not be the fault of your Editor.

Everyone has been very cooperative with their articles this time and I hope the rest will follow suit, to satisfy the readers. It's the readers and the speed in getting the Thunderbolt to them, I consider most important.

I HAVE TALKED TO CASEY SZUBSKI ON THE PHONE JUST YESTERDAY AND LEARNED THAT THE BLAME LIES WITH THE POSTAL SERVICES, BECAUSE IT TOOK NINE DAYS FOR HIS LETTER TO REACH ME. HE WAS NOT TO BLAME AND I GUESS MOST OF THE OTHERS WERE NOT TO BLAME EITHER. THERE IS JUST ONE CURE, GET YOUR ARTICLES OUT EARLIER AND THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED. CASEY'S LETTER WAS POST-MARKED ONE WEEK AFTER HE MAILED IT.

To make sure you understand the 'Pre-Payment' of Registration Fees in Casey Szubski's Column, the cost will be the same as last year, \$66.00. I don't have the break-down of the figures for the various days etc. but they will be available at the desk when you get to Orlando.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT THE NEXT DEADLINE IS: JUNE 19, 1976. NO LATE ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AFTER THAT DATE. It will be the end of the year and too many other important things have to be done, so do your share and get your articles in early. There will be no exceptions next time.

Samuel Klippa  
Sec't. Treas.  
"D" Co. 331st Inf.

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PLEASE REMEMBER!

DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 1976.

REUNION: AUGUST 19, 20 AND 21, 1976.

PAY YOUR DUES FOR 1976-77 - NOW. (If you don't plan on attending the Reunion.)

PRE-PAID REGISTRATION. (Should be sent to: Casey, to save you precious time in Orlando.)

GET YOUR ADS IN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. (It helps to speed things up before the Reunion.)

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It will be reserved for late news flashes.

Send your late Flashes to:

Wooldridge Press  
354 Congress St.  
Boston, MA 02210

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The enclosed listing of Paid-up Members, is just a partial list. Next issue will complete it.

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Franklin K. Kitselman of Bryn Mawr, PA, passed away on the 12th of April, 1976. None of the details were sent along except that he was a member of Div. Hq. He was a Paid-up Member in the Association and I will be sending the book to his wife. Our sincere sympathies go out to her and the members of his family, friends and relatives.

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PAID-UP MEMBERS FOR 1975-'76

J.F. McMillan  
 Franklin Hashe  
 Russell P. Stetson - B-308 Eng.  
 Harry Benedetti - H-330  
 William McKee - D-331  
 Joseph Lavinski - L-329  
 Frank J. Albano - Cn-329  
 Harry Deming - A-324 F.A.  
 Bernard C. Harris - A-331  
 Robert W. Leach - A-324 F.A.  
 Robert G. Piette - G-331  
 Edward H. Cadran - A-329  
 Eldon S. Brissman - 3 Bn Hq 329  
 John Marysz - C-331  
 Theodore Gorczynski - 2 Bn Hq 329  
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 Clifton E. Wooldridge - C-308 Eng.  
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