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## OPERATION MANHUNT--

### THE BIGGEST SEARCH IN HISTORY

by R. J. Voracek

In place of my usual President's Corner I have been asked to make ONE BIG APPEAL to all our members to go all out in making this year the biggest year for new members. We are looking for 30,000 men! ! ! That is the number of men who have served with the 83rd Division at one time or another during WW II. Of these 30,000 men we have on our files approximately 2,000 men listed. In order to build our Association, we must contact every man who has served with the 83rd Division. To do this we need your help. If we are to build the THUNDERBOLT Association to the proportions to which it really belongs, we must be able to contact every 83rd Division man. YOU and ONLY YOU can make this task possible.

Write your buddy a note, ask him for all the addresses that he has of 83rd men that live in and around your area. Then check your local telephone book, city directory, and any other source of information that might enable you to locate a new address for these men. If you can conveniently do so, telephone the man. Tell him that you are a former 83rd man and that you have been trying to locate his current address so that the Association can keep him in contact with the activities of his former buddies and the Association. Perhaps there is a Chapter nearby that he can join and get to know more about our activities. Don't forget to check into the suburbs as well as within the city limits. The trend in recent years has been to move out of the cities and into the suburbs and very likely you might find your man in a nearby suburban area.

When you have obtained a correct address, send it to Association Headquarters and they will send him news via the THUNDERBOLT. Finally, we need publicity about our search for former 83rd men. Take this article to your local newspaper editor to use as a news release. Send a copy of the release to your buddy so that he will know of your efforts and maybe get started in his locality. Also, give a copy of the news release to your local radio and/or television station.

Let me know how you are doing, and don't forget:

YOU HAVE A BIG PART IN OPERATION MANHUNT. . . the search for 30,000 men.

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## GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER

This has been a slow two months of inactivity, due to the cold weather and the holidays. Although we did have a few officers meetings at the various houses and at our Chapter Headquarters in Malden, Mass.

Our last general meeting was on Nov. 22, when we held our first annual dinner and dance. We also held a turkey raffle and gave away hams and also a fruit basket. We had over eighty guests present and it was a big success. Also down for the occasion was Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed from Maryland. Other guests came from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Mass., and New Hampshire.

Pat and Gin DiGiammerino are moving into their new house very shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Manny Martin have already moved into their new home in Fall River. Lucien Elie is very active in Veterans affairs, always going to the VA hospital with the Cooties running parties for the vets.

Mike Caprio is active in the Boston Chapter and through his hard work the affair which was held in Providence, R. I. was a big success.

Had occasion to watch combat soldier on our local TV station and was surprised to watch an episode about A Battery, 908 F. A. of our Div., about the battle of the bulge. It was very interesting and I am sure if any former A Battery men were watching they would have really enjoyed it.

The Greater Boston Chapter members  
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What Does Easter Mean To YOU?

Dear Fellow "Thunderbolters":

Have you paused lately to ask yourself this question? Perhaps to a child it may mean the Easter Bunny, candy or pretty clothes. To your son or daughter in college it may mean Christ rose from the dead. To your elderly next door neighbor, their answer might be a satisfying one, "It means that I've only begun to live." What is your answer?

The Easter message of course is not a gospel for everybody. First of all, and fundamentally, it is an entirely personal question to everyone in our organization. Do you seek the man who on Good Friday expired on the cross? Do you need Him in order to find peace in a troubled world or for your troubled heart? How comforting it is to know: "He is not lying in the tomb, His tomb is empty. He, however, lives and is near you. He will be your Lord and Master, your Savior and King, if you believe in Him. He is risen."

So often is the query about life hereafter — when death comes, whether we are to have as our wages the glory of going on. Christ told us that this hope of going on is trustworthy. He said, "If it were not so, I would have told you." It was this hope which sustained Paul even to the end. It is in this hope that the noblest souls down the ages have done the worlds best work. It is this hope which can save us now — and nothing else.

With the approach of another Easter, let's together "put on the Gospel Armor" — each piece put on with prayer. Stand up and proudly answer what Easter really does mean to us and share that belief with our family, our neighbors and our friends.

God bless and keep you all.

Faithfully,

Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman  
Chaplain  
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

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## DIV-ARTY NEWS

Bill Shuman has just signed up another DivArtyian. Lt. Col. R. G. MacPherson. Col. McPherson is now Vice President of Sales of Babee-Tenda Corp., Metropolis, Ill. . . Col. George Irvine, 324, is now at Fort Sill, Okla., and says that he hopes he can stay put for a while. . . Lt. Col. Pegg is Col. Irvines neighbor at Sill and Maj. John Coats, 322, is with OCS at Sill . . . Robert B. Smith has been promoted to Colonel and is attending Army War College. . . Col. James Skinner, 322, has been ordered to Ft. Fanks, Mass. . . Col. Irvine writes; "while at Fort Leavenworth (attending the college, not the disciplinary barracks) I met several 83rd vets, including F. B. Cook, Terre Haute Rd., Danbury, Conn., J. F. Staples, Ed Burr, Barney Wiselogle (who got promoted to Lt. Col. while there). Here at Ft. Sill with me is Lt. Col. Ed Costello who was in the 324th Bn for a short while after VE day."

## OBITUARIES

The 83rd Infantry Division Association members express their deepest sympathy to the families of our buddies who have passed away in recent months.

Col. Russell M. Shuck—83rd Div. Hq.  
Maj. Stanley Howarth—330 Inf. Regt.  
John Hollingsworth—331 Inf. Regt.

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## CO. F. 329 NEWS & SIDE LIGHTS

by Vic Landis

First, on behalf of Co. F., I wish to congratulate Co. G. 331st., on receiving the attendance award. They had 15 members in attendance and we only had 8 paid up members here in Dayton. However, we had 5 members of Co. F that visited us during the re-union, but did not belong to the Div. Assoc. That totaled 13 and they will be paid up members for the coming year. I hope Detroit will have the same contest and a comparable prize.



Co. F, 329 at Columbus, Ohio in 1952

Hats off dept., to Jim Fowler, our former top Sgt., who drove all the way from Okla City, Okla., (1100 miles) to be with us here in Dayton. Jim and his beautiful wife Trudy, will be with us in Detroit for the full three days. They reside at 2133 N. Bath St., and have three children, James, 14 years, John 12 and Janice 16. To Bill and Arlene Nickell, who have never missed a re-union and for the 4th straight year have brought their children, Dennis, age 11, Joann 9 and Glen age 5. Orchids to them all.

Three of our members have married recently—Ed Zerucha now has a wife, Jean; Bill Ferguson a wife, Margaret; all of Detroit, Mich. Bob Noll took upon himself a wife, Lois. They live in Mohnton, Pa. That leaves only two confirmed bachelors in our Co., and they are Henry Golembiewski and yours truly, Vic Landis. Come Henry and stay with me. At last account, Hank was weakening.

To Lee Titus and his statement, in regards to Co. G 331st., and their athletic accomplishments—we of Co. F were no sissies by any stretch of the imagination. We had quite a record in soft ball, basketball and touch football. We were one Co. that played contact football amongst our own unit, as I can well attest. We had three "Div." boxing champions. Bill Nickell, middleweight; Murry Hoffman, light heavyweight; and Louis Gaybrant, heavyweight. If we can't beat Co. G in attendance—by gad we can whip 'em.

Am sending along a picture, taken at our convention in Columbus 1952, to prove we had better days. We had 16 paid up members present and four visitors for a day or two. The members from left to right, 1st row: Ado Langenkamp, Fred J. Senatori, 2nd row: Bob Heidel, Ed Zerucha, Bob Noll and Henry Golembiewski. Unidentified man by Henry. 3rd row: Andy Zonkoski, Vic Landis, Bill Ferguson, Chuck Whitcomb and Bill Nickell. Manny Martin, Harold Keefer, George Be-galla and George Whitehead were not present when the picture was snapped.

## NEWS FROM INDIANA CHAPTER

At the meeting of Aug. 1, 1958, the following were elected for the next year: Walter H. Edwards, Jr., president; Harry Barrett, 1st vice president; Francis P. Maquire, 2nd vice president; John Soroko, 3rd vice president; Murray D. Therber, secretary; Joseph V. Lowry, treasurer; John D. Raiko's, Judge Advocate; Richard Ammon, historian; John Walker, Jr., ass't. historian, and Emil Olsen, sgt. at arms.

The Indiana Chapter is growing in paid up memberships and a large turn out of "Hoosiers" is expected at the National Reunion in Dayton. A letter was sent to each name on file in July and a post card reminder as of this date.

Lt. Col. Rusell M. Shuck, former Division Finance Officer passed away at the Veteran's Hospital here on August 3rd. Col. Shuck was one of the charter members of the Indiana Chapter.

Indiana was well represented at the National Reunion, judging from all the "Hoosier" faces observed in the crowd.

Sympathy is extended to our treasurer and charter member, Joe Lowry on the death of his Mother. Joe has been a patient in the hospital here for several weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Don't mention "baked apples" to John Walker. Seems John went out for a ride one night recently and bought some apples which he left in the car when he parked it in his drive. During the night the car caught fire and the intense heat baked the apples. The inside of his Chevy was a total loss.

The secretary surprised his buddies by returning from vacation in the Carolina's and Smoky Mountain, a married man.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be held on Friday, Nov. 7, at the American Legion Post 34, 42nd and College, "Naptown." From the number of inquiries received, this should be our biggest turn out. This will make our president, Walt Edwards, Jr., happy, as Walt has worked hard in getting the Chapter set up and rolling. Plans for the next year will be made at this meeting.

Regularly scheduled meeting held on Friday evening, Nov. 7, at the American Legion Post 34 in Indianapolis. Despite a downpour of rain we had a pretty good turn out and our loyal member, Dick Ammons, made the trip in from Cambridge City, Ind. One newcomer was welcomed into the chapter, Henry Schakel, of Indianapolis and Henry has promised us he'll be attending the meetings from now on

in. Several new names and addresses were turned in and we have a mailing list of about 160 fellows now.

Quite a few of the fellows paid their dues for the next year and were happy they could order the automobile emblems Walt Edwards told them about.

John Walker brought his camera along and took pictures at the meeting. Plans for 1959 were made and among the first of the activities scheduled will be a Christmas party for the fellows and their wives or girl friends. John Soroko, Ned Smith and Murray Therber were appointed as a committee to get the plans rolling for this affair. John and Ned are good promoters and we can count on them to come up with something that everyone will enjoy. We bet a lot of the fellows are shining up their dancing shoes, all ready.

We were glad to see our treasurer, Joe Lowry looking good as new again after a lengthy stay in the hospital. Joe has been one of the most ardent supporters in getting the chapter rolling in high gear.

The fellows of the "Hoosier" Chapter wish to extend their best wishes to everyone for the Holiday Season ahead and we will be back with you in print comes the New Year.

Murray D. Therber

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**DETROIT IN '59**

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We don't know where this one came from but we will print it for what its worth.

### A POEM FOR ALL

Forget what you have heard,  
 Forget all unkind words.  
 Forget about your quarrels.  
 Forget the whole affair.  
 Forget it because its the only way.  
 Forget the scandal of yesterday.  
 Forget the chap with the sour puss.  
 Forget the trials you have had.  
 Forget the weather if its bad.  
 Forget the knocker, he is a freak.  
 Forget him seven days a week.  
 Forget the home team lost a game.  
 Forget the pitcher lost a game.  
 Forget the coffee when its a little cold.  
 Forget to kick.  
 Forget to scold.  
 Forget if ever you should roam.  
 Forget the duck who wrote this poem.  
 Forget this guy.  
 Forget that he is in a happy bliss.  
 Forget himself when he wrote this.  
 Forget you ever get the blues.  
 Forget you ever lived.  
 Forget you are alive.           But don't  
 Forget to pay your dues.       But don't  
 Forget we will see you in "Detroit"  
   If you will come.

Theodore J. Gleba,  
 D. Co. 331 Inf. 83rd Div.

## MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER AND DAYTON FLY-INGS

by Vic Landis

We, of the Miami Valley Chapter, have made great strides in our effort to build a better and more permanent Chapter. As all could see from the pictures in the last issue of the Thunderbolt; we had quite a time at our big picnic in Sept., at the Leo Monnin farm near Russia, Ohio. Some 30 members and their children were in attendance. All had a great time.

We had a toy party in Nov., where we purchased and sold plastic toys, with 20 percent going into our treasury. Also, in Dec. we sold Christmas wrapping foil, with 50 percent of the gross as our lot. We helped our modest treasury quite a bit. We are planning on having several raffles between now and the Detroit reunion. Will raffle one hundred dollars each time. Might be an idea for the other chapters.

Quite a few of our members enjoyed the hunting season. Leo Boyd and Cowboy Ed Fink were out several times with good success. Your correspondent also tramped hill and dale and bagged the limit in birds and rabbits. Many other members played like nimrods — but we did not get the results. Wonder why?

We, of the Miami Valley Chapter, have a problem. We can't find out what happens to our Chaplain, Bob Eldred, on weekends. He has missed the last two meetings and no information is forthcoming. If there were a Chaplains union, I would turn him in.

In regards to our convention here in Dayton; I have contacted most of the night club and restaurant owners. To a man they told me they had never had a beter behaved bunch of men than the members of the 83rd Div., at any convention. They all wanted me to convey this thing we can all be proud of—and thats message to Div., headquarters. Some-for sure.

Now, here is a suggestion—if every member would send one dollar, for a booster ad in the program journal of our coming convention in Detroit, it would be one hell of a boost for the affair. Every member can afford one little hoggie. I will see that members of the Miami Valley Chapter send in their ads. We will be in Detroit en masse. More anon.

DETROIT IN '59

## DETROIT CHAPTER REPORTS

by Nick Barbu, 331

At the first big event of our newly formed Chapter we had the honor of hearing an address by Association President, R. J. Voracek, who welcomed the Detroit Chapter into the 83rd Infantry Association. R. J. was accompanied by wife Dorothy and George and Mary Cooley to the meeting and banquet which was held in Detroit last October.

At our December meeting the following Chapter officers were elected to guide the Detroit Chapter in putting on what

we hope will turn out to be the biggest reunion in the history of our great association: Nick Barbu, president and business manager; Stephen Benson, vice president; Don Spano, secretary and treasurer.

It was decided that we hold regular monthly meetings of our Chapter on the first Tuesday of each month. We urge all 83rd men in and around Detroit to join us and help us put on the reunion this coming August. For more information write or call Nick Barbu at 19041 Snow Road, Dearborn, Michigan.

Below are the first (of what we hope to be many) pictures of our banquet.



Guests are welcomed by Ed Bucholtz



Detroit Chapter President, Nick Barbu, talked of coming reunion



Association Prexy addresses Detroit Chapter and guests



The first of many guests to arrive

## NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

Dave Benick, Pres. Stanley Bielen, V. P.  
1622 President St. 71 Glenwood Ter.  
Brooklyn, N. Y. Fords, N. J.

The New Jersey Chapter held its October meeting at the home of Sam Galati, 1736 West 12th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday evening, October 18th.

The weather was horribly atrocious that night and the turnout was rather small but Sam and Ann Galati went all out to make it a pleasant evening for those who attended. Drinks were served, along with some well chosen Hor D'Ouvres, sandwiches and other palatable goodies that helped whet the appetite of those of us who enjoy a late snack. A drawing was held for a prize, which was won by Fern Lockwood and each of the men received a gift and for those of us who have hair it was very useful. Truly a genial host and hostess, Sam and Ann Galati.

Upon leaving, and yours truly not being too familiar with the surroundings, Jerry Mirelli decided that he would guide me back to where I could get on to the Belt Parkway and headed back to New Jersey. Left Jerry and his wife at their place on Bay 8th St., with directions to turn right at the end of the street. Due to work being done for some new sewerage or some such thing I could not get to the end of the street and was forced to turn at a detour. For the next hour it seemed that all I did was turn in circles and every time I turned I was either on Bath Ave., Cropsey St., or back on Bay 8th St. By that time, and beginning to froth at the mouth, Jerry came in for a few well chosen epithets until finally a bus driver set me straight and at last we headed in the direction of home, much to the enjoyment of all and actually getting a big kick out of it, as Jerry did when we told him about it at the next meeting.

The November meeting was held at Stanley Bielen's place in Fords, N. J. on Saturday evening, November 15th.

Again, the weather was not fit for man nor beast but some of us made the trek to the Bielen domain nevertheless, (true 83rd spirit) and after a while some of the boys from Brooklyn showed up and we had a good turnout despite the inclemency of the weather.

"Stash" and Fran Bielen served drinks and put on a feed for us that made us forget that the weather was so bad and also made us wish that there were more of us who could and would have attended had the weather been more favorable.

"Stash" took us on a "Cooks" tour of his place and showed us his basement machine shop where he does small jobs

on a contract basis to help him and his family live in a manner that is very conducive to many of the finer things in life.

As in the case of the Galatis, the Bielens, Benicks, Wehlings and the rest of the nice people who make up the New Jersey Chapter the chapter will survive even if they have to supply the scotch tape to hold it together.

On Saturday evening, November 29th, the Lockwoods and a contingent from Brooklyn, made up of Dave Benick, his sister and her husband, niece and her husband and Sam Galati, made a trip to the McCall Post of the American Legion in Philadelphia where the Philadelphia Chapter was holding their Dollar and a Half Night. All the beer you could drink and fried chicken you could eat for a buck and a half. How could you go wrong. Along with music from the juke box to put one in the right mood for displaying his and her terpsicherian talents, a rousing good time was had by all and when the time came to leave everyone went away well satisfied with nothing but praise for that swell gang from Philadelphia and with an extra tip of the hat to Lou Volpe who supplied the eats and whose culinary art leaves nothing to be desired.

That's it for now except to say that the New Jersey Chapter wishes to extend to all Thunderbolts and their families the very best wishes for a happy holiday season and may nothing but the best be yours in the new year.

Harry W. Lockwood

## PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter has made huge plans for the Fall and Winter season. Beginning with a Halloween party that matched all previous Philadelphia gala affairs. Again the McGrogans with their unparalleled imaginativeness captured the prize for originality. Despite inclement weather a joyous crowd turned out for a well planned evening of fun and frolic.

Greater Philadelphia Chapter President Sam Aiello can be proud of the accomplishments during his term in office. The Quaker City Chapter has grown and flourished. The past year has been marked with gala affairs that have been well attended and due to its fine organization has swelled the chapter treasury to a new high. During the year the social gatherings of the members and friends have been well attended and enjoyed by all.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 29, at the McCall American Legion Post Home the Philadelphia Chapter will hold another one of their "dollar and a half" nights. For the sum of \$1.50 each guest can eat,

drink, dance and be merry to his hearts content.

On all Philadelphia Chapter men's calendar the date of Dec. 20, and Jan. 10, 1959, are encircled. Our annual Xmas party for the children will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10. All kids look forward to this day when Philadelphia Chapter Santa Claus pays an early visit and gives to all heaps of toys and goodies. This annual affair has grown in popularity and this year's edition promises to be a standing room only sell out.

Philadelphia Chapter's annual banquet will be held again at Palumbo's in downtown Philadelphia on Saturday night, Jan. 10, 1959. This annual affair has grown so popular that due to pressure from the many friends of the chapter we have changed the banquet night to Saturday to permit many more to attend (and have Sunday to recover). This gala night promises to be a humdinger. A special top notch cast of entertainers will vie to please the Philadelphia Chapter. Tickets for this affair are \$5.00 a person. All Thunderbolt men and their friends are invited. Bring the women too. For tickets contact Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Dr., Havertown, Penna. Make your reservations now.

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### **GR PHILA CHAPTER 5TH ANNUAL BANQUET SMASH HIT**

Saturday, Jan. 10 will be one many Thunderbolt men and their friends will long remember. A huge throng gathered at Palumbo's Restaurant in the Quaker City to help the Philadelphia Thunderbolts make merry. From far off Malden, Mass., came a fine representative group led by our old friends the DiGammerinos, the Franculas and the Abdinoors. Also present and making themselves known and enjoyng every minute were a grand group from the New Jersey Chapter led by Past President Harry Lockwood and his charming wife Fern.

The affair was a typical Greater Philadelphia Chapter fiesta. Extremely well organized by our banquet committee, President Sam Aiello, Vice President, Joe Ponzio and Al Belvedere. These three hard workers aided by their lovely wives, Olive Ponzio, Vi Aiello and Ann Belvedere. Each woman attending was greeted warmly and given a beautiful corsage. The men congregating at the bar found the barmen willing and able and above all keeping the tab to a minimum. . . The bar served as a suitable "bull session" corner and as usual the same tall tales and fine fellowship prevailed.

This was followed by a tremendous

dinner, seconds were offered to all who desired. The dinner finished, a short business meeting was held and the past officers were greeted and together with their wives given a rousing ovation. Two of the men were awarded plaques for their outstanding services during the past year. Popular Lou Volpi was given a plaque for his exemplary and unselfish service to the chapter during the past few years. The suitably engraved award was given to a very surprised and overwhelmed Lou. Lou's remarks typifies his feeling for the group. His acceptance remarks stressed his great appreciation and his desire to be of service at all times. President Sam Aiello wa given a plaque for his outstanding donation and devotion to duty as president. During Sam's tenure in office the Philadelphia Chapter enjoyed its greatest growth in membership, greatest program of social events and a strong treasury. Sam thanked the assemblage for their cooperation and also stated his willingness to pitch in at all times. The new slate of officers were then introduced. They are Ed Paulino, president; Lou Volpi, vice president; Larry Redmond, secretary and Frank McGrogan, treasurer. These gentlemen graced the head tables with their wives. Our new president, Ed Paulino concluded this portion of the program with his remarks in hoping to carry on the fine performances of our past presidents. We know he will. There are few men who work harder and willingly for the Philadelphia Chapter as Ed Paulino. Then the guests were treated to a floor show second to none. The performers litrally swept the guests off their seats. The performers found the Philadelphia group a good audience and they really put out. The long show was simply great. All attending left, stating that the next Philadelphia affair would find them present. Can't blame them . . . You, too, should try to make it, it's gonna be a lulu.

Dave Rosenberg F 331st

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were privileged to attend the Philadelphia Chapter annual installation of officers, we all had a wonderful time and were the guests of Mary and Frank McGrogan. It was certainly a thrill to see our old buddies before reunion time and also to see the members of the New Jersey Chapter. We had a wonderful dinner and a floor show to follow. Among those making the trip was Mr. and Mrs. Pat DiGiammerino, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Francullo, and Charles Abdinoor.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Beals never fail to attend any of our functions.

The Greater Boston Chapter is hard at work on the forthcoming reunion, which will be held in 1960. We have met with different groups and will certainly make it a big success.

We have members from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., Rhode Island and Connecticut. We are far away from one another in our membership, but what we try to do is hold a meeting in one state at a time to try to get together.

John Amoral, Co. D 329th is the proud father of a baby girl, born Oct. 1st. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Nick Francullo is remodeling his house and does not think anything of it after coming home from the firehouse and finding a wall torn down. Mary (thats the boss) figures the room looks better that way and down come the wall. Incidentally Nick is a postman but is an honorary fireman (that is when the inspector isn't following him on his route.) He could always be found at the fire house.

Pat DiGiammerino has a cabin cruiser and has promised to take Charles Abdinoor out fishing, but he is still waiting for a real good day, and now he has taken the boat out of water and I have to wait till next year.

Paul Reed of Baltimore, Md., is the only honoraary member of the Greater Boston Chapter.

Charlie Abdinoor wants any of the former members of A Co., 330th to contact him at 46 Merrimack Terrace, Dracut, Mass., to try to work up a good representation from A Co., for Detroit next year. Anyone who knows of any former members are also asked to contact him.

Lucien Elie works at a plant which makes house fuses. Anyone who wants samples get in touch with Lucien (Jiggs for short.)

Sylvio Allard is the Public Relations man for the TRI-SUM Potato Chip Co., in Massachusetts.

Manny Martin has just moved into his new house and is very busy getting settled.

The officers of the Greater Boston Chapter have already had meetings with the Chamber of Commerce, Hotel people and numerous other city officials on the planning of the future convention in Boston for 1960.

The Greater Boston Chapter had a dinner meeting at the Martinique Restaurant in Providence, R. I., Oct. 11. There were over fifty guests present and movies of D day were shown. It was a very successful meeting and many discussions were heard and ironed out. Mike Caprio handled all the arrangements and did a marvelous job.

The officers of the chapter are sponsoring a Thanksgiving raffle scheduled for Nov. 22. Pat DiGiammerino is chairman of the affair and has sent the raffle books to all of the members. It promises to be a very successful event.

Charles Abdinoor still has a German Shepherd dog that he has brought over from Germany. His full name is Utz Vom Naabtalgrund but has shortened it down to Arno. He is a pedigreed dog and has been entered in many dog shows in New England. He has many trophies and ribbons to his credit. He is fourteen years old and is in remarkably good health but is retired from competition.

Charles Abdinoor

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## WAR II RACE TO ELBE RECALLED BY "THUNDERBOLT" VETERANS

by Bob Wilson

Daily News Staff Writer

"Hiya, Sarge?"

You couldn't have missed if you had tossed that greeting among the 18 men in a single room at the Biltmore hotel yesterday.

Sergeants all, they had gathered for an advance session of "remember the time?"



Four ex-Sergeants recall contest for 'Tall Story' Trophy — Left to right: L. Schneider, V. Landis, L. Redmond, W. Day. — Staff Photo by Bill Shepherd.

talk about the events that threw them together for one rough year during World War II.

The gathering was the vanguard of some 500 expected delegates to the 83rd Infantry Division association convention which will be held today and tomorrow.

The 12th annual convention of the division, originally activated during World War I at Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, will bring together mostly Ohio men who 14 years ago were just finishing a march across Germany.

Known as the "Thunderbolt Division," the outfit numbering 14,000 men struck out after the German army after landing at Normandy June 16, 1944.

Leo Schneider, president of the 1000 member national association from 1952 to 1954, told how his unit of the 83rd set up the surrender of 20,000 Germans in the Loire valley, the largest single surrender of German troops prior to the war's end.

Schneider, of Memphis, Tenn., is now a chemical manufacturer.

Wilson Day, detective on the Cincinnati police force, was proud of the fact that the 83rd secured the first permanent bridgehead across the Elbe river some 30 miles from Berlin. He was a mess sergeant during his service hitch.

Bill Nickell, who was middleweight champion of the "Thunderbolt Division" told of "ragtag circus" moniker attached to the 83rd as it commandeered any vehicle in sight for the race to the Elbe river.

Thankful that they now have the chance to get together once more, the men of the 83rd division were reliving their march from the hedge rows of Normandy to the Elbe.

They are also living up the present at their convention which ends Saturday.

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## WARREN CHAPTER REPORTS

The whole slate of Warren, Ohio Chapter officers were re-elected to carry on the Chapter business for 1959. They are as follows: Lee Titus, 331, president; Joe Sotak, 322F, vice president; Dick Kelly, 908F, vice president; and John Teringo, 331, secretary-treasurer.

Since coming back from the Dayton reunion we have been busy re-building our treasury in anticipation of bringing the largest contingent of 83rd men and women to the Detroit reunion this coming August. Contrary to other opinions, we won the plaque for the largest group in Dayton fair-and-square and we intend to keep it by repeating in Detroit this year.

Our Club Rooms in downtown Warren have been humming with all kind of activity. Starting with our annual Halloween dance we followed up with a party at ALEX NITE CLUB to celebrate the Christmas holiday. "Polka-King" Kelly took complete charge of the dance floor. Later in the week the Warren Chapter kiddies were given a party complete with Santa, stockings and gifts.

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## Warren Chapter Auxiliary News

by Sophie Russ

The Warren Chapter Auxiliary held its annual Christmas dinner at the Flamingo Club where we honored our famous "Thunderbolt" hubbies with the largest "T-Bones" in the house. Not to be outdone by the little women, the husbands reciprocated with the loveliest corsages and then took us all out on the town at Alex Nite Club for an evening of dancing and topping it all off with breakfast in the wee hours of the morning.

A very enjoyable Christmas meeting was held at the home of Marie Kilpatrick. Pink champagne was served and gifts were exchanged. Our January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mike Skovran and new officers were elected to conduct the auxiliary through 1959. Elected were: Sophie Russ, president; Angie Philipone, vice president; Mary Sotak, secretary; and Liz Skovran, treasurer.

## CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Casey Kowalec, 322 FA

Since we had no column in the last issue, we were unable to extend our proudest congratulations to Ray Voracek, the new Association President, and fellow Cleveland Chapter member. We do so now, warmly and sincerely—Best of luck, Ray.

We ended the old year with a "spirits-affle" and a Chapter social with wives included. The raffle was very successful with full co-operation from all members. The Chapter coffers are once again jingling.

The social held at Christmastime was attended by all the members. The tree was decorated, gifts presented to the

women and all sat down to a chicken paprikash dinner. We were honored by the presence of Nick Barbu and charming wife Sylvia from Detroit. Nick is extremely busy with planning the coming August reunion in Detroit but somehow found time to "break bread" with his Cleveland buddies.

Cleveland Chit-Chat: The Kowalecs and Voraceks are taking quite a ribbing from the Warren Chapter ever since they came up to see our "Browns" lose a big one. . . Bob Uher's wife, Joan, was hospitalized for a while but is back to normal, cute and sassy as ever . . . Plans for 1959 are not yet complete, but we'll be in there, trying to make this another successful year for the Cleveland gang.

Pictured below are some of the Cleveland Chapter men and women at a recent sociaa gathering.



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