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DETROIT CHAPTER AWARDED CHARTER



Ray Voracek, National President signing Detroit Charter as Detroit Officers, left to right, Steve Benson, Vice President, Nick Barbu, President and Don Spano, Secretary look on.



Congratulations from National President to Detroit Officers.

IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS SIGNING OF CHARTER

On Sunday, February 22, the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter became an official member of the growing 83rd Infantry Division Association. A reunion time air prevailed as Association President, R. J. Voracek, signed and presented to the officers and members of Detroit the charter that makes them the tenth Chapter to receive such an award. Personal congratulations were conferred by the officers of the Miami Valley Chapter, Dayton, Ohio and the National Secretary who also congratulated Detroit on behalf of the Warren, Ohio Chapter. Telegrams and letters were received from all the other chapters around the country wishing the men and women of Detroit good luck and good-fellowship in their new endeavor.



Above: Signing of Detroit Charter L to R; Steve Benson, Vice-Pres; Nick Barbu, Pres; and Dom Spano, Sec'y. Seated, R. J. Voracek, National President.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



On Sunday February 22nd I had the privilege and honor of presenting a charter to the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. Thus they become the seventh Chapter in our great organization. They already have a

fine group of men in their Chapter with many plans. Both for the comin Reunion in Detroit, and for their own social activities throughout the year. So any one interested, in joining, contact their Secretary-Treasurer Don Spano, 9258 Rosedale, Allen Park, Michigan.

I would like to see more Chapters organized in the next six months. The requirements are few and the benefits gained are many. All that is required is ten paid up members in the Association and three copies of minutes of your meetings through the year. Any help you may need in organizing can be had from the National Association.

This year we will again award a plaque to the Chapter that has the largest attendance at the Reunion at Detroit. Also a liquid prize which will help keep their Chapter C. P. going.

The Company having the best attendance will also receive a liquid prize. The same as last year. Both Vic Landis Co. F 329, and Lee Titus Co. G 331 (last year's winner) are betting they will win this year. I would like to see a few more outfits give

them a run for their money and perhaps beat them out.

Results of our "Operation Manhunt" are coming in but much more is needed. I need your help. Remember get those names, addresses, and dues. Get them to our Secretary George Cooley as soon as possible. "Operation Manhunt" is a big job. We are searching for 30,000 men.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Detroit, and I want to extend a Happy Easter greeting to you and your families. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
R. J. Voracek

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman,

Chaplain, 83rd Inf. Div. Association
Dear Buddies of the 83rd:



It is a good reminder for one's self to think about our real purpose on earth and reason for life. The following poem portrays far better than I the real reason of living.

REASON FOR LIFE

I don't know how to say it
But somehow it seems to me
That maybe we are stationed
Where God wanted us to be
That the little place I'm filling
Is the reason for my birth
And just to do the work I do
He sent me down to earth
If God had wanted otherwise
I reckon He'd have made
Me just a little different
Of a worse or better grade.
But since God knows and understands
All things of land and sea
I fancy that He placed me here
Just where He wanted me
Sometimes I get to thinking
As my labors I review
That I should like a higher peace
With greater tasks to do
But I come to the conclusion
When the envying is stilled
That the post to which God sent me
Is the post he wanted filled
So I plod along and struggle
In the hope when day is through
That I'm really necessary
To the things God wants to do
And there isn't any service I can give
Which I should scorn
For it may be just the reason
God allowed me to be born.
Selected

REUNION PROGRESS REPORT

After much discussion and correspondence with our national president, Ray Voracek, the object of the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter next August will be to put on the best reunion possible while keeping the registration cost down to a bare minimum. These have been Ray's and our sentiments from the beginning and our chapter is very happy to do its part. Being virgin at this game of hosting reunions. Ray's advice and George Cooley's advice have been most helpful thus far. We appreciate the assistance of the national officers and hope to cooperate to the fullest extent.

Some of the harsh words expressed about past reunions have been in regards to the expenses incurred, such as, registration costs, room rates, parking fees, etc. Keeping this in mind, we have gone all out to hold the line on the entire program including the items mentioned. All members will receive literature in the near future both from us and the headquarters hotel regarding room rates. We have worked on all the hotels in Detroit capable of handling our group and feel that the Statler Hilton is matching the best offer in town. The underground parking facilities immediately adjacent to the hotel are municipally operated and the cost will be held at approximately \$1.50 per 24 hour period if the car is not moved. We believe this rate will compare favorably with what some members have had to pay in other cities. As to the program itself, we have become the world's greatest con artists. We're shooting all the angles we know of to obtain everything at the bargain price or free, if possible. The program agenda is not definite as yet so I'd rather not elaborate on it until we do complete it in its final form. I assure you that the association will be kept informed and will have all the details as soon as they are worked out.

One part of the reunion planning which I would like to mention here is our visits to the other chapters. As a part of our planning, we are making it a point to visit each chapter and discuss with them our mutual ideas on what the reunion should consist of. Our hope being that from these meetings a program can be formulated that will satisfy the most people. Of the chapters that have been visited so far, I am happy to say the spirit of cooperation and assistance has been most heartening. Everyone had ideas, discussed them freely and offered suggestions which will prove helpful in creating the ideal program. There are still some chapters to be met with as yet. Arrangements are being made to visit them and we feel that this same helpful attitude will come forth when we meet them. In closing I offer this one comment and wish. We here in Detroit are putting forth the maximum effort. We hope that the end re-

sult next August will be one that will make our efforts worthwhile. We want to host the best reunion possible and are doing our darnest to get it. I remain;

Sincerely yours,
Nick Barbu-331
19041 Snow Rd.
Dearborn, Mich.

BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

by Charles Abdinoor

Some news of the progress of the Greater Boston Chapter. The officers met at our Chapter Headquarters in Malden, Mass. and discussed the Boston reunion in 1960. Although we are a little early the hotel people say in order to hold a successful reunion it should take at least two years in the making. We are encouraging all our members to take part in our plans for our reunion. We are planning an excellent schedule and if it turns out like we have planned, I am sure that it will be a big success. One of our projects is to hold a boat cruise to one of our islands and have a clam bake plus swimming and amusements. This is all in the suggesting stage and also entertainment. We are going to hold a dinner-meeting soon and it will probably be held in the Rhode Island area. This has been a quiet winter for us, that is for meetings being held and as soon as the weather breaks we hope to step up on our program. Thanks to the boys of the Philadelphia Chapter who have forwarded some means of former members in this area, we had copys printed to mail to these men to welcome them to join our organization. We gave them all the particulars and to whom to write to. If there are any former buddies in the Greater Boston area of members who are now in the association. If they would forward their address to the Greater Boston Chapter we shall make it our business to look them up. Well this is really all the news for now, our last general meeting was held in November so you see we did not get together very often in the winter months.

**Don't Miss This One
August 20 - 21 - 22
HOTEL STATLER - HILTON
Detroit, Mich.**



INDIANA CHAPTER NEWS

by Murray D. Therber

The Christmas Dinner and Dance held at the Village Inn in Indianapolis on December 12th was a gala affair! As might be expected, all the "Old Standby's" danced to the front with the special invitations that were mailed out however, we were pleased to welcome the Arthur Johnhons and the John Gaithers to our midst. Mr. Johnson became a member and both fellows assure us they will be attending our meetings in the future. Everyone enjoyed the food and dancing and wasn't that Dot Soroko doing the Cha Cha??? We plan on having another get-together in the spring.

The last meeting of the Chapter was held at Legion Post #34 here in Naptown on Friday night February 6th and after the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were read, the President, Walt Edwards, gave a report on the progress being made by the Detroit Chapter in regard to the reunion. Sounds as tho the boys are in there pitching and you can bet the Hoosier Thunderbolts are looking forward to the month of August. John Robinette always schedules a week of his vacation at reunion time so he can be sure of attending. We believe John has made them all.

No doubt many of the fellows have at one time or another wished it were possible to return to Europe and visit some of the places where they were during the war. The writer, being in contact with friends in Mheer, Holland and Marcilly Maulne in the Loire Valley has learned of one person who was lucky enough to do so. Many of the 330th fellows will remember Capt. N. H. Odell, the Regt. Dental Surgeon. The friends write that Odell, now Colonel, brought his wife and family to visit them and it made them very happy. The writer was Dental Assistant to Odell during his G.I. days.

Through the efforts of John Raiko's, it was learned that private meeting rooms were available at the Officers Club at Fort Harrison so it was decided to hold our next meeting at the Club on May 9th. Since the Club's Dining Room and Dance Hall will be open to our members, wives and girl friends are invited and since it will be on Saturday night, we are hoping for a large turnout. Special notices will be mailed to all on the mailing list in plenty of time for them to make plans to attend.

Johnny Walker's baked apple story in the January issue of the Thunderbolt has a happy ending. We note John motored to the last meeting in a new Ford.

In closing, we wish to thank all the fellows in the area wh have helped us build the Indiana Chapter to its present status. The original planners deserve a special hand.

Pictured below are some of the Charter members.

Murry D. Therber



Front — (Kneeling) John Walker; Second Row (left to right) John Soroko, Murray Therber, Walt Edwards, Joe Lowry; Rear (left to right) Ned Smith, John Pobinette, Francis Maguire.

PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

by Dave Rosenberg, 331



With "Santa Claus" John Piscatelli officiating as old Kriss Kringle the kids of the Philadelphia Chapter Thunderbolts had themselves a ball nary a kid was missed as Santa John dispensed gifts to all. The annual Xmas party was enlivened by a greater turn out than ever before. Santa John was ably assisted by the help of Walt Sammler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrogan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ponzio, Mr. and Mrs. Al Belvederes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kemery, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lacys, Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Paulino and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Remond and many others. The kids were awarded prizes and other awards. No party is a success without the ice cream and cake that followed the other vittles given to the kids.

The whole town is talking about the "Fried Chicken Social" held by the Philadelphia Thuderbolts. The success for all Philadelphia parties are automatically underwritten as soon as "Premier Chef" Lou Volpi puts his talents to work for the Philadelphia Chapter. On Saturday nite Nov. 20, 1958, another rousing successful evening of good cheer was held by the quaker city contingent. A huge throng of 135 loyal Thunderbolts and their friends were treated

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Philadelphia Cont.

to "Chef Louies" piece de resistance. Golden brown succulent fried chicken with all the fixings. The normal fee of \$1.50 per person was a mere pittance compared to the and his KP volunteers. All the regular "Vol-magnificent spread put out by Chef Louieunteers"? Mary McGrogan; Mary Redmond; Ruth Paulino, Lucy Volpi, and countless fair waitresses served heaps of chicken and refreshments to all. It amazes a stranger to perceive the smooth workings of the Philadelphia group and their "Volunteers" as they carry out their tasks in an uncomplaining manner to make the social evenings huge successes both pleasure wise and financially.

The drawings for prizes (a regular Philly custom) was held and the lucky ones this evening were Mary Milia, Lucy Volpi, and Norman Glaze. The fine success enjoyed by this affair augers well for the future success for our annual banquet on Jan. 10, 1959. A word to the wise should be sufficient. The tickets for this affair are going fast all Delaware Valley Thunderbolts are urged to contact Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Penna. As quick as possible for reservations.

On Dec. 18, 1958 the greater Philadelphia Chapter held their annual election of new officers for the coming year. The annual banquet on January 10, 1959, will witness the installation of as officers of the following men: President Ed Paulino—322; Vice President Lou Volpi—324; Treasurer Frank McGrogan—330; Secretary Larry Redmond—330.

This slate of tried and proven hard workers presages another successful year for the Philadelphia Chapter. As in the past year under the leadership of Sam Aiello great strides were made in solidifying the growth of the chapter. More social affairs were scheduled and successfully consummated. President Sam makes his farewell bow at the annual banquet happy in the knowledge that the past year marked growth in membership and treasury. Sam Aiello merits the the "Well Done" award.

The Philadelphia Chapter will make all efforts in the coming year to continue as the National Associations top chapter in membership and active unit.

Congratulations are in order to the popular Jim Logues, a beautiful baby girl Carolyn, was added to the Logue family, on November 7, 1958.

The Philadelphia Chapter was saddened by the loss of Joe Lacy of his mother. Mrs. Lacy was greatly esteemed by the Philadelphia Chapter and all of Joe Lacys 331st Regt friends.

Also to the Alan Tathams, 83rd Div. Atry., who became the proud parents of a bouncing boy on January 15.

Lt. Col. George M. Shuster, former commander of 3rd Bn, 330 Inf Regt, is recovering nicely from a recent heart attack. Any 330ther interested in writing the Col. a line or two; address; 233 Forest Ave., Narberth, Pa.



Philadelphia Chapter Children



Ed Paulino & Joe Ponzio Santa Claus Piscitelli



Mary Redmond & Mary McGrogan on Santa Claus's lap.

Plan Now
for

AUGUST 20 - 21 - 22

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER

NEWSY-NEWS FROM METROPOLITAN DETROIT CHAPTER

by Betty Spano

Well, our first big social event went off with a bang on Sunday, February 22. We had a nice turn-out and were honored by the following out-of-town guests: Ray Voracek, National President, and his lovely wife Dorothy, George Cooley, National Secretary, Leo Boyd, President of Miami Valley Chapter, Ed Fink, Secretary of Miami Valley Chapter, Vic Landis, Publicity Director of Miami Valley Chapter and Del Rinehart, member of the Miami Valley Chapter. As you can see, Ohio was well represented. Thanks fellas for the interest you have shown. It sure made all the Detroit Chapter feel that they are not alone in the big job they are undertaking.

The big event of our social was the presentation of our Detroit Charter. The Charter was presented to us by Ray Voracek, National President, and was accepted warmly by our Detroit Chapter Officers, Nick Barbu, President, Steve Benson, Vice President and Don Spano, Secretary-Treasurer.

Our sincerest thanks goes out to all the Chapters that helped our Spirits Drawing to be a financial success. Not one Chapter let us down! We hope that some day, in some way, we can help repay them.

We wish to congratulate Vito (Bill) Palazzolo for the marvelous job he did on selling the most raffle tickets. Bill, alone sold 97 tickets. Thanks, Bill, and everyone sure appreciates your hard work. This is the kind of get-up-and-go we would like to have from more members.

Incidentally, Bill Palazzolo also was elected to represent the Detroit Chapter as our Publicity Reporter. We know he is the right guy for it as he has spunk and knows where to dig up news too!

Through a notice of our social in a local Detroit newspaper, we acquired a new member. Clare P. Lynn of the 783 Ordinance, noticed our announcements by accident and came to the social to join us. Everyone welcomed him warmly and from now on he is a regular member. Welcome Aboard, Clare! Glad to have you with us.



1. National President Voracek reads Charter.
2. Tense moment before signing of Charter.
3. Bill Ferguson made sure tickets were well mixed for drawing.
4. President Voracek gives talk on obligation of Chapter.

5. National President and wife draw winning ticket.
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 10. Winners each of a bottle, "Bill" Palazzolo and Dom Spano.
 11. Guests discuss coming reunion in August.
 12. National President and guests.
 13. Betty Spano and George Cooley discuss reunion publicity.

We have a politician in our midst in the Detroit Chapter. Nick Boyd is running for councilman here in Hazel Park, Michigan. Made the finals too! Good luck, Nick!

Nick Barbu, our president, seems to be having a heck of a time trying to get his house painted. He has been painting for the last two months and still isn't finished. With his job and Chapter affairs he is too pooped to go home at night and start in painting. Sylvia, his wife, is ready to tear her hair out being in a mess so long.

Steve Benson burned the transmission out in his car this past week. Tough luck, Steve but that's life.

Don Spano was razzed all day about his size. In stocking feet he is five feet tall. You should see him in between Ray Vorcek and George Cooley, you don't even know he is there!

Again congratulations go out to one of our members. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Schmidt have a new addition to their family. They have just adopted a little blue eyed baby boy!

Eddie Zerucha, as usual, was up on a chair all day at our social taking pictures of everyone. Eddie and his camera are getting to be well known here in Detroit.

The wives of the Detroit Chapter members are getting together at a social of their own to try to organize a Women's Auxiliary of the 83rd Division. Bettie Spano, Jay Benson and Virginia Palazzolo are going to start the ball rolling.

We expected to have another out-of-town guest present at our social but he was laid up with the gout. Mr. Frank Bellino of Monroe was missed. Hope by this time Frank, your gout is gone!

It sure seemed nice to have our first get-together. All the chit-chat was flying around the tables freely and it made the wives feel they are really a part of the 83rd too.

All the news for now. You'll be hearing from us again next month.

DON'T FORGET!

"MAKE IT A POINT TO SEE DETROIT"

At the 83rd reunion on August 20, 21, and 22.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Casey Kowalec, 322 FA



Casey Kowalec, 322 FA, Vice-President & Treasurer; Bob Grobelny, Co. A, 329, Recording Secretary; Al Uridel, Cannon Co., 329, Sergeant-At-Arms.

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Left to right the 5 J. Fowlers. John Howard age 12, 5 ft. tall; Trudy (Mrs. Jim) 5 ft. (has on 3 inch heels); Jim, 5 ft. 7 in.; Janice Helena, age 16, 5 ft. 8 in.; James Henry II, age 14, 5 ft. 8in. Picture taken in Oklahoma City, Okla. Jim Fowler former top Sgt. Co. F 329.

SWAP COLUMN

We have received a few letters suggesting that we run a swap column. Seems as tho some of the boys have some surplus war souvenirs, collectors items, etc., and would like to trade same for "what have you". It's all yours fellows, be sure to include your name and address on all correspondence.

MISS THUNDERBOLT OF 1958



Left to right: Leo Boyd; Walter Edwards, Jr.; Miss Spellman and Harry Lockwood.

We of the Miami Valley chapter, chose Miss Marion Spellman as Miss Thunderbolt of 1958. On Aug. 21, 1958 the presentation was made, at the studio's of television station WLWT Cincinnati on Ruth Lyons 50-50 club, a network program.

Harry Lockwood gave a talk on the history of our famed 83rd Div. and presented Miss Spellman, with an engraved bracelet, a Miss Thunderbolt Ribbon and a corsage.

Miss Spellman is a top flight entertainer, on both television and stage. She is a beautiful and charming personality. She really appreciated the honor of becoming Miss Thunderbolt and her utmost humbleness and sincerity was a revelation.

Believe we should have a similar presentation in Detroit this year, with the Detroit Chapter, choosing Miss Thunderbolt of 1959. Publicity like this will help us tremendously.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to have the enclosed photos put in one of the next issues of THUNDERBOLT. On my vacation last August my family and I stopped off to visit Camp Breckenridge and received quite a surprise. The camp is in perfect condition. Everything was clean and painted, the grass was neatly mowed, it all really looked good. It was full of soldiers, too. Doing the things that we used to do.

Sincerely,
Robert Hedger, M-330

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CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Casey Kowalec, 322 FA



Our election meeting of February 18, was attended by every member of the Cleveland Chapter, which was a tribute to our retiring officers, and a note of confidence to the newly elected. The new Chapter Officers are; Casey Szubski, 322 FA, President,

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Left to right the 5 J. Fowlers. John Howard age 12, 5 ft. tall; Trudy (Mrs. Jim) 5 ft. (has on 3 inch heels); Jim, 5 ft. 7 in.; Janice Helena, age 16, 5 ft. 8 in.; James Henry II, age 14, 5 ft. 8 in. Picture taken in Oklahoma City, Okla. Jim Fowler former top Sgt. Co. F 329.

SWAP COLUMN

We have received a few letters suggesting that we run a swap column. Seems as tho some of the boys have some surplus war souvenirs, collectors items, etc., and would like to trade same for "what have you". It's all yours fellows, be sure to include your name and address on all correspondence.

MISS THUNDERBOLT OF 1958



Left to right: Leo Boyd; Walter Edwards, Jr.; Miss Spellman and Harry Lockwood.

We of the Miami Valley chapter, chose Miss Marion Spellman as Miss Thunderbolt of 1958. On Aug. 21, 1958 the presentation was made, at the studio's of television station WLWT Cincinnati on Ruth Lyons 50-50 club, a network program.

Harry Lockwood gave a talk on the history of our famed 83rd Div. and presented Miss Spellman, with an engraved bracelet, a Miss Thunderbolt Ribbon and a corsage.

Miss Spellman is a top flight entertainer, on both television and stage. She is a beautiful and charming personality. She really appreciated the honor of becoming Miss Thunderbolt and her utmost humbleness and sincerity was a revelation.

Believe we should have a similar presentation in Detroit this year, with the Detroit Chapter, choosing Miss Thunderbolt of 1959. Publicity like this will help us tremendously.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to have the enclosed photos put in one of the next issues of THUNDERBOLT. On my vacation last August my family and I stopped off to visit Camp Breckenridge and received quite a surprise. The camp is in perfect condition. Everything was clean and painted, the grass was neatly mowed, it all really looked good. It was full of soldiers, too. Doing the things that we used to do.

Sincerely,

Robert Hedger, M-330

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GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER BANQUET



Back Row: Dave and Ann Rosenberg, Frank and Mary McGrogan, Olive and Joe Ponzio, Mary and Larry Redmond.
Front Row: Lucy and Lou Volpi, Ruth and Ed Paulino, Sam and Vi Aiello.

Letters Cont.

. . . just received the Jan. issue and been reading about the prizes for the most men from certain companies showing up at the Reunions. If there had been prizes in previous years, Company "D", 331, would have easily walked off with more than half of them. At the last Reunion in Pittsburgh we had more than thirty men present. We had that "record 15 present" beat several times. We'll see you guys in Detroit this coming August and iron this out there with a record Company attendance.

See you in Detroit,
 Sam Klippa, Co. D, 331
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Hi Buddy,

Receipt is acknowledged of your January issue of the THUNDERBOLT. Very good reading material. Enclosed you will find list of names that may be of some help in your "Operation Manhunt".

Sorry I can't take an active part in it due to physical condition. Just getting over a serious spinal operation and can't do much of anything so trust the enclosed names will be accepted as my little share.

I haven't run across any of the boys in your publication that were in the original

"A" company, 330th back in Oct-Nov., 1942 and went to France with the Company. I was one of the boys but lost contact with the old gang.

Joseph D. Roy, A-330
 26 Hallowell Street
 Waterville, Maine.

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. . . I enjoy reading each issue of the THUNDERBOLT. It certainly is nice for a group of men to undertake such a job and make a success of it.

The extra two-bucks you can use to help pay mailing costs or you may use it as you see fit for good of Association. If things work out right I hope to make the Detroit Reunion in August.

As ever,

Eldon Brissman, 3rd Bn Hq, 329

(Editors Note: He paid dues in advance too !!!)

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. . . say "hello" to all members of Battery "B", 322 FA Bn, in your column.

George W. Stone
 1812 Warrington Ave.
 Duarte, Calif.

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Letters Cont.

Dear "Yank" Cooley:

Now that you have had time to sober up from Dayton (? ?) here are a few lines relating to two "A" Company, 330th boys I looked up last week while in Philadelphia and Washington on VFW business. I thought you might print the letter as I am sure some of the boys might be glad to get the address of Rudy and Nick.

Rudy Baric, former All-American Basketball player at W. Va. was a Lt. in A, 330th and was wounded very badly at Stromberg Hill when the 2nd platoon was ambushed. He lost contact with all the boys and never saw anyone except Lt. Jerry Schnelker some 10 years ago. I located him in Penn's Grove, New Jersey while I was east and gave him a ring. Needless to say we had a great reunion then to make it even better, we went to Bridgeport, Pa. to see Nick DeVinney who was with us at Stromberg and later was wounded the same day as I was in the Hurtgen. Time went back some 14 years and except for a little extra weight, some thinning hair and a double chin or two, one might recognize us as the same. I told them about the reunion in Detroit and they are planning on driving up together in August. Nick is employed in a pulp mill and Rudy is coaching basketball in Penn's Grove High School.

In my travels, I also located Ward Hadden who was hit the same day as Nick and I and who like us never got back to combat. He is now living at 815 Brighton, Newport, Ky. Lastly, anyone in A-330, will remember the "Old Soldier", Henry Hall. He was badly hurt late in the war while serving with Paul Reed's platoon and many thought he was dead. With the help of the Tennessee VFW, I located him on a farm in Milan, Tennessee fully recovered. I am sure many of the boys will be glad to hear that as old Hank was quite a popular figure.

Looking forward to seeing you in Detroit.

Sincerely yours,
Johnny "Reb" Folsom
1005 Crestland
Columbia, Mo.

P.S. When I called Rudy, the first thing he said was "Reb"!

Sober Up!

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... as a former member of Battery A, 323 FA Bn, I would like to have any information you can give as to any "A-323" boys that plan to attend the next reunion.

James W. Barlow
1359 East 53rd St.
Chicago 15, Ill.

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... tell the gang that I made a formal bid to bring the 1962 reunion to Las Vegas.

Regards,
Ted Karageorge, A-322

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

by Harry Lockwood, 329

The New Jersey Chapter is still holding meetings at the same old place — The V.F.W. Post in Garfield, N. J. usually on the third Friday of each month.

The January meeting was postponed due to inclement weather but of course we held forth at the meeting in February on a beautifully bright moonlit night with just enough twang in the air to help one appreciate the advantages of some good clean fresh air.

The turnout was small but those of us who attended enjoyed a few drinks and pleasure of each other's company and also the solid refreshments served by the members of the Post, which to them, is a Friday night ritual.

After the business meeting we entered into a bit of a discussion regarding the coming reunion in August and it seems to be the unanimous opinion that the New Jersey Chapter should be very well represented and although we may not win any prizes for the best represented group we certainly will not be conspicuous by our absence.

It was also decided that there will be a Chapter C.P. set up with the usual calisthenics prevailing. The calisthenics being the extending of the right or left arm, whichever the case may be, for the purpose of grasping a glass that has been filled with liquid refreshment, returning the arm to a bent position at the elbow and raising it to the lips, still grasping the glass, and sipping or gulping, as you prefer, the liquid contained within. How often you wish to repeat those exercises is a matter of personal choice. It is purely a voluntary thing and unlike our old service days when calisthenics were part of our daily itinerary. There will be no duck walks, knee bending, jumping up and down clapping your hands over your head and other body building hogwash and the only thing you will have to concern yourself with is the remote possibility of either getting muscle bound from raising that glass too often or the probability of getting yourself so looped that you feel no pain but in either case you are on your own.

The New Jersey Chapter will welcome anyone who may be interested in enjoying a sociable evening with the boys once a month. If you are interested get in touch with Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, N. J.

COMPANY B-331 NEWS

by J. "Capistrano" Caparanis

Movie actor and TV personality, Neville Brandt, formerly a Staff Sergeant in Lt. Kruse's platoon, proves that "B" Company produces nothing but the best . . . still haven't heard from "Baldy" DiSiena of Cleveland, Ohio, Vice Pres of Ohio Bell. "Get on the ball and report in Baldy!"

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"By a Nose . . .

In their quest for diversion from army routine, members of Hq. Btry., 908 FA Bn, have come through with the wackiest of them all. The "Nose Club" has been formed, claiming ten charter members. To be eligible, you must be able to lay your forefinger on your nose without having any portion of it extending over. Should anyone see an artilleryman walk up to another and affectionately stroke his nose, it's a cinch they're members of this exclusive club".

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

There is no news in from the Warren Chapter yet but we do know that the men and women from Warren are preparing for a city wide Easter Egg hunt for the kiddies of Warren and vicinity. Led by the capable Joe Minotti, 324, and aided by the local merchants, city officials and members of the Civil Defense, this is about the biggest program that we have heard of being put on by any 83rd Association Chapter. Watch the next issue for pictures and newspaper coverage of this big event.

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. . . sorry that I could not make the last Reunion in Dayton. I know a good time was had by all that did attend.

Sincerely,
Joseph J. Pertusi, G-329

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Dear George:

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 to the order of the Association for dues and just a little over which you may use as you see fit for the good of the Association.

The last issue of the THUNDERBOLT looks magnificent!

With fondest regards,

Yours cordially,
James C. Hanrahan
Hq 83rd Div.
3001 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 15, Ohio

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. . . because of the serious illness of my mother which resulted in her death on August 28th, I was therefore unable to attend the reunion as I had planned. I am now looking forward to Detroit in '59.

Sincerely,
Joseph V. Lowry
CWO, USA, Ret
Formerly Hq 83d Inf Div