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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OPEN NEW CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS

by Dave Rosenberg,



The laughter and singing all you folks heard out in "Thunderbolt Land" on Saturday May 2, 1959 was the Quaker City bunch whooping it up and making merry at our new club room, Lou Volpi's pride and joy. "Lou's Ranch Room" at 245

Woodbine Ave., Narberth, Pa. Vice President Lou Volpi one of Philadelphia Chapter's hard working members, has provided the Philadelphia Chapter a meeting place that without a doubt over shadows everyone's imagination. Sparing no expense and hard work, Lou fashioned a room that decorated in the "Wild West" decor reflects warmth and friendship. The twenty silver dollars that decorate the bar, enumerate the twenty ways that our host Lou Volpi goes all out to make his fellow Thunderbolts welcome and at home at his cozy nest.

Saturday nites party was a huge success. Host Lou Volpi and his friendly, affable wife Lucy were most gracious. Each table groaned under the good things to eat that graced the tables. The liquid refreshments were never ending. A "cool combo" The Melody Kings provided music until the wee hours. A wonderful turn out of Quaker City Thunderbolts and their wives and lady friends will always sing the praises of their gracious hosts the Volpi's. They are the tops when it comes to making their guests feeling at home. We all extend our thanks to the Lou Volpi's for their fine contribution.

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Above host, Lou Volpi and family

Below - Walt Sammler and dancing teacher.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



In just two months it will be reunion time again for the THUNDERBOLTS of The 83rd Infantry Division Association. I sincerely hope that all of you have completed plans to be there on August 20-21-22.

The Detroit Chapter are still hard at work putting together the finishing touches to a reunion program that promises to be the best yet. According to the "mail bag", the attendance in Detroit will be the largest of any reunion thus far.

Keep in mind the number of prizes to be awarded for the largest Chapter and Company attendance. This is turning out to be quite a contest. The Chapter with the largest PAID-UP membership in attendance will receive a plaque and a bottle of "joy". The Company with the largest PAID-UP membership in attendance will receive two bottles of finest grape "schnapps". There will also be a special prize for the 83rd member traveling the farthest distance to get to Detroit in August.

Saturday, May 9, I had the pleasure of attending the Indianapolis Chapter's Dinner-Dance. A fine time was had by all and Indianapolis has plans to take home the prize for attendance at the reunion.

I urge you to read carefully the changes in the By-laws that the By-laws committee have submitted with this issue of the THUNDERBOLT. Any ideas you may have, kindly forward them to the com-

mittee listed on the letter attached so that they may be voted on in August.

Our "Operation Manhunt" has increased our mailing list quite a bit. I want to thank all of you that helped me in this. Keep sending in the names, better still, sign them up and send in their dues. With every increase in mailing, our expenses mount, dues are urgently needed.

Sincerely,

Ray J. Voracek

PLAN NOW

for

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As usual our women folk of the Philly Chapter were resplendent and beautiful. The Al Belveders can make any professional dance team turn pale with envy. When Al holds his wife Ann and terpsichores they appear like a dream. Not to be outdone Sam Aiello and his wife Vi danced and sang all nite. The McGrogans, Frank and Mary, a most attractive couple assisted as host and hostess and made every one feel at home. Walt Sammler our own "Problem Child" is a great one behind the bar, he can fashion those drinks that mellow a man. I know I got so mellow that I even tried the most intricate dances and found that my two left feet were in complete accord. Frank Kitselman and his wife Mickey also were with us and every one warned Frank to make sure he makes all the meetings and socials and above all take his darling Mickey with him to all affairs. President Ed Paulino and his better half the darling Ruth Paulino hopped around from table to table joining every one in toasts and preserving the homey Philadelphia Chapter atmosphere that permeates all our galas. Despite working a four to twelve shift, Larry and Mary Redmond made the evening complete with their presence at the bewitching hour of midnite. Speaking of charm, and all our women are charming, Dorothy Thompson, quiet Bob Thompson's wife radiated warmth and friendliness. I still don't know the brand of the cigar that Bob Thompson gave me but truthfully it "mellowed" me more than the drinks that Frank McGrogan fed me . . . We also

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had a rehearsal of our chorus for the Detroit Reunion, and led by Sam Aiello and Joe Ponzi some pretty good tunes turned out better than expected. It was plenty loud and plenty tuneful . . . Frank Kemery and Jim Logue and their attractive wives joined in the fun and had a swell time . . . For a big guy our "Big" John Piscatelli sure can hoof . . . Our own special bouquet must be awarded to a young lady that captured every ones heart. It was a pleasure to speak to and meet the charming Linda Volpi. The pride and joy of the Lou Volpi's. We predict that this ten year old miss will break more hearts than Helen of Troy. As she danced with Walt Sammler (they made a wonderful pair) one could see that she possessed all the fine qualities of her parents. Warmth and friendliness are hers . . . Everyone will long remember our opening of the "Lou's Ranch Room" The Philadelphia Chapter's new meeting home, it was a nite of joy that rivals all Philly's past affairs.



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DUES ARE DUE

DON'T HANG BEHIND

IN '59

330th REGIMENTAL UNIT

by Larry Redmond,

Hello Buddies:

As you are well aware, we are coming close to another reunion time, and thanks to a hard working group of men from the Detroit Chapter, we are promised a very fine reunion.

I am appealing to each of you men of the 330th Regimental Unit to do your part in helping make this one of the finest reunions ever held by trying to attend the reunion this year. Each year we try to have a little competition between the different groups as to the number of men in attendance. We of the 330th have had nice turnouts, but we have always come a little short of tops in the registration. This year we hope to have the largest group attendance.

This year I have mailed out rosters to all men that I had on my mailing list, there may be some of you who didn't receive one. If so, write me and I will see that you receive one. By sending out these rosters to you men, it gives you a chance to try contacting a former buddy, and trying to arrange to meet him at the reunion this year.

I would also like to make an appeal to you men in behalf of the officers of the national association, to lend your support in making this one of the biggest years in membership. This can be made possible by sending in your dues, or if your dues for one of your buddies. This way you can renew your friendship with that buddy, and can also help your association.

BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

by Charles Abdinoor

The 3rd platoon of A-Co. 330 recently got together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abdinoor, among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed from Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Shiftless) Schiffert, New Britain, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Sylvio Allard, Gardner, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burgess from Dracut, Mass. This was a weekend long social and wonderful memories were rehashed. The bar was occupied the whole twenty four hours a day and quite a bit of ----? was consumed. You can certainly rest assured that it will be continued in Detroit with the rest of A-Co. in August. A-Co. 330th is being represented by its former personnel more and more each year.

Sylvio Allard, A-Co. 330th has now opened his own distributorship for Made-Rite potato chips in the Mass., area. He

is going to donate the chips for the Boston Reunion in 1960. (Although he does not know it.)

Lucien Elie Hq. Co. 329th recently visited the Veterans Hospital with the Cooties, he is also associated with many veterans organizations and is active in all of them. Pat DiGiammerino 323 F.A. recently sold his cabin cruiser and is looking for a new and bigger one to buy. We hope to hold a deep sea fishing party on the new boat soon (we hope).

WARREN AUXILIARY NEWS

by Dimps Minotti

The Auxiliary Women have help up on activities to get their Spring housecleaning done, but have been busy as bees at our meeting's planning.

Our April meeting was held at the home of Clarabell Pankovich where most of the plans were completed.

Starting with our yearly Spaghetti Dinner held Sunday, May 24th at the men's club rooms, then on Thursday, May 28th, we held our Annual Rummage Sale which usually is a riot. We also have plans for a Bake Sale in the near future.

Now with making all this loot, as the boys call it, we must find a way to spend it, so Mrs. Kelly has been appointed to buy several dozen cups and a few pitchers, to be presented to the men's club, which they are in dire need.

Then of course, we must go out on the town ourselves, so Mrs. Cooley is in charge of that detail. We plan to attend a stage performance of Kenley Players at Packard Music Hall.

Not being active ourselves, our hobbies have kept us so with accompanying them to Cleveland for the bowling match and again to the Cleveland Anniversary Dance. Also, helping with their Easter Egg Hunt and for their seventh Anniversary Dance, May 2.

We have all heard about the wonderful hospitality of the 83rd. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge it.

In March my son Joseph Minotti, Jr., was visiting colleges in the East. He had a one night lay over in New Jersey. Never having met him, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lockwood met him at Newark Airport and took him into their home, treating him as one of the family. The next morning Mrs. Lockwood instead of taking him to a train drove him right to Rutgers College. (It goes to show that no matter where you go, you'll find a wonderful 83rd man).

Here in Warren we are proud of being an 83rd Auxiliary! How about it gals? Let's hear of more!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

William O. "Bill" Shuman, Chaplain
83rd Infantry Division Assn.



"THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE"

"Is this the telegraph office?"
asked a childish voice one day,
As I heard the click of my instrument
with a message from far away.

As it ceased, I turned and at my elbow
stood the meekest scrap of a boy,
Whose childish face was all aglow
with the light of a hidden joy.

The golden curls on his forehead
shaded sweets eyes of blue,
As if a piece of the summer sky
had lost in them its hue.

They scanned my dingy office
from ceiling down to the floor
Then turned on me their eager gaze
as he asked the question o'er:

"Is this the telegraph office?"
"It is my little man," I said
"Pray tell me what you want
and I'll help you if I can."

"Nurse tells me that the lightning
comes down the wires some days
And my mama's gone to Heaven
and I'm lonely all the day."

"So I thought I'd write her a letter
I've brought it for you to see"
"I've printed it big so the angels
could read out quick the name
"And carry it straight to my mama,
And tell her how it came."

Oh! what could I tell the darling
for my eyes were filling fast!
I turned away to hide the tears
But cheerfully said at last —

"I'll do the best I can my child"
It was all that I could say,
"Good-bye" he said "I'll see you again
"Right after a big thunder shower."

(Dedicated to all mothers. This poem was handed down to my grandmother's mother, who quite often during my span of life has repeated. It carries a wonderful thought for any time of the year.)

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

by Harry Lockwood

A meeting held on Friday evening, March 20, Emil Wehling was elected president, Bob Walsh, Vice president and Harry Lockwood, secretary-treasurer for the year 1959.

The New Jersey Chapter played host to Nick Barbu, the chairman of the Convention Committee, on his visit to this part of the country the latter part of May. According to schedule Nick visited us on May 23rd.

This meeting was held at the home of Harry and Fern Lockwood and preparations were made to extend to Nick a very warm welcome.

An outdoor barbecue was scheduled and prevailed on the Lockwood screened in patio.

Stanley and Fran Bielen are getting the nursery ready for a visit from the stork who is expected to call on them very soon for the third time. Couldn't happen to two nicer people.

And of course the hand of congratulations is extended to Ted Guzek and his wife on the new addition to their family a short time ago. Realize we're a little late but just found out about it.

That's all for now except to extend the usual cordial invitation to all who may be in the vicinity or who may have the desire to come to one of our meetings at the V.F.W. Post in Garfield, N. J., on the third Friday of the month or get in touch with me at 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

by Dick Kelly,

We have been very busy in Warren, Ohio with all the social affairs that we had and the planning of the new ones.

In March, the Cleveland Chapter invited the Warren Chapter up to Cleveland to bowl. This is an annual affair between the two Chapters and is held on a home-and-home basis. As usual, Warren emerged the victors. This time we made it interesting; we waited to last frame to take the match. Afterwards they invited us for chow and the usual elbow-bending. Our trophy was a square bowling ball, awarded to the Champs by the Cleveland crew. From here on in the "ball" will be awarded to the "chumps" instead of the champs and they will have to carry it to the next reunion.

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On May 24th the Warren Womens Aux held their annual spaghetti dinner in the men's club room. On that day Cleveland was invited to bowl in Warren but the match never came off because most of the boys were attending the dedication of the new Army Reserve center in Parma, Ohio in honor of Lt. Mote, 331, who was killed in action. The Division Association was well represented at the dedication. Led by Association President R. J. Voracek, they met Maj. Joe Macaluso, G-331, and Capt. Sanford Halperin, 331, there.

The Warren Chapter held a stag party which was quite an affair, complete with beaucoup booze and the inevitable women oo-la-la. Can't print the details but just ask any Warren boy I saw floating around in a tub of ice water and beer. We plan more and will invite all to try to make it. Should remind you of GI behavior in France.

The First Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 21. It was a rip-roaring riot. Never saw so many kids in all my life. What a ball we had getting the eggs ready. The men cooked the eggs and the women and children from the Chapter, assisted by a local girl scout troop, helped to color them. Our thanks to Dimps Minotti, Mary Nuzzi, Birdie Titus, Olga Teringo and Millie Kelly for supervising the coloring.

Top prize in the hunt was a \$25.00 Bond and 2nd prize was a huge stuffed bunny. There were other prizes too numerous to mention, over one-hundred and twenty-five, all donated by the Warren Retail Merchants Association. Our city fathers were very pleased with the affair. All this would not have been possible without the terrific job turned in by the committee in charge. Joe Minotti was constantly on the go and the whole Warren Chapter gave their full cooperation. Plans are already being made for the next one. Below are pictures of the egg hunt.



On April 18, the Warren group was well represented at the Cleveland Anniversary Dance. We were served a delicious dinner and as much as "you wanted" to drink. Lee Titus proved to be the best bunny-hopper (I think he took lessons from Arthur Murray). We enjoyed seeing and talking to Nick Barbu and wife from Detroit.

We held our Anniversary Dance on May 2. Quite a few boys from Cleveland came down with their wives and surprise guest was Ralph Guarneir, G-331, from Philadelphia. He and Lee Titus and Mike Mizerock were floated out of the hall about dawn.

The "philantropist", George Kilpatrick, 330, is building a home complete with swimming pool — oh, those mid-nite swims . . . the Charlie Tomazins are also planning a new home. This is all for now. Be back spinning the bull in the next **THUNDERBOLT**.

DETROIT IN '59

by Frank McGrogan

FOR ALL MEN OF CO. "D" 330

The men of company "G", 331st won two bottles of liquor at the last reunion for having the most paid up members there.

Again in our last Thunderbolt they are challenging all other companys in the Division Association for "1959" reunion in Detroit next August.

This is where I come in, I am asking all the men of our company to start saving and planning so we all can be there this year, just like we were back in "1949" in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Company "D" had around 40 or 45 men there, and we sure did have a good time.

So I am counting on all my old pals to do the same thing again this year. Men, the date for the reunion is August 20th, 21st and 22nd.

If you are not an association member send me a check or money order for (\$4.00) payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association and I will see that you will get your membership card and Thunderbolt News, so men of "D" company let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,
"OLD MAC"
Frank McGrogan

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Casey Kowalec,



Our summer plans are organized and ready to go "full-swing". Besides our regular Warren-Cleveland picnic, there has been a lot of talk of a Tri-city picnic, including Detroit, Warren and Cleveland. We enjoyed our Warren - Cleveland bowling match this year. It was a battle right down to the last frame with Warren Chapter the victor by a mere 27 pins. We presented the boys from Warren with a "square bowling ball", a trophy created by our own Casey Szubski. Those of you that attend Detroit this August will have the opportunity to view this trophy which will be on display in the Warren Chapter C-P.

A delicious beef dinner followed, catered as usual by R. J. Voracek, and then the "gab-fest" with Cleveland taking the major ribbing.

Our "Man-of-the-month" award goes to Walter Meczka for so capably managing our annual dinner-dance. Walt got some

fine assistance from Casey Szubski, with the rest of the boys cooperating to make the affair a complete success. We had fun, good music, delicious food (c/o Voracek and Son) and all the liquid refreshments desired. Our choice, "Rocky" Krupicka, was a diligent photographer and the following were dispensing at the bar: Mike Demko, Lou Rosolowski, Bob Uher, Bill Herhut, "Buckskin" Grobelny, Ray Voracek, Chet Czeck, Ed Glinka, Casey Kowalec, Al Uridel and Casey Szubski.

The music was so good and the dancers so enthusiastic we almost had the ceiling down from doing the bunny-hop and czardas. We still have young feet even though a little "top-heavy".

Nick and Sylvia Barbu and Marion and Josephine Muoio were our special guests from Detroit. From Nicks remarks, the Detroit Reunion sounds like a real ball is coming off this August. The Warren Chapter were well represented and most stayed after the music closed and continued the party into the wee hours.

The party gave us a chance to display our new silk "solid gold" banner, inscribed with the Division insignia and name. We are very proud of it and will display it everywhere we go as a group. Our grateful thanks to Bob Uher's mother-in-law, Mrs. Kosmata, who designed and constructed our new banner. Our Chapter members were very resplendant in their new ties, gold with the Division insignia inscribed along with chapter identification.

CLEVELAND CHIT CHAT

Al Uridel ("Chapter-head-shrinker") was pleasantly surprised with a visit from an "old" 83rd buddy, John Taylor, Cannon 329 who flew in from California . . . your reporter received a friendly not from the Leo Schneiders from down Memphis way which came as a pleasant surprise . . .

CLEVELAND SICK CALL — George "Rocky" Krupicka fine after major surgery . . . Dorothy Voracek expecting the fourth "edition" to their growing family, was told by "Dr." (?) Joe Minotti to expect another boy, so now all bets are on . . . this reporter pulled rank on the little wife and went to the hospital, on the day she was scheduled to go ! ! ! we'll let you know how things worked out for the Kowalecs in the next edition.

BUDDY IN DISTRESS

Hello Buddies:

Carl Zimanek, a medic with the 330th infantry regiment is in distress and is appealing to you for assistance. He had two toes frozen while administering to the sick

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and wounded on the front lines, and is in need of help to establish his disability claim.

If there are any of you men in the 330th Regiment that remember this man, would you please contact me as soon as possible, and I will send you a form to sign and have notarized. This is one of the purposes of our great association, to be able to help a buddy in distress. I appeal to you for your co-operation in this matter.

This incident happened on or about January 8th, 1945, at Behian, Belgium, both big toes were frozen, he was taken to a collecting company about 10:00 A.M. on January 9th for treatment and was hospitalized for approximately 8 days. He is being treated now at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Iron Mt. Michigan. He is now on leave from the hospital and may have to be re-admitted, and needs this help. If you can help this, please write me at once.

CARL ZIMANEK LARRY REDMOND
1st Battalion Medic 132 Rockwood Dr.
330th Infantry Reg. Havertown, Pa.

MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS AND DAYTON FLY-INGS

by Vic Landis,

At a recent meeting at Leo Boyd's barber shop, we were honored by a visit from Nick Barbu, President of the Detroit Chapter and Steve Benson, their Vice President. The ideas exchanged, the opinions voiced and the friendly arguments indulged in, were beneficial to all involved.

Visits like this, from other Chapter members will go a long way towards making our national organizing stronger. We, of the Miami Valley Chapter, plan on making more visits to the other Chapters, in the near future. We really enjoyed the trek to Detroit. We plan on doing it again.

We are thinking of choosing a local personality and designating her as Miss Miami Valley Chapter of 1959. Getting the picture in the newspapers, with a write up, would help our publicity. Right now, this idea is in the formative stage.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Fink, claims he can concoct the best mixed drink in history. Just take a pint and a fifth, and mix it together. He calls it a double Zowie, Leo Boyd says it is a dilly, Bill Washburn calls it all kind of names and yours truly Vic Landis, just drinks it and gets stupid.

As you can see by the pictures, we really enjoyed the visit of Nick and Steve. Bob Hedger came up from Middletown to take the pictures and one was taken with him included, but it must have turned out bad as I did not receive it.

The wife of our Chaplain, Bob Eldred, has been ill and was hospitalized for some time. We all wish her a speedy recovery and understand she is now doing very well. Bob has been unable to attend the last few meetings but will soon be with us.

Del Rinhart and family are now settled in their new home and like it immensely. Del is one of the old faithfuls of our Chapter and never misses a meeting. He, Leo Boyd and Ed Fink, were really the ones that formed the Miami Valley Chapter. A tip of the hat to all three and may our Chapter last forever on.

We are planning many events for this summer, outings, picnics and things like that. Hope very soon to get our raffle tickets to the other Chapters. Reunion time is growing closer and we are planning on chartering a bus, to make the trip to Detroit. Will descend on that fair city, with noise and gusto. Also we will be armed with Ed Fink's special drink. That's all for now. More Anon.



Left to right - Bill Washburn, Ed Fink, Steve Benson, Nick Barbu, Vic Landis and Leo Boyd.

All pictures taken at Miami Valley Chapter meeting Feb. 29, 1959 in Leo's barber shop.



Left to right - Leo Boyd, holding some Miami Valley papers and records, Vic Landis looking over plans of the Detroit Chapter, Nick Barbu, just looking and Steve Benson, just about out of the picture.

THE CHAMPS COMPANY G 331, REPORTS

by Lee Titus

We of Company G wish to notify Vic Landis, Ed Fink, Frank McGrogan, Nick Barbu and John Caparanis that they had better get on the ball and get more paid up members from their respective Companies if they want to keep up with Company G, 331.

Just checked the list and found that we are leading the pack by two members. Following are the paid-up at this writing; Bill Bogacz, John Teringo, Everett Singleton, Don Schwartz, Dom Spano, John Rung, Jim Porter, Joe Philipone, Bob Piette, Mike Mizerock, Clyde Flanary, Monte Anderson, George Berlet, Gene Costanzo, Ralph Guarneir and Lee Titus. By reunion time we expect to have at least 30 paid men and from all indications at least a 75% attendance in Detroit. This is something for you other Companies to shoot at. Our President, Ray Voracek, has stated that there will be a prize for the most paid-up members from a Company before the reunion and a prize for the largest attendance by a Company at the reunion. It isn't quite fair for Company G, 331, to win both prizes because there are 6 of us working together to strengthen our Company whereas other Companies have only one or two active workers to keep their Companies going.

HATS OFF DEPT.

Company G takes hats off to Vic Landis and Nick Barbu. Vic Landis — doing a terrific job for the Division Association, Dayton Chapter and his own Company F, 329. Especially in publicity. Nick Barbu — dynamic Detroit Chapter President travels more miles for the Division Association, Detroit Chapter and Company D, 331, than any other man in the 83rd. He's breaking his neck to give us all a real fine reunion in Detroit this August 20-21-22 at the Hotel Statler Hilton.

All that he asks in return is to see us all there at the reunion so lets all get behind Nick and show him our gratitude for his fine work.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Everett Singleton suggested in Dayton last August a Company G picnic be held somewhere in Ohio this summer. This sounds like a good idea because a great many Company G men live in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Michigan and could possibly attend. All we need is a volunteer to head the picnic committee and get the wheels turning. All those interested should contact Singleton or Jim Porter.

Ralph Guarnei is busy resting and getting his vocal cords ready for Detroit.

Jim Porter plans to bring his guitar to Detroit to accompany Ralph.

ALL ABOARD DETROIT HERE WE COME

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter will lead all other chapters at the Detroit Reunion. This item becomes a sure thing with the passing of a motion to charter an air conditioned bus to take all Philadelphia Thunderbolts to the Convention in Detroit. The Quaker City contingent fully mindful of the wonderful times that awaits one and all at an 83rd Infantry Division Association Convention are plumb full of enthusiasm and are making plans to make this reunion one that will always be remembered. We all know that the Detroit Chapter and President Ray Voracek are working like beavers to make the convention a huge success. The decision of the Philadelphia Chapter to charter a bus and enable all Philadelphia Chapter members to travel at a special rate insures that the Philadelphia convention "Command Post" room will be amply manned to welcome all our buddies in the manner they have been accustomed to in the past conventions. (Please note liquid refreshments have been already purchased, enuff to float a battleship. So be sure to stop in and say hello, we know you won't go any further.)

The bus trip to Detroit is being carefully planned by president Ed Paulino and his cabinet officers: Fank McGrogan, Lou Volpi and Larry Redmond. The entire trip on the road will be one huge picnic. Fun and frolic from the moment we board our own private bus, hereafter to be known as the Quaker City Thunderbolt Special. You may rest assured that this luxury liner will be fitted with a portable bar and refreshment table.

The powerful current of enthusiasm coursing through the entire Philadelphia Chapter is a mighty contagious thing. The pep that characterizes every project that Philly bunch undertakes has every one talking "Detroit Reunion". Even now at this early date many have sent in their reservations to secretary Larry Redmond. (A human dynamo who literally vibrates when he begins to talk convention to everyone.)

We in Philadelphia know that hard work that the Detroit Chapter are doing to make this convention a bang up reunion. We will show our appreciation by attending en masse with a turnout that will out number every other chapter. The preparations we make to make our room in Detroit the most refreshing stop in any ones sourjoin in Detroit comes from the hearts of all its members. This year we will pull out all stops and make this years reunion tops of them all. To all you Thunderbolts wherever you are make sure you come to Detroit, and above all visit our Philadelphia Chapter room and "set awhile", you are welcome.

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PHILA CHAPTER LOOKS AHEAD TO CONVENTION IN 1962.

A long range program to bring the 83rd Infantry Division Association to the convention city of Atlantic City in 1962 has been brought into focus by Frank McGrogan. Not one to stay idle, and always out to promote something that will be best for the National Association, Frank McGrogan has laid the groundwork to bring the convention in 1962 to Atlantic City, N. J. We here in the east know the "Wonderful Town" that Atlantic City is. We know that this sea shore resort can provide exceptional facilities for a convention. It has something for everyone. Frank McGrogan has the convention bureau of Atlantic City outlining a program that may be irresistible. Accommodations for all at one of the first class hotels; at agreeable rates, entertainment at the hot spots, bathing facilities that can not be topped anywhere are most attractive inducements to come east to Atlantic City. More remarkable is Frank McGrogan's enthusiasm and his long range planning. We in Philadelphia can assure you all if Frank McGrogan puts his hand and his seal of approval to a plan it merits consideration. Be sure to attend the Detroit Reunion and listen to Frank McGrogan's plan for 1962.

NEWSY-NEWS FROM THE METROPOLITAN DETROIT CHAPTER

by Bill Palazzolo



All the Detroit Chapter fellas and their wives sure were in step to hup-two-three-four at our April Social which was held at Fort Wayne. They toured the Fort Wayne Museum, had dinner in the Fort Wayne Officer's Club, (steaks, \$2.50) and any kind of drink for only two-bits. Everyone sure enjoyed themselves and our sincerest thanks goes to our Major Bill Ferguson who made it all possible. Thanks also, to his lovely wife, Margaret, (Sam, as Bill calls her) who we know helped him.

We have to say farewell to Major Bill Ferguson for a while. He is being sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for a ten day refresher course at the Army Command and General Staff School. Good luck, Bill, and come back safe and sound.

Attention, Mr. Leo Schneider of Memphis, Tennessee! We relayed your congratulations to your platoon buddy, Ernest Schmidt and his wife, as we promised, and Ernie and his wife, Ronnie,, want you to know they are looking forward to meeting you and Shirley in August.

Nick Boyd came out fine in the elections. He is now councilman for Hazel Park, congratulations Nick.

Nick would like to thank all the Detroit Chapter guys that helped his campaign by peddling hand-bills for him the Saturday before election.

Casey Shupsky and Bill Herhuth and some of their bowling team members from Cleveland, came into Detroit on Saturday, April 25 for a tournament. Saturday night was a wild one as they spent it at our Detroit Chapter's hang-out, Steve Benson's (our Vice-President) El Toro Lounge. The scores on Sunday were not so hot, too much Saturday night.

Lou Hinkel of the Dearborn Police Department lost a possible raise in the recent election when the policeman-fireman pay proposition failed at the polls. Sorry, Lou!

We are still looking for all the names and addresses of 83rd men anywhere in the U. S. A. Anyone having a personal mailing list of 83rd men, please send a copy to our chapter. We need them for a reunion mailing list that we are compiling. You may miss you buddy at the reunion if you don't send us his address.

We are planning on having a beauty contest at the reunion. We wonder if any of the Thunderbolts' consider themselves expert enough on the subject of feminine pulchritude to qualify as judges. Other than the "expert on gals" qualifications, there are two other stipulations that must be fulfilled — paid up association dues and attendance at the August reunion. More detailed information will be furnished upon receipt of properly completed request form X-17053621-1959-A.

In last months issue for the Thunderbolt, we told you Steve Benson has been having transmission trouble with his car. This month it's worse. Steve has one smashed up automobile, one whole side completely ruined. Don't worry about the car, Steve, we are just glad no one was hurt

Anniversary congratulations on May 10 go to Bettie and Dom Spano. They are celebrating their twelfth year of wedded bliss!

Speaking of anniversaries, The Cleveland Anniversary Dance turned out a big success. We heard all about it from the two couples from the Detroit Chapter who attended it, Nick Barbu and his wife Sylvia, Marian Muoio and his wife Josephine.

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Detroit Chapter Continued —

Everyone here in Detroit sure looks forward to our social events. For future socials we have planned a ball game and smorgasborg at Goebel Brewery for May, a steak roast for June, and all day outing for July. These social doings sure makes everyone let their hair down and have a good time.

Bill Palazzolo, your ace reporter, was surprised by a long distance phone call from 1st Sgt. Hyman, who said he would like to hear from his former buddies from Co. G., and also he was very much surprised to hear that the 83rd is still getting together. Anyone wishing to write Mr. Hymay here is his address:

Mr. Hyman
1553 E. 36th Street
DesMoines, Iowa

Your Metropolitan Detroit reporter, Bill Palazzolo would like to know if anyone in the Up-state New York area could locate one of the 83rd members. His name is Eugene Soro, 329 G. Co., Radio and Runner. Any one information on this boy would greatly appreciated.

Bill also received a letter from Col. York, informing him that Col. Sharpe has been transferred to Germany. Anyone who wants to write to Col. Sharpe may do so at the following address:

1st Battle Group 34, Inf. 24th Div.
Col. G, A. Sharpe
A. P. O. 112
New York, N. Y.

Here also is Col. York's address:

Chief of Staff U. S. Army Inf. Cent.
Col. R. H. York
Fort Benning, Georgia

Nick Barbu, D. 331 is seeking the assistance of anyone from his company in an attempt to take the attendance award at the reunion. Any D 331 men who want to help, contact Nick at this address:

19041 Snow Road
Dearborn, Michigan

Everyone here in Detroit seems awfully busy with reunion plans. We have committees for this and committees for that and everyone is hurrying and scurrying around to get arrangements set for all the out-of-town company we are expecting.

This is about all for this month, you'll be hearing from us again next month, and don't forget

"MAKE IT A POINT TO SEE DETROIT"

At the reunion August 20, 21, 22.

NEWS OF THE INDIANA CHAPTER

by Murray D. Therber

After a sudden switch in plans, arrangements were made for the dinner and dance on Saturday Evening, May 9th! Seems not enough of the Chapter members were a part of the Fort Harrison Officer's Club to enable us to hold a social there. So after a few hurried phone calls and dashing here and there we established a beachhead at Brodey's Village Inn East, 21st Street and Arlington here in Naptown. The President of the National Association as well as the Presidents of the Detroit and Miami Valley Chapter were our guest for the affair.

Interesting reading were the last issue of the Thunderbolt and also the six articles in the Saturday Evening Post covering the Normandy invasion.

Hats off to the boys of the Detroit Chapter for their accomplishments in lining up a program for the national reunion. Very favorable reports have been passed along. Our President, Walt Edwards has appointed John Walker to line up a bowling league to participate in the tournament at Detroit in August. Contact John at 509 Warren Ave.

We learn that Francis Maquire has been busy converting his basement into a nice large recreation room. In the near future he plans to have the boys out for a social gathering. We wouldn't be surprised to learn he will call it the "Bolt Room"!

Overheard on a local radio station. "The awkward age for a girl is when she is too old to count on her fingers and to young to count on her legs!"

"Seems a boy took his best girl out for a ride in his new car. He told her he would go through fire and high water for her!" To which the girl replied, "Well go, thru fire, I'd rather have you hot than wet!"

Seems I misread my dateline for this copy of the Indiana news so hope I'll be excused this time and I'll try to have more news next time around.

Since the dinner and was held on May 9th, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chapter will be held on Friday August 7th. Notices will be mailed as to where the meeting will be held.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

EARLY FOR DETROIT

REUNION, AUGUST 20, 21 & 22

A PLEA FROM YOUR NATIONAL PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

by Vic Landis

Members of the 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. — I need your help in the drive for the nation wide publicity, that I am striving to get. Please help our hard hitting president, Ray Voracek, in the operation "man hunt" — a search for 30,000 men. As you know, men of the 83rd. are scattered all over the country and the only way we can reach them is through the newspapers, television, radio and personal letters. Each member can do a world of good.

If each member would place notices in the fraternal organization magazines, that he belongs to and do the same with his local papers, television and radio stations; the ultimate results would be beyond the stretch of all our imagination. Give it a good try, old buddies.

Lee Titus is placing notices in all of the veterans magazines and I am duplicating the same. In this way, we will get "two" notices of our reunion in their publications. We both did it last year.

I have contacted men all over the nation, that are in a position to get us publicity and the response has been most gratifying. Have been promised newspaper, Television and radio coverage on a large area basis. This is not a signed fact — but I have high hopes that it will come true.

Men of the 83rd. — come to the force, take the bull by the horns, place those notices, take pen in hand and write to your buddies. We can make this the greatest year in our history of our famed 83rd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

— hope to be in Detroit for the reunion. I am compiling a list of the men in the 83rd Signal Company and will get it to you as soon as possible

Steve Chicos
101 W. Ridge Rd.
Gary, Indiana

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Dear Buddy;

Want to let you know what Manuel Marshall, formerly of K Company, 329, is now living at Greenville Road, Woonsocket, R. I. and has a string of 7 harness race horses that he trains and races at Foxboro, Mass., and Rockingham, N. H.

I would like to get the present address of Ralph Shaeffer, formerly of M Company, 329, who was the First Sergeant when he left the company. Also Sgt. Herbert Sheaffer, M-329, who left the company in the Hurtgen Forest after being wounded. Thanking you for any information.

Your buddy,
Robert P. Allard
19 Quinbaug Ave.
Putnam, Conn.

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George,

John Walker was recently in South Carolina on vacation and visited this fellow, he ask me to pass this info on to you. "Roy Grubbs, Hq. Company, 329, 171 Mill Street, Woodruff, S. C., in hospital for second time in twelve weeks for second major operation. Also lost two fingers in accident at place of work. Will try to make reunion in Detroit and would like to hear from men of Headquarters Co., 329."

Murray.

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Dear Cooley,

Here are my dues for the present year. I have been a member in the past and sure will try to keep on being a member in the future. Am also a member of the Detroit Chapter. Nick Barbu and the fellas are sure doing their utmost in getting everything ready for the big reunion here at the Statler Hilton in Detroit. I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of August and in meeting the old comrades again. Please keep on sending the THUNDERBOLT issues.

George Trebonyak, F-329

Respectfully,

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— enjoy reading the 83rd publication very much. I am not planning to attend the reunion in Detroit this August, but am making tentative plans to take in the reunion in Boston in 1960.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Sessions, F-331

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Dear George;

Enclosed please find my personal check to cover the dues for 1959. I cannot remember if I am paid up or not but for R. J., I wouldn't miss belonging.

If at all possible, I shall try to make Detroit in August and enjoy myself.

Hans M. Bielski
Hq. Btry.
324 F. A.

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Dear George;

Enclosed is article clipped from the Toledo Blade concerning "Neville (Al Capone) Brand" rising TV and movie star and former platoon sergeant of Co. "B", 331st Infantry.

It is good to see one of our Thunderbolts hit the big time and to have noted in the article that he was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division.

I have noted the article printed in Newsweek Magazine concerning our 30 Thousand Missing Members. We should dig up a lot of new members from the publicity.

Watch out for Co. "B" 331st Infantry in Detroit in August in squad formation.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Gundy

Co. "B", 331st Infantry

CO. F. 329 NEWS AND SIDELIGHTS

by Vic Landis

By the time this article reaches the press, I hope to have six new members signed for dear old Co. F. 329, the best damned Co. in the entire 83rd. Division. Come on Lee Titus and Co. G. 331 — barrel it in to me and my cohorts. We love competition. If I can get all other units mad enough — we should have one hell of a race for the top prize. Let us hear from all of the units.

I have received word from Co. F. men from Texas, California, Connecticut, Mass., Florida, Alabama, Georgia, New York, Nebraska, Idaho and Oregon, of the distant States — and they are all going to try and make it to Detroit this year. Best of luck to them all.

Fred and Betty Senatori are going to be in Detroit this year. Last year they had an addition to their family at re-union time. They now have five children. They reside in Iron Mountain, Mich. Hervey Ward of Bethel Conn. had business commitments last year, but will make it to Detroit, come this August — Ralph Klug of West Allis, Wisconsin the same — Bob Noll of Mohn-ton, Pa., Harold Keifer of Shippensburg, Pa., George Kittrel of Portsmouth, Va., Roy Clemons of Chelsea, Mich., Andy Zonkoski of Tiltonville, Ohio, George Begalla of Salem, Ohio, Chuck Whitcomb of Caldwell, Ohio — all will be in Detroit this year. These are Co. F. men that were not present last year. Many more to come.

I will arrive in Detroit on Wed. August 19, to get our Co. F. 329, C. P. set up and ready to roll. Will be a one man gang to welcome all new recruits into our fold. Note to my old buddies of Detroit — Bill Ferguson and Ed Zerucha. Be on hand, on that date to help me with opening festivities. Will need your help. We will roll out the bottles and keep the booze on the run.

Due to better economic conditions, I really believe that this will be one of our greatest reunions in history and we can make it just that if each and every member of the 83rd will contac. his old buddies, that never have attended. Just one new member from all of us, would do the trick and we would be well on our way.

Will close this message of good cheer with a special tribute to the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter and the great work they are doing. Also — a tip of the hat to any unit that beats Co. F. 329, in attendance. Believe me that will take some real effort and I don't think it will be done this year. Will welcome more challenges.



Boston - Co. F. 329 C. P. 1950 Ed Zerucha and Hank Golembiewski.



Co. F. 329 C. P. Dayton Ohio, 1958 First row - left to right Ed Zerucha, holding V. O. welcome sign, Vic Landis and his bull throwing trophy. Second row, Jim Fowler and Co. F. - C. P. poster, Bill Ferguson, holding the latest issue of the Thunderbolt. Third row, Bill Nickell, Ad Langenkamp and 329 Reg. book, Hank Golembiewski and 2nd Battalion history book, Wright Cotter and reunion cap.

MEMBERS OF 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION TAKE PART IN DEDICATION OF NEW ARMY TRAINING CENTER NAMED AFTER LIEUTENANT KINGSTON MOTE, 331st INFANTRY

FIRST LT. KINGSTON H. MOTE, U.S.A.

Born: Nov. 8, 1921;

Killed-In-Action: April 15, 1945

Kingston H. Mote, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mote, 6711 Brownfield Drive, Parma, was born in Cleveland November 8, 1921. He attended Parma Grammar Schools and graduated P.H.S. 1939. He was active in student activities in school and was a letterman in Track. His other associations were found in the Hi-Y Club, the Boy Scouts and his Methodist Sunday School and Church friendships.

He attended Ohio University at Athens where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He was enrolled as a member of the Infantry detachment, Reserve Officer Training Corps, and when called into active service on February 6, 1943, was sent to the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, United States Army, May, 1943. He was assigned to the 83rd (OHIO) Infantry Division, to be stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

After joining the 331st Infantry of the 83rd Division he first distinguished himself in the early morning hours of November 20th, 1943, when he rescued an unconscious officer from a burning barracks and carried him to safety. For this act of heroism he was awarded the Soldiers Medal, for Valor.

He sailed overseas to England on April 6, 1944, and landed on the shores of Normandy, France, June 18, 1944, D plus 12, to be engaged in the fierce hedgerow fighting. He was first wounded on July 9, 1944. He rejoined his regiment, the 331st Infantry, from the hospital and led his command through their later battles. He distinguished himself in the Huertgen Forest battle at the Roer River and was given a battlefield promotion to First Lieutenant.

When the 83rd Division charged south to reduce the German salient the Battle of the Bulge, his regiment was the spearhead for the division and in the key assault of January 12, 1945, Lieutenant Kingston H. Mote distinguished himself again as a battle commander. For assuming the command of a fallen comrade under heavy machine gun and mortar fire and successfully gaining their objective he was decorated with the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action. He was again wounded in this ac-

tion and received The Oak-Leaf Cluster to his Purple Heart Medal.

He returned to his command to participate in the crossing of the Rhine and with his regiment was in the vanguard of the onslaught to Berlin. While the 83rd Division was attacking to the east and releasing many Allied POW's it was given the urgent mission of driving to the Elbe River. Their unprecedented mobile attack covered over 200 miles in 10 days and they crossed the Elbe River on April 13, 1945. After the 331st Infantry thrust out of the Elbe River bridgehead in their attack late in the day on April 15, 1945, Lieutenant Mote made the supreme sacrifice for his country when he was killed-in-action in the advance on the German city of Hohenlepte.

First Lieutenant Kingston H. Mote, Infantry, United States Army, received the following decorations. The Silver Star Medal, The Soldiers Medal, The Purple Heart with two Oak-Leaf Clusters, and the Combat Infantrymans Badge. He was entitled to wear the American Theater Ribbon and the European Theater Medal with five bronze battle stars: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

He is buried in the United State Military Cemetery at Maargraten, Holland, Next of kin: Mother; Mrs. Sena V. Mote, 6711 Brownfield Drive, Parma, Ohio.

Members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association who were in attendance at the dedication ceremonies were, Ray Voracek, National President and Bob Uher from the Cleveland Chapter, Joe Minotti, John John Teringo, Lee Titus and Mike Mizerock from the Warren Chapter, Major Joe Macaluso, Harvey Vollmer and Captain Halperin.

Teringo, Titus, Mizerock, Vollmer and Macaluso served with Lt. Mote in Co. G, 331. Major Macaluso was C.O. of Co. G and journeyed from New Orleans, La. to be at the dedication.

All of the above men were in agreement that the address delivered by Mr. Milton was one of the most stirring speeches that they have ever heard and the dedication ceremony the most impressive to date.

The 83rd Association is grateful to Ray Voracek and all association members who wrote letters suggesting that the new Reserve Building be named in honor of Lt. Mote. Voracek worked very hard to achieve this goal. Continued on next page



Major Joseph Macaluso, Co. G. 331, Company Commander from New Orleans, La.



Speakers platform at beginning of program.



Dedication Ceremonies. Speakers platform and part of the crowd



American Legion Color Guard, Parma parade



Parma parade, American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.



Tail end of parade

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