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President's Report

Just received my Thunderbolt and here it is time for another report. I wish to extend Holiday Greetings to one and all

from myself and my family.



Things have been moving along smoothly but the pace is starting to pick up. We have had a couple of meetings with the Warren Chapter group and have discussed ways of improving the organization of our reunions for better understanding by all concerned. This is

not to cast aspersions on anyone but rather a directive of the Executive Board to formulate rules of procedure and protocol. All chapters were notified by Sam Klippa to do the same.

I have compiled a format of procedures and with the approval of the Cleveland Chapter, I sent them on to Sam. I am hoping that the rest of the chapters will have their reports in to Sam before December as Eleanore and I will be in Pittsburgh for their Christmas party and it would be good to be able to compare notes and compile a composite report for approval of the Executive Board and finally of the body at the reunion.

Larry Redmond informs me that new registrations are coming in almost daily and that we are well over 500 already. This is a faster pace than ever before and it appears that quite a few delinquent members are coming through with their dues now. If any of you have not seen a buddy for a few years, I'm sure a note from you will prompt many to pay up. With the help of all active members, I'm sure we can reach that 1,000 mark or better.

As I read my Thunderbolt, I took note of some criticism expressed by several reporters on our recent reunion in Boston. The points were well taken, but in fairness to the Boston Chapter, I would like to say that it was not their fault entirely. The Executive Board made them cut out the clambake, the rest was the fault of the hotel. The lack of music at the beer party was due to the fact that the band did not show up.

To prevent things of this nature from occuring in the future, we and the Warren Chapter thought that it would be good to have a reunion advisor. It would be his duty to inform future reunion chairmen on reunion makeup, contracts

to be signed, etc.

I know that nothing malicious was intended by these people and they are all fine persons. I am proud to be associated with each and everyone from the 83rd.

Hoping that all is well with one and all, in this season of peace and good will, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The Pres. Casey

Reunion Chairman News

Walter Meczka Co. F, 330th Inf.

Hello:

The Cleveland Chapter, your host for the 25th Silver Anniversary Reunion welcomes all the members of the 83rd Division Association, wives or sweethearts, to Cleveland, Ohio to celebrate the 25th Reunion in August, 1971.

Circle these dates, and month, August 19, 20 and 21st, 1971. That is the day your Buddies of the 83rd and their wives will be at the Hotel Carter, Cleveland, Ohio for the Reunion.

If you have never attended a Reunion, you are really missing out on the fun of getting together with one of your buddies that you haven't seen in years.

Write or call your Buddy and his wife, tell them you are planning to attend the 25th Silver Anniversary of the 83rd Infantry Division Association Reunion. Plan your vacation for that month. Be sure to make it a joint to join us for the reunion.

Here in Cleveland, we are hard at work preparing for the reunion. The program is not as yet complete to be published. We are making changes. We want it to be a good one, just to let out a little secret of the program. You all better get your dancing shoes out of the mothballs. Also bring along your own linament to rub your dancing feet; music will be until late hours.

The slogan for the 1971 Reunion is: "Let's Make A Date, Celebrate The Silver Anniversary".

Until the next issue, when there will be more information about the reunion to be published. We of the Cleveland Chapter want to than you all for selecting our city, The Garden Spot of America, as your host for the 25th Silver Anniversary Reunion.

Walter Meczka Reunion Chairman

Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here we are about one third through our year already. I am sure that we must be getting old, because time seems



to slip by us so fast. Each day I come home from work, I go to the basement and try to get some 83rd Division work done, and before I realize it, it is time for bed.

Well Buddies, I am happy to report that this appears to be a good year for us. Right now as I make this report to you, I am almost to

600 paid up members, which is exceptional for this time of year. I think that one of the reasons for this is that we have threatened to drop the unpaids from the mailing list. Many of you who have been ardent readers of the "Thunderbolt", but have failed to lend your support to the Association have changed your minds because you don't want to miss getting an issue. I have eliminated almost 50 percent in this, our first issue, but the issue that is going to press right now will have even more removed from the mailing list. This makes a lot of extra work, so you can see that it is almost impossible to remove all of them at once. I can assure you that by Re-union time, we will have nothing but paid up members on the mailing list.

I have been very lucky inasmuch as the wife of one of our local Philadelphia Chapter members, Bill Chavanne, 308th Eng. has access to a photo copy machine and was able to make photo copy letters which I have sent out and they have brought in terrific results. I think that those of us who have a wife or sister or sweetheart who is willing to share her time with us on 83rd Thunderbolt work can consider ourselves lucky. We can say that we have a dedicated family or friends who unselfishly give up their time for our benefit. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who have given me the support that I have needed over the years. We can all talk about stepping into dead man's shoes. Well believe me, I did just that when I took over for the late Harry Lockwood. Believe me, if there was ever a real dedicated 83rd man, Harry was it. Trying to fill the shoes of a man like him is a hard job. Were it not for the support that I have gotten from you, the members, I would have never been

able to carry on as I have. I will admit, there have been times when I was a little lax, but for those of you from out-of-town who are not here to see the work that this can involve, you can't imagine it. Thank God, I have the support of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, and more than once I have had chapter members come to me and offer any assistance that they could give.

I have had complaints about men who were so late in receiving their Thunderbolts. Believe me, this is not my fault. When an issue comes from the printer, I mail a copy to the officers and reporters by first class mail immediately. Then I address the rest of them and within a day or two they are shipped out. They are all sent at one time. If a buddy of yours gets his days before you, that is no fault of mine, it is a postal problem, and believe me, the mail is becoming a bigger postal problem every day.

Well Buddies, getting away from my problems now and going to something else, I would like to say that I was a little disappointed at some of the material that was in the last Thunderbolt with regards to the reunion. It is impossible to put on a reunion that is satisfactory to all who attend. In the spring the Executive Board meets with the Reunion Committee and goes over the potential program and adds to or deletes from the reunion anything that they think may be helpful or injurious to the reunion. As you know that we must come out with some sort of a profit, because the operating expense of the Association during the year can't depend on dues alone to keep it going. The Executive Board tries very hard not to do anything that may jeopardize your pleasures at the reunion. There have been times when we have had to remove certain programs because of the serious financial problems that they would cause. When something is removed, we try to put something less expensive, but still enjoyable to all. In different cities we are faced with blue laws and curfews which limits the type of program we can conduct. Please before you become critical of the reunion committees, place yourself in their position, and see what you may have done under the circumstances. Fellows, if you have never had the opportunity to host a reunion, you can't imagine the work involved and the headaches they are trying to make everyone happy. This being our 25th anniversary year, let us all try to attend the reunion and lend our support to the great group of men in Cleveland who are trying so hard to make this a reunion to remember forever. Before we go to the reunion, let us all sit down and

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Greetings from Reunion City

The other half of our "Polish" dynamic duo and Chapter President, Casey Kowalec, deserves a big hand for filling in for your new, inapt reporter, and also for scanning the shores of Lake Erie for new members both locally and nationally. He signed up two new members: Dr. Keeler of Wadsworth, Ohio and Ted Szymanski. He also herded back into the fold four oldtimers: Joe Belock, Ted Karageorge, Frank Balcerzak, and Ray Voracek. Welcome aboard the host chapter. I'm glad to see that Ted Szymanski, and Frank Balcerzak made our last meeting. How about the rest of you guys coming around?

Incidentally the Cleveland Chapter needs and wants some new blood. If anybody lives or knows of somebody in the Cleveland area drop me a line and we will sign them up.

Our world traveler, Dom Christopher has arrived safely home after 21 days, and his fifth trip to Europe. Dom flew on the new 747 to Brussels then went to Leige and Essneux to visit friends he met in 1944 and 1945, and also the National Cemetery there. He took pictures and listed 33 members of the 83rd who are laid to rest in this cemetery. It must be a very impressive sight. Dom went hunting for wild deer, boars and habbits. We still don't know what he got though.

He later flew to Rome and visited the Vatican and then went to Camberbasso, Italy to visit with his relatives. This must have been quite a trip. He promises to show the movies at the reunion if anybody is interested.

Since we haven't received any challenges from any chapter for a bowling match, we are now bowling Bocci. Anyone who wants to challenge Cleveland to Bocci match, "Gramps" Uridil, Ted Gurgol, Chester Czech, and John Evans will take any chapter team on. Let's hear a challenge.

Bob Grobelny and his son, Wally, went on a hike on the Susquehannock Trail in Coudersport, Pa. They spent 7 days and nights on the trail, cooking their own meals and used sleeping bags. The trip covered 85 miles. They picked up some blisters and sore muscles on the trail. I guess you never get the Infantry out of your system (eh Bob).

The General Motors strike hit our chapter families hard with 4 members personally being affected and consequently, our annual Christmas Spirits Drawing will be hurt. Anyone needing tickets, contact one of the members. We will be only too glad to oblige.

Anyone in the market for a new Toy-

ota, see Ted Karageorge. His sales office is in Parma, and he will be glad to show you a Toyota; or just drop in for a visit.

Our sincere sympathy to Ray Voracek on the death of his father Joseph. I know him personally, and he was one of the best.

I'll cease for now and get back to the big job, the reunion.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Bob Uher

More From Larry

Hello Buddies:

I want to thank all of you who have answered the dues notices sent to you the unpaid members. At the Reunion I was instructed to drop all unpaid members from the mailing list. I did eliminate qutie a few; there are some more still to come off and I am working on them at this time. This week I had 81 dues sent in to me, about 65 of them were men whom I had removed from the mailing list. They have been put back on again. At this time we have over 600 paid-up members, the largest member-ship we have ever had at this early date... I sincerely hope that it will continue and we will reach an all time high. I am still having trouble with men sending in to me and failing to give me their Unit: we do like to have your complete unit so that we can credit your membership accordingly.

Let us all get on the ball. In this issue we will have a roster of men paid up until November 1st; if you see the name of a Buddy not on this paid up roster, try contacting him and inform him that he will be no longer receiving a "THUNDERBOLT" until he becomes a paid-up member. He will not be receiving this issue, so he will have no way of knowing what is taking place unless you so inform him. I am trying to send dues notices to all unpaid members, but it may be possible that some may get missed.

I wish to appeal to all of you to help make this our 25th Anniversary Year, a year to remember for many days to come. Let us all do our part to obtain paid-up members, and let us all start making plans now to meet our long lost Buddies in Cleveland.

Larry Redmond Secretary-Treasurer

SEND YOUR DUES TO THE SECRETARY

Philadelphia Chapter

Albert A. Belvedere Co. K, 331st Infantry

Hi Buddies:

It has been a few months since our last issue of the Thunderbolt and I hope this issue finds each and everyone in

health good and young in spirit like we all are at our Reunions.



Veterans' Day has passed but I feel we should honor brave men who fought and died in World War I and II and Korea and are still fighting dying in Vietnam. Some men, after several decades have not enjoyed

never will enjoy the full fruits of those achievements won as a result of wars. They celebrate from the inside, looking out in all of our Veterans Hospitals. Let us not forget them and remember

them in our prayers.

The Philadelphia Chapter presented 17 Electric Shavers to disabled Vets at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. Congratulations are in order to the Philadelphia Chapter members for a fine job. I sincerely hope we continue doing our charity work each year.

Speaking of giving our "All", I would like to thank Bea Chavanne, on behalf of the Philadelphia Chapter for giving her time and efforts to make the beautiful ashtrays, penholders, and cases with the 83rd Insignia on them. They are really beautiful and serviceable. She does this with absolutely no personal gain. She and her husband Bill Chavanne spent a great deal of time at the Registration desk at the Reunion in order to take orders for them and to sell the many they brought with them. Anyone who still wants to order these ceramics, can do so by writing to William Chavanne, 7041 Rutland St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19149.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated next with our families and friends enjoying turkey and the trimmings. I know each and everyone of us who were fortunate enough to live to see Thanksgiving Day,

"1970", thank God for our blessings. Christmas is coming and I cannot help enjoying again a very particular mood which Christmas usually brings. This is the time to write to friends and relatives and I am particularly glad to reach more of you through the Thunderbolt. Anna and I would like to take this opportunity to WISH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU A "MERRY CHRISTMAS" AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Also to all our Jewish Friends of this great organization, we hope you have enjoyed the holidays that have passed and a "HAPPY HANUKKAH".

Recently Colonel Campbell and his charming wife Mike visited the Defense Supply Agency in Philadelphia where I am employed. Norm had business there. I had a very delightful time conducting a tour through the clothing factory where all the uniforms of various services are being made. I hope the Colonel and his wife enjoyed it as much as I did.

Pat Di Giammerino sent me a list of all the 83rd men that attended the reunion in Boston so that it could be publicized in the Thunderbolt. We hope this might be an incentive for the men who have not come to recent reunions to make it a point not to miss our 25th Reunion in Cleveland in order to see some of our buddies we would not otherwise get a chance to see. It is certainly wonderful to meet each year with buddies all over the United States. Joe Minotti and his wife Dimps were in Atlantic City on a convention. Lou and Lucky Volpi, my wife Anna and I took a ride down to see them on Veterans' Day as a matter of fact. It was wonderful seeing them and of all things they ended up entertaining us at their wonderful banquet on our own home grounds practically. Thank you so much Joe and Dimps, it was a night to remember.

Don't forget our Silver Anniversary in Cleveland. It should be a memorable one. Let's try to reach our goal of one thousand in membership and also have a bang-up time with more 83rd and their families attending.

November 3, 1970

Millie Kelly Warren Chapter Auxiliary:

Dear Millie:

It's a good thing that you said hello and goodby to Boston. Because Boston don't like anyone with a very poor memory. Again the tour to the Constitution was not cancelled as I went there, and on my own.

It's a good thing that you didn't cover the bet for the banquet dinner because with your memory you could have lost.

Good luck to Tony Guarnieri for having a good steak. My chicken was better because I don't eat steak.

One who enjoyed the reunion and likes to read the Thunderbolt.

From A Good 83rd Member

Pittsburgh Report

Dear Buddies:

Just finished reading the past issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" and here it



is time again to write another article. Hope all of you are still in the very best of health and back to normal. Guess all of you are seriously thinking about Christmas by now and this is the time for me to wish each and everyone of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW

YEARS.

Up until now I've been waiting for news and information from those of you that promised to send it to me at Reunion time but I guess I'll have to get going on my own again. Where is all the enthusiasm that was evident at the Re-union in Boston? Where are the adthat dresses and information promised to be sent to me? Where are all those ideas that were supposed to help me in writing up "THE RULES OF PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURE"? I've come to the conclusion that all the enthusiasm is shown only at the Reunions, all the promises are made there and not kept and all the griping will still just come up at Reunion time. This is just not the way that we are going to hit the "THOUSAND" mark in membership. We're going to have to work on this the year round and your ideas are very necessary because this is your organization and only you can help to get us to the top.

Here in Pittsburgh we are working hard with our plans for the 1972 Reunion so that everything will work out even better than the last one. We are going to sift all of our ideas and all past ideas experienced at Reunions to come up with the very best for the benefit of all. You can help us by getting your ideas in now.

The other day I got a real surprise when one of my dear friends called. Mr. Rugienus our past Judge Advocate was in town and we got together for dinner along with Charles Altomari and Al Gruber. It was just like old times again and it gave me the feeling that I was at a Reunion again. Rege has been in and out of the hospitals quite a bit but still looks very well considering all his troubles. His wife has been in the hospital also and now for all those of you that were asking about them, the rea-

sons for not attending the Reunions are known. Rege is quite a guy and I'm sure we'll be seeing a lot more of him in the future.

Well fellows, It's just as always, I'd like to ask all of you to please write to your Buddies and remind them that "DUES ARE DUE NOW" and help advertise our SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION so that it will be the greatest one of them all.

By the time you are reading this "THUNDERBOLT" the Pittsburgh Christmas Party will be over and we are expecting to see many of our Buddies from Warren and Cleveland at this one.

So long and again may I wish all of you the very best for the Holiday Season.

Samuel Klippa, Co. D - 331st

Past President's Corner

I hope this little note finds you and yours in the best of health.

By this time the past reunion has been thoroughly discussed and everyone has formed his or her opinion for better or for worse.

I would like to thank H Co. 329th Infantry for the beautiful painting presented to me. It is now proudly displayed in the 83rd room at 36 East Border Road.

Sincerely, Pat DiGiammerino

P.S. I'm sorry that the Boston Chapter didn't please everyone at the Reunion.

From The Board

November 16, 1970

Members of the 8rd Div. Assoc.

The Board was quite surprised to read in the latest issue of the Thunderbolt some "bitching" about the Boston Reunion.

If you want a "B-Bag" column, then ask for it and the Board will consider it.

Most of us have been involved long enough to know there is no such thing as a perfect Reunion for everyone who comes. Things go awry and the Committee does the best they can under trying circumstances. If you are really so unhappy as to express your feelings in writing, please put them in a personal letter to the Board Chairman, the Reunion Chairman or the responsible President of the Association.

Please, in the future, don't make it necessary for Larry to delete uncomplimentary remarks, because that is the Board's desire concerning Reunions.

Norm Campbell Board Chairman Joe Minotti:

This is a list of the boys who attended from Massachusetts and Connecticut:

Nick Francullo, Lynn, Mass.
Ambrose Tynan, Brookline, Mass.
Raymond Bjork, Tewksbury, Mass.
Manuel Martin, Fall River, Mass.
Clayton A. Reichenberg, Raynaham,

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Secretary's Report

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think of the great time we are going to have, if there is something on the program you are not in favor of, let us remember, this reunion was not prepared for us alone, it was planned for the entire group who attend. When I go to a reunion, I don't go with the thought in mind that I am going to get one hundred dollars worth of entertainment for the forty dollars that I pay. I go with the thought in mind of that long lost buddy that I may meet that I haven't seen since Germany, the buddy whom I often thought of and figured that I may never see him again. I have had this happen quite often. This is the real purpose of our getting together, so that we can meet that buddy and relive the good old days in the service. Let us all start planning now to see that long lost buddy. Let us erase the thought of what they are going to give us for our registration fee. The thought of meeting that buddy is more valuable than any program that the reunion committee can plan. Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that they shouldn't try to plan a nice program, I am only saying, let us not be so critical about the program planned.

Well buddies, I suppose that I have beaten your ear enough for now. I had better get on with the rest of the work involved in getting this Thunderbolt to you. I have quite a bit of mail to go over and get ready for the printer. We have reached the deadline date for our news for this issue. The press must roll, so any mail coming in for it after tomorrow will have to be printed in the next issue.

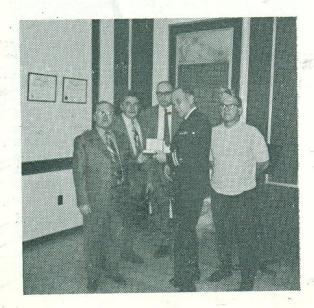
One more thing that I must bring up at this time is the tremendous loss that our Association is suffering now on the loss of John Noe, a member of 83rd Div. Arty. John was a real dedicated man; he was the designer of our Thunderbolt covers, until we find a replacement for him in this line, I am going to have to use old covers. I am sure that we must have another commercial artist or rotogravure man who can design the Thunderbolt covers for us. If you are qualified in this field, send me a drawing of your idea for a cover and let me decide the one to use. We will have two more issues after this one, so let's get on the ball and prove that a great Association like ours can still carry on even though we suffer such a tremendous loss.

> Larry Redmond Secretary-Treasurer

PLEASE PAY DUES







More From Philadelphia

GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS:

As always, I was late again for the last edition of the Thunderbolt. Time passes so quickly anymore and somehow the deadline date for the letter skips by before I wake up!

The Philadelphia Chapter received a letter of thanks and appreciation from. the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and if the printer can find space for it in our Thunderbolt, I would like you all to enjoy it with me. Our members made a donation of (17) Electric Shavers and a Salt Water/Fresh Water Fishing Reel this year and with help again, in all our endeavors from our fellow Chapter men and families, we plan another donation sometime this coming year. Also, Philadelphia Chapter was happy to be able to send a check for \$37.00 to the 83rd Infantry Division Association from the sale of Ceramics at the 1970 Boston Reunion. We hope to have the balance of orders out in this week's mail.

During the month of October, both the 83rd Infantry Division Association and the Philadelphia Chapter lost a good friend, Mr. John Noe. He was a very active member until a few years ago when he became ill. The Thunderbolt is going to miss his unusual cover designs. Another of our members, Mr. John Clevenger, was hospitalized but is now on the road to recovery.

Well, the month of November is here and our Activity Committee, headed by Bill Litrenta is planning a Spaghetti and Meat-Ball Supper with all the trimmings. Catered by Lou Volpi as only he can whip these things up.

In the near future, the Philadelphia Chapter is taking a leaf from the national book. As the New Year approaches and mailing costs have skyrocketed, we can no longer continue to send correspondence to those men who do not answer or in any way acknowledge our letters. So please fellows, lets hear from you!

I think I've gassed enough for this time, so I'll say so long for now. Bea and I extend the Seasons Greetings to all. May we spend many Happy and Healthy years and Reunions together.

Till we meet again,

Bill Chavanne - Treasurer Greater Philadelphia Chapter 308th Eng. - Co. C

P.S. Come on you Engineers, lets hear from you. Stand up and be counted!

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY U.S. Naval Hospital Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19145

Mr. William J. Chavanne 7041 Rutland Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19149

Dear Mr. Chavanne:

I would like to express my thanks to you and the other members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division of World War II for your generous donation of seventeen electric razors for our patients. These kind gifts of such useful items are greatly appreciated by all of the patients here at the Naval Hospital.

It is most gratifying to see how much good is done for patient morale when they receive gifts which are donated for their use by people such as you. These donations make our difficult job so much easier. It is hoped that your organization will continue their good works for many years to come. I am always grateful that there are so many wonderful people who are continually thinking of these deserving young men. They have given so much of themselves for their country that it will be difficult to repay them in material goods.

Let me thank you again for your generosity and express my deep appreciation for your thoughtful consideration for our patients.

Sincerely yours. L. T. Brown Captain, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Make Your Plans For No. 25 Cleveland August 19, 20, 21

Jersey Chapter

Hi Buddies:

It seems as if I had just delivered the Thunderbolt to Larry, and here I am

writing my column again.

It's too bad that all of us reporters can't get together and get our column out on time; it sure would make it a lot easier for Larry and yours truly. If you guys knew just how many phone calls have to be made, and then rushing out to get the Thunderbolts in the mail, you might try just a little bit harder. I still say that, if your column is not in by printing time, it should be held up until the next issue. After all, we're not kids, and we should know the meaning of promptness. It sure would help in getting our Thunderbolt out on time. Please give it a try. Thanks.

Now, about the complaining on the Boston reunion. I know it wasn't the best reunion we have had, but these guys work hard trying to put on a good time, and things don't always turn out the way you want. The hotel took us over —that I know—but again, that was not the fault of the Boston Chapter. I also think that the Association should set up a committee that could sit down with the Chapter running the next reunion and give them a hand, both Pro and Con. Who knows, it might help. I know the group from Jersey always talks about the reunion at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina as one of the best we attended. Even then, there were a lot of complaints about the hotel. What has happened to the South Carolina Chapter? Were they insulted by some fast complaining, and not enough thinking first? Let's give this some thought. I think we have the best association in the country, and if we don't start working together soon, we might find ourselves on the downgrade.

If you have any ideas about helping these Chapters to run their reunions, whether you are a reporter or not, just jot down a few lines and send it to your President. I am sure he will get it to the Reunion Committee in charge, and who knows—you might help just where it is needed.

Well, this was me sounding off, and if I have done wrong, just let me know. I hate to see a group like ours fall apart. If we don't start helping one another soon, I'm afraid this is going to happen. Let's all get together with ideas and complaints, and make our association the biggest and best in the world.

At this time, I would like to wish all of you the happiest of Christmases, and the best New Year yet from all of us in New Jersey.

Yours truly, Jim Rowie Co. B - 330th

Dallas William with old jacket. Fits him 25 years later.



Shanner, Melikian, Tynan, St. John, Garriepy and McCormick.



Kathy, Nancyellen and Amby Tynan

323rd Field Artillery

Hi Gang:

Last time I wrote a report for the 323rd F.A. Larry Redmond informed me that I missed the deadline. However, you will receive a copy of it shortly, in fact, before you get this coming issue of the Thunderbolt.

Al Garriepy and his family have moved to Millbury, Mass. Good Luck in your new home, Al and Eleanor.

A few weeks back I received a letter from Tom Houlette of Sidney, Ohio. Tom has two boys which keep him very busy playing and watching all the sports. That's his secret of staying young. Many of us should do the same.

Walt Harding has moved from Indiana to Florida and tells me he is getting along very well in his last letter. Last June his youngest boy graduated from high school. The oldest just returned home from the service after four years in the Air Force.

Willie Snodgrass, who we look forward to seeing every year, did not make it to the reunion this year. Bea, we all missed having you up here in Yankee Country, Remember us to the kids.

Country. Remember us to the kids.

Nancy and I visited George Polities
up in Dracut, Mass. My youngest daughter Nancyellen enjoys George as a magician and we have many laughs up

We also were up to see Norman Mc-Cormack, who I see several times a year as my daughter Kathy is in college up in Bangor, Maine. Anita, "Mac" and their lovely daughter Robin always give us a wonderful time. I hope I can find the time to get up to go hunting with Norman as he is an expert at the game. Most of us learned this in Normandy when he shot that famous cow so we could have steak dinners.

Nancy and I were also very pleased to have our son John return home from Song Be, Vietnam for a 30-day leave. He is now stationed at Ft. Meade, Maryland. John will be out in April after completing his tour of duty.

I was talking of Tony Plantedosi and he told me that Vin Tessitore and Maury Candido from "C" Btry. are looking forward to teaching Dom Christopher how to play golf in Cleveland next August. Dom you better get Johnnie Piscitelli on your side with a few prayers. Huh!

Well gang, I guess I will end it here so I can write my Boston Report or Pat DiGiammerino, President and backbone of the Boston Chapter, will be putting the blast on me. Pat is also a 323rd man that we are proud of here in Boston.

Amby Tynan 323rd F.A. Bn.



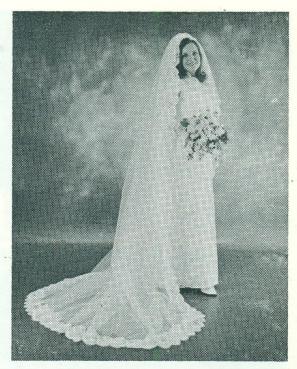
Robin, Anita, Norman McCormick and Nancy Tynan.



Rev. John Piscitelli taking notes.



Dallas Williams and Amby Tynan in Jefferson, N.C.



Terry Lynn Riddle married Charles Marion Zonel Aug. 30, 1970 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Saluda, S.C.

Personal Note From Us

Sorry we had to miss the reunion just held in Boston. First, we were really looking forward to this one because we had never been to Boston and second, this was our first reunion to miss in 12 years. However, it was just impossible to be at this one. Our daughter, Terry, was married on August 30. Now, if you don't believe that will keep you home! The pocketbook was flat and time was just impossible

We did think about everyone and know you had a ball. Tried to call Larry Redmond on Friday night but was unable to locate him. Will have to make up for 2 years in Cleveland

Am enclosing a picture of Terry. Needless to say we are so proud of her. She has brought us so much happiness. Now she is married to a local boy and we are just as proud to add his plate to our dinner table.

Our love to all.

Lessie & Dick Riddle

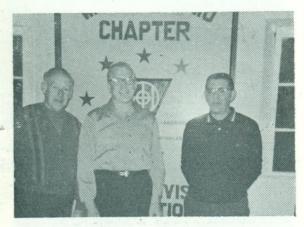
SIMPLIFIED REUNION BREAKDOWN

Money Raised By
Raffles, Etc. \$ 736.00
Ad Money
(Program Book) 2,150.00
Registrations 8,821.00

Total Receipts \$11,707.00
Total Disbursements \$10,667.00
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To Association \$1,040.00



Football game fans.



Casey, Casey, Joe



Warren C.P.



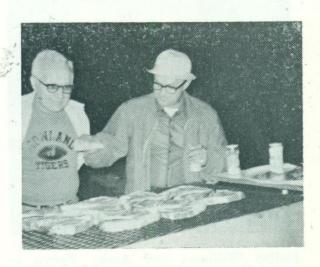
After the Steak Dinner.



Doherty, Donahue and Kelly



Mike Skovran drooling over Tony's steak.



The Chefs Mike and John.

Warren Chapter Auxiliary

Warren, Ohio

Hi Everybody,

I think it has been raining in Warren for about two weeks. The weatherman has promised snow but that can wait until the end of the month. It is beautiful at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our "West Side Raiders" football team won every game but one this season, and we are quite proud of them. Richard, our older boy, plays for the sophomore team. He scored a touchdown against Massillon; but you have to know the story behind it to appreciate it.

Claude Whitman is back in the hospital again. He is going to be operated on next week to have an ulcer removed.

We attended a dance last week held by the "Howland Boosters Club" and the 83rd was represented by: Mike and Liz Skovran, Charlie and Ann Tomazin, John and Pat Shamrock and the Kellys. Joe and Dimps Minotti were getting ready to leave for Atlantic City the next day or they would have been there also.

Karen Whitman was married on Oct. 17th, and we all attended and had a wonderful time. It was a lovely wedding. Mary Nuzzi baked the wedding cake and it was delicious as well as beautiful. Mary is really an artist when it comes to making cakes.

it comes to making cakes.

We have just finished our Fall project of selling Xmas cards and Angie Phillipone is in charge of it. Out of the proceeds, we make a donation to the hard of hearing class for their Xmas gifts.

The men had their annual steak fry and it was held at the home of Liz and Mike Skrovan. Johnny Teringo and Mike were the chairmen and they are real chefs. The steaks were cooked to order and we had baked potatoes and salad and everything that goes with it. Not to mention all the refreshments that you wanted. The Kowalec's and the Zubski's came in from Cleveland and we enjoyed having them. Hope more of you from Cleveland can make it to the Xmas dinner.

It will be held at the Chateau Supper Club on Dec. 12th at 6:30 p.m. and all are invited. Just let us know so we can make reservations. Liz Skovran and Theresa Gautschi are making the arrangements.

Jim and Teddy Prentice were in Warren not too long ago and we were very happy to see that Teddy is feeling much better after her fall in Boston. Her leg is still giving her trouble but at least she is up and around. They were going to do some visiting in the different states on their way back home.

Hope all of you have a very nice Thankgiving and a very "Merry Xmas". So long for now, Millie Kelly



Warren C.P. Voracek, Pangle, Kelly, Donahue, Minotti and Bogacz.



Birdie, Mary, Angie, Kay, Helen, Alma and Pat.



Kelly, Minotti and Teringo starting to liven up the party.

Ted Kennedy, Father Morrisette and Gin Di Giammerino.



Manny Martin after a good meal.



Men of the Greater Boston Chapter.

Greater Boston Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Time has come again to meet the deadline of the Thunderbolt. Things are getting back to normal after a busy cou-

ple of years of hard



The last couple of meetings I had to miss because of my working hours, plus a little overtime. However, I have been on the phone talking to Mary and Nick Francullo, Gin and Pat DiGiammerino, Larry and Frank Arrigo, Vera and Mike Caprio and many more from

Boston. Everyone is enjoying good health. We are going to have a meeting after the coming holidays (November 11th is Veterans Day here and then Thanksgiving on November 26th). I certainly hope everyone enjoys Thanksgiving with their families.

Boston is looking forward to a Christmas party which Pat and Gin DiGiammerino run each year. This affair has been a lot of fun for us in the past years and I'm sure it will be this year. Mike Caprio has Vera feeding him heavy so that he may be picked to be Santa Claus. (You'll have to go some or Amby will win). Larry Arrigo and Nick Francullo have already pledged their votes for Mike. I will be also keeping a good eye on Jiggs Elie who always steals the show.

Incidently this 83rd Association should be proud to have Jiggs Elie as a member. Jiggs devotes so much of his time to help those in hospitals, Boy Scouts and so many other things he involves himself in that it is impossible to mention them all. Jiggs we don't know how you find the time for everything. May we give you a "Tip of the Hat" for all you have done and say "thanks" to you.

Most of the talk around Greater Boston is on recent remarks in the last issue of the Thunderbolt. We are very sorry that a few did not have an enjoyable time. The men of the Greater Boston Chapter, who were active in the Boston Reunion, travel many miles to attend meetings. In many cases some travel 150 miles each way, as none of us live in Boston. The Greater Boston Chapter covers several states. Remarks were passed by a chapter, who to my knowledge, never put on a reunion. Let's see what these people can do when and if they even run one of the reunions. I guess enough has been said on this subject.

The Boston Gang are all looking forward to the next reunion in Cleveland, Ohio. Most of us are still remembering the last reunion there in 1961. This one being the 25th should top them all and we are looking forward to being a part of it.

Amby Tynan Reporter, Boston Chapter



83rd Teeners (not the one in the center).



Mr. and Mrs. Campbell



Some of the boys from Boston and Col. Campbell.



Women of the Greater Boston Chapter and daughters.

The Boys From Boston

Dear Bob Taylor, Michigan Chapter:

In regards to your article in the last Thunderbolt as for the music at the banquet night, the laws of Massachusetts, states that the music and dancing must be over at 12:00 midnight, a blue law.

As for those who paid \$2.50 for the use of the pool, were not registered at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. If so it's a mistake on your part.

As for the clambake this was the Boston Chapter prize doing. This was one thing that Boston wanted to have. But it was rejected by the Executive Board. We were allowed one meal only which was the banquet meal. A great disappointment to the Greater Boston Chapter and many others. As for the reunion being \$400 in the hole, it is the first time I ever heard of it. As for the program book the reunion did just what your chapter requested, your check number 159. If the Executive Board adopted a new program? we were and still are unaware of it.

The Boys From Boston



T/Sgt. Wilder C. Mathena in 1945

When I Got Wounded And How It Happened

It was on Jan. 9, 1945 a cold snowy day and the snow was knee deep, that I went to the company C.P. and received the order to have the Platoon ready to move at 12:30. We were crossing the L.D. at 13000 in the attack.

Our first objective was the woods on high ground about 800 yds. to our front. We advanced into the woods, and got stopped by enemy fire, small arms M. G. and artillery fire, we fought until dark. We got orders to dig in and hold what we had, we were expecting a counter attack at any time but instead they shelled us all night. The next morning the 10th we got orders to move left through another regt. of the div. turn and attack to the right. At 7:00 we were on our way and about a quarter of an hour later an 88 landed close and a piece of fragment hit my left arm. I couldn't feel anything but warm blood running off my wrist as my arm was numb, so I took my sulfa tablets and drank what little water I had, that wasn't frozen.

The aid man bandaged up my arm and I started back to our Bn. aid station that had moved up to where we started from the day before. On my way back I had to jump in fox holes several times as they were shelling the woods and the field I had to go across. At the aid station the Capt. looked at my arm, re-bandaged it and hung a tag on my jacket, telling when I got hit etc. I got on an ambulance and went back to the collecting station, there they gave me two shots and pills. They added a line to my tag and I got

on another ambulance and went on back to the clearing station. Got another shot and they also added some more to my list on the tag, and then I went on back to the 12th field hosp. in Belgiam. I ate supper there and got on a U.S. Hosp.

Train, and started getting a shot every 4 hours, I got 10 of them. The next eve. the 11th of Jan. I was in the 217 Gen. Hosp. in Paris, France. There's where I slept between my first sheets since I left the States. They took an x-ray of my arm and on the 19th I got an another U.S. Hosp. train and came back close to where we made our first attack on July 4th, 1944, at the 164 Gen. Hosp. On the morning of the 22nd the doctor looked at my arm and the x-ray and told the nurse to have me ready for surgery the next morning. At midnight she gave me a pill. At 6:00 another at 7:00 a shot.

And later they hauled me down to the operating room. They laid me on a table, a nurse washed my arm with antiseptic and the surgeon gave me a shot in the arm to numb it. He picks up some instruments and starts cutting. All I could feel was the warm blood on my fingers. I heard him say he was going to leave some of the frag. in as they were to deep, it might cause trouble getting them.

Then he told me he was going to leave me some souvenirs of Germany in my arm. He also cut another place beside the wound so he could sew the main one up. They took me back to the ward and started giving me sulfa pills. On Feb. the 9th they took me back and sewed up the place they cut on the 23rd of Jan. This time at the ward they gave me ten more shots. One every three hours. On the 13th of Feb. they put me on a plane and came over here in U.K.



Taken 27 years after I went into service.
October 1969.

We got off the plane, got on an English Hosp. train and went to the 68th Gen. Hosp. It was close to where we were at when we were at England last May. Stayed there till the 23rd, came over here at the 68th station hosp, where I am at now. I still believe there was a reason why I got hit for I was on line one hundred and ninety eight days and I know God was on my side every day of it. I guess when I leave here I will go back to the front tho I expect I will be a little nervous at first but I know I don't have anything to worry about for I know God will be with me. I will do everything I can to get this war over with for I want to go back to my dear mother, father, sister, brother and that sweet little wife of mine that is waiting on me back in Ohio.

> Plt. Sgt. T/Sgt. Wilder C. Mathena

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Greater Indianapolis Chapter

83rd Infantry Division Association

Things in Naptown are about normal again after the Election and Pro Football can be seen on TV again "Ha".

Just received my copy of the Thunderbolt and this copy has lots of nice pictures in it, this makes a nice magazine where there are pictures included with the reading material, also saw the article in the Thunderbolt from my old. Buddy and Best Man at My Wedding, George E. Sites, H-m-m a few years back Eh George. Hope things are going well for you, Lynn, Buddy and Ivalynn.

I don't have any news to report as to activities past or forthcoming from our local chapter. We have not completed plans for a Christmas Party as of this date. In fact I have had no contact with any of our members in some time. This past summer on my way to Florida vacation, I stopped over in Nashville, Tennessee and had a real nice visit with Earl T. (E.T.) Johnson a former member of Btry C 908th FA Bn. Perhaps E. T. would be better known to his old 908th FA Buddies as "Four Wheel Drive Johnson", "Eh E. T." Would have liked to have visited longer with E. T. but was a little pressed for time.

I must get on the Hot Line and see if Jim Burton is still in Indianapolis. Haven't seen Jim in a real long time.

Want to congratulate Casey Szubski in his new office as President of our Great Association, and all the members of the Executive Board, also to our good buddy and secretary, Larry Pedmond.

Now that the Christmas Holidays will soon be here no doubt everyone has began to think in terms of Christmas, with the gathering of their families and friends for the festivities, maybe we should all take stock and give Thanks. Things could be much worse than they are now.

Our Indianapolis Chapter would like to take this opportunity to wish all our 83rd Buddies and their Families a Very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL
Matthew F. Brumbach
7144 Lockwood Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217
Staff Reporter

Maybe Stuff Came in Fast

Artillery battalions supporting dough boys of the 83rd Inf. Div. were elated when a German PW, soon after being taken prisoner, asked to be led past the heavy guns so he could witness for himself what he termed "must certainly be the American automatic artillery."

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILL S. 4250 -TO MAKE FLAG DAY A LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY August 17, 1970

Mr. President, I introduce a bill to provide that Flag Day shall be a legal

public holiday.

It is noteworthy that, although the United States is one of the world's youngest nations, the U.S. Flag is one of the oldest national emblems. It predates the present Union Jack of Great Britain and the French and Italian flags. Back in 1775, the Continental Congress named a committee composed of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Lynch, and Benjamin Harrison to develop a design for a new national emblem. As a result, on June 4, 1777, the Continental Congress, sitting in Philadelphia, resolved:

That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, represent-

ing the new constellation.

There is a tradition that the first flag was made by Mrs. John Ross, familiarly known as Betsy Ross, of 239 Arch St., Philadelphia, at the request of Gen. George Washington. As a matter of fact, the Ross home is now a national shrine and may be visited by citizens interested in seeing where the Stars and Stripes originally came into being.

It is reported that George Washington described the makeup of the new flag as follows:

We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity,

representing liberty.

According to one story, General Washington himself had a hand in designing the flag. A star with six points had originally been suggested. General Washington, it said, did not like this — perhaps because the British flag contained six-pointed stars—and he folded a piece of paper and cut across it with scissors, making a five-pointed star.

Throughout the years after the revolution, the observance of the anniversary of the original adoption of the flag grew slowly throughout the country. In 1893, the mayor of Philadelphia, after receiving a resolution of the Society of Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, ordered the display of the flag on the public buildings in the city. A direct descendent of Benjamin Franklin, Mrs. Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, president of the Colonial Dames at the time, offered the resolution which proposed that the day be known thereafter as Flag Day and that the flag be displayed by all citizens on their residence and on all business places

as well as on public buildings.

The anniversary, however, has never been designated as a legal holiday. It is customary to hold a celebration in the Betsy Ross house in Philadelphia and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America place a wreath on the grave of Betsy Ross in Mount Moriah Cemetery in Phliadelphia. Generally the Daughters of the American Revolution observe the day with ceremonies, as do the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. President, it is my feeling that in these days of turmoil in this Nation it would be well for us to pause each year to commemorate the anniversary of our national flag. I propose that June 14 be designated as "Flag Day" to honor the flag of the United States of America. The establishment of Flag Day as a national holiday would give us the opportunity to reflect on the ideals of the Founding Fathers which have enabled this country to become the great and strong Nation that it is.



Kevin Kuzma, age 2, son of Joe Kuzma.

Dear Larry:

Enclosed find a check in the amount of \$5.00. Please accept my apologies for being one of the delinquent members. The reason for my not writing was, my son, Kevin, age 2 years in June, was hospitalized three times and also my wife had to undergo surgery last January, so you can see, my mind was on other matters.

I am sorry to have missed the Reunion again this year, but maybe next year, if everything goes well. God willing, my wife Ceil and I hope to see you all again.

Good luck in Boston.

Joseph Kuzma 12 East 14th Street Bayonne, N. J. 07002 "Co. G, 331st"

Ed. Note: The enclosed picture proves that old soldiers never die. Good luck to Joe and Ceil.

GIs Nab Nazi CO With Pants Down. Only Dignity Hurt

WITH THE 83rd INF. DIV., Dec. 16 -When nominations are made for the "most surprised German officer of the war" GIs of the First Bn. of the 330th Inf. would like to enter the name of their candidate.

Shortly after the arrival of the 83rd Div. in Germany, the First Bn. was given the job of taking a strategic hill.

Under cover of darkness the battalion started up the hill and were in the enemy bivouac area before the Germans could crawl into their pants. The CO of the Nazi company proved to be the soundest sleeper and it took prodding with an M1 before he awoke and realized the situation.

Meanwhile, another group of GIs was awakening a slumbering German outpost line. Even after being fully awakened they thought that men from their own company had dressed in American uniforms and were playing a joke on them. When they filed into the main bivouac area, however, and saw their CO doing his best to preserve his official dignity after being caught with his pants down, they realized that this was no dry run.

Million Yule Packages Lost in Breakthrough

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 — Almost a million packages, in addition to large quantities of letters were lost by enemy action or captured during the German breakthrough on the Western Front, the War Department disclosed today.

To giftless soldiers in Europe it said: There are still a few packages to be delivered, so yours may show up if it wasn't one of the million.

Bazooka Goes to Sea

When the 83rd Division was making its famous attack on St. Malo, an infantry company led by Lt. George Partenan, of L'Anse, Mich, fought its way to a narrow channel which empties into St. Malo bay. Out in the bay a 60-foot German launch sneaked along, trying to escape to the Channel.

Partenan called for a bazooka team which moved up to the edge of the bank and waited. When the launch moved into range they let go with the tank-desrtoyer weapon. One rocket from the pipelike weapon was enough. The German launch went down.

(Above articles courtesy of John Clevenger of Penndel, Pa.)

FLAG FLYING HOLIDAYS FLY YOUR FLAG AND FLY IT PROUDLY

JANUARY 1st — NEW YEAR'S DAY FEBRUARY 12th — LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY 22nd — WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY APRIL 13th — JEFFERSON DAY MAY 1st — LAW DAY U.S.A. MAY 3rd Sat. — ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 30th — MEMORIAL DAY JUNE 14th — FLAG DAY JULY 4th — INDEPENDENCE AUGUST 14th — V-J DAY SEPTEMBER 1st MON. — LABOR DAY NOVEMBER 4th THURS. — THANKSGIVING DAY NOVEMBER 11th — VETERANS DAY DECEMBER 7th — PEARL HARBOR DAY DECEMBER 25th — CHRISTMAS DAY

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329th INFANTRY REGIMENT

LINEAGE (Army Res, 83d Inf Div)

Constituted in National Army 5 August 1917 as 329th Infantry Regiment, assigned to 83d Division. Organized 30 August 1917 at Camp Sherman, Ohio. Demobilized 15 February 1919 at Camp Sherman. (83d Division demobilized 7 Oct 1919, relieving components from assignment; reorganized in 1921 in Organized Reserves). Reconstituted, allotted to Organized Reserves, assigned to 83d Division, 5th Corps Area, 24 June 1921, and organized Dec 1921. Ordered into active military service, less personnel, and organized 15 Aug 1942 at Camp Atterbury, Ind., as element of 83d Infantry Division. Headquarters and Headquarters Company inactivated 6 Apr 1946 at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Assigned to Second Army and Hq & Hq Co. activated 13 Oct 46 at Indianapolis, Ind. (organized Reserved redesignated Organized Reserve Corps in Mar 1948.) Relieved from assignment to Second Army and assigned to 70th Infantry Div I Mar 1952. (Organized Reserve Corps redesignated Army Reserve in 1952.)

HOME AREA: State of Indiana

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS: WWI - Without inscription

WWII - Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe

DECORATIONS: All companies 2nd Bn entitled to DUC embroidered GURZENICH. (WD GO 90, 1945).

Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon entitled to DUC embroidered BELFORT GAP (nondisplayable). (WD GO 11, 1946).

Service Company entitled to two MUCs each embroidered EURO-PEAN THEATER (GO 30 and 201, 83d Ind Div, 1945)

COAT OF ARMS: Shield. Argent, on a pile sable a fluer-de-lisor.

Crest. That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army

Reserve: On a wreath of the colors (argent and sable) the Lexington Minute Man proper; the statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker, stands on the Common in Lexington, Mass.

Motto. Nous Gardons (We Guard).

The shield is white for Infantry; the black pile is taken from the shoulder sleeve insignia of the 83d Division; and the gold fleur-de-lis indicates the organzation's service in France in World War I.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA: The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of army of the regiment.

PUBLISHED HISTORIES: 329 "Buckshot" INFANTRY REGIMENT: A HISTORY (Wolfenbuttel, Germany, 1945).

2D BATTALION, 329TH INFANTRY, COMBAT DIGEST

(Ried, Austria, 1945).

330th INFANTRY REGIMENT

LINEAGE (Army Res, 83d Inf Div)

Constituted in National Army 5 Aug 1917 as 330th Infantry Regiment, assigned to 83d Div. Organized 30 Aug 1919 at Camp Sherman, Ohio. Demobilized 13 Feb and 10 Apr 1919 at Camp Sherman. (83d Div demobilized 7 Oct 1919, relieving components from assignment; reorganized in 1921 in Organized Reserves.) Reconstituted, allotted to Organized Reserves, assigned to 83d Div, 5th Corps Area, 24 Jun 1921, and organized Nov 1921. Ordered into active military service, less personnel, and organized 15 Aug 1942 at Camp Atterbury, Ind., as element of 83d Infantry Div. Inactivated 27 Mar 1946 at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Assigned to Second Army and Hq & Hq Company activated 1 Oct-16 Dec 1946 at Fort Wayne, Ind. (Organized Reserves redesignated Organized Reserve Corps in Mar 1948). Relieved from assignment to 83d Infantry Div and assigned to 70th Infantry Div 1 Mar 1952. (Organized Reserve Corps redesignated Army Reserve in 1952). HOME AREA: State of Indiana.

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS: WWI - Without inscription

WWII - Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe

DECORATIONS: All companies 1st Bn entitled to DUC embroidered BIHAIN (WD Go II, 1946).

All companies 2d Bn entitled to DUC embroidered ST JOSEPH (WD GO 11, 1946).

All companies 3d Bn entitled to DUC embroidered STRASS. (WD GO 18, 1947).

Ist Platoon and Mine Platoon, Antitank Co, entitled to DUC embroidered BIHAIN (nondisplayable). (WD GO II, 1946).

COAT OF ARMS: Shield. Azure, a torteau within an annulet argent; on a chief of the last, three fleurs-de-lis of the first.

Crest. That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve; On a wreath of the colors (argent and azure) the Lexington Minute Man proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker, stands on the Common in Lexington, Mass.

MOTTO. Verus Ad Finem (True to the End).

The shield is blue for Infantry. The red disk encircled with the white ring is taken from the state flag of Ohio, the earlier allocation of the 330th Infantry. The three fleurs-de-lis on the white chief, while in different tinctures, are from the coat of arms of Le Mans, referring to service in World War I in France.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA: The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms of the regiment.

PUBLISHED HISTORIES: THE STORY OF THE 330TH INFANTRY ACROSS EUROPE (Zerbst, Germany, 1945.)

331st INFANTRY REGIMENT

LINEAGE (Army Res, 83d Inf Div)

Constituted in National Army 5 August 1917 as 331st Infantry Regiment, assigned to 83d Division. Organized 30 August 1917 at Camp Sherman, Ohio. Demobilized 8-9 February 1919 at Camp Sherman. (83d Division demobilized 7 October 1919, relieving components from assignment; reorganized in 1921 in Organized Reserves.) Reconstitued allotted to Organized Reserves, assigned to 83d Division, 5th Corps Area, 24 June 1921, and organized November 1921. Ordered into active military service, less personnel, and organized 15 August 1942 at Camp Atterbury, Ind., as element of 83d Division. Inactivated 29-30 March 1946 at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Assigned to Second Army and Headquarters activated 1 October 1946 at Cleveland, Ohio. Location of Headquarters changed 31 October 1949 to Akron, Ohio. (Organized Reserves redesignated Organized Reserve Corps in March 1948; redesignated Army Reserves in 1952.)

HOME AREA: State of Ohio

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS: WWI - Without inscription

WWII - Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe

DECORATIONS: All companies 3d Battalion entitled to DUC embroidered HAMM, GERMANY. (War Dept GO 6, 1946).

Service Company entitled to MUC embroidered EUROPEAN THE-ETER. (GO 61, 83d Ind Div, 1945)

COAT OF ARMS: Shield. Azure, three fleurs-de-lis in fess between four annulets, three and one, all argent.

Crest. That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve; On a wreath of the colors (argent and azure) the Lexington Minute Man proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker, stands on the Common in Lexington, Mass.

Motto. See it Through.

The shield is blue for Infantry; the annulets simulate "O", thus indicating the State to which the regiment is allocated, and the fluers-de-lis indicate service overseas in World War I. The number and arrangement of the charges 3-3-1 indicate the designation of the regiment.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA: The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms of the regiment.

PUBLISHED HISTORIES: Jack M. Straus, WE SAW IT THROUGH. HISTORY OF THE THREE THIRTY FIRST COMBAT TEAM, TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER (Munich, Germany, 1945).

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