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## FERN LOCKWOOD DIES

Writing this obituary is one of the most difficult things I have ever been called on to do because it is the most personal one in my life.

On Wednesday morning, February 6, Fern Lockwood, my wife, was stricken with a heart attack at 2:30 a.m. and passed away at 6:30 a.m.

The suddenness of her death was an extreme shock to me, and to all who knew her these many years and her loss will be felt in many places.

Fern was a one woman welcoming committee at the reunion each year and so many people got to know her, by sight, that, for the benefit of those who did not know her, personally, the following picture may help.

She was active in quite a number of organizations and helped get together money, clothing, toys and other things for the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children which was her favorite charity.

On our many trips through this vast country of ours she would always suggest that we stop off and visit at one of the hospitals and see how the kids were doing.

To our national president, John Robi-  
nette, who came in from Indianapolis,  
Walt Sammler, and Larry and Mary  
Redmond, from Haverstown, Pa. to at-  
tend the funeral, thank you very much  
for your help. To Frank and Mary Mc-  
Grogan, Ruth and Ed Paulino, Lucy  
Volpi, Bill Hoolan and other 83rds  
who came for the services, thank you  
also for your comfort.

To each of the Association chapters  
and the many friends who sent floral  
wreaths, telegrams, sympathy cards and  
donations for her favorite charity let  
me express my heartfelt and grateful  
thanks and appreciation and, with the  
help of the GOOD LORD, I hope I may  
personally thank you at the reunion  
next August.

Harry W. Lockwood, Sec.-Treas.  
83rd Infantry Division Association



**Fern Lockwood,  
Gracious Lady**

By Dave Rosenberg

For Fern Lockwood, we do not weep, her precious memory is forever im-  
pressed deep. Quietly she plied her way  
through life, aiding those enmeshed in  
worldly strife, seeking no reward. She  
unselfishly toiled to alleviate others,  
with life's problems embroiled. No task  
too small, no chore left undone. A will-  
ing volunteer, self appointed committee  
of one, her life of service, dedication and  
devotion doing good deeds. A veritable  
perpetual motion and now as she sits at  
the good Lord's side, her unselfish spirit  
and true love will with us always abide.

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## The President's Corner

Dear Buddies,

Here we are starting a new year and, from the cooperation we're getting from everyone it looks like 1963 will be very successful.



We have passed the 600 mark in paid up membership and I, and my officers would like to see that figure increased by at least 150 by reunion time in August so please let's see how many more we can get in by then. We can do it only if we try.

We are sorry to hear that our good loyal Secretary-treasurer was in the hospital with a heart condition and are very happy to hear that he is well on the road to recovery.

We all know that he has always had interests of the 83rd Division Association at heart and has carried a big load in this association but when it starts to affect his health we can say but one thing: slow down, BUDDY, and if it takes a little longer I'm sure we will all understand. If there is anything any of us can do to make the load a bit lighter and easier let us know and I'm sure each of us will do our best to help. Here's to a speedy recovery with the well wishes of all of us sent your way.

At this time I want to thank the Philadelphia Chapter for their invitation to attend their annual banquet on January

26 and I'm sorry that previous arrangements made it impossible to accept their gracious invitation. I'm sure we missed a wonderful time.

Congratulations to Bob Martin and the rest of the boys down Carolina way in organizing the group down there that will be known as "The Dixie Chapter". We all welcome them aboard and wish them the best of luck and a big success.

We are looking forward to visiting them the weekend of April 13 to present them with their charter. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit with them and their wives in December and I've wondered, ever since, why such a nice group of people couldn't have gotten together sooner. Perhaps it is our fault but at least we know that with the wives as much enthused as their husbands we can expect a lot from that newly formed group from Dixie.

In closing, I would like to thank all my hard working officers and everyone who has helped, in any way, to make my year a most prosperous and successful one for the Association.

Until next issue, regards to you all.

Sincerely,  
**John W. Robinette**  
Co. C - 308 Engineers

## My 83rd Pin

When I am walking on the street amid traffic din . . . My greatest thrill is when I see another 83rd pin . . . I look at him who wears it and I tell myself that he is one who is as proud as I of our Association . . . I feel the warmth of brotherhood is surely present there . . . As though days and years gone were those we used to share . . . It matters not where he is bound or where he may have been . . . I know he is a friend because he wears a 83rd pin.

Pres. John Robinette

PLAN NOW

TO ATTEND

THE 17th ANNUAL  
REUNION AT THE  
HOTEL CLAYPOOL  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
AUG. 15, 16, 17, 1963

## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Buddies of the 83rd:

### DEATH - IS TO LIVE AGAIN

The passing of our beloved Fern Lockwood from our midst, has prompted me to write you in this vein. Certainly the prayers and thoughts of our entire association go to Harry at this time of bereavement.



William Croswell Doane, has written a little verse, that I feel is appropro:

We are too stupid about death. We

will not learn  
How it is wages paid to those on  
earth we earn,  
To be set free from bondage to the  
flesh;  
How it is turning seed-corn into grain,  
How it is winning Heaven's eternal  
gain,  
How it means freedom evermore  
from pain,  
How it untangles every mortal mesh.  
Yes, to die is to live again. Yes, we all  
have to go to our death, but isn't it a  
new dawning. Not many years ago, a  
pastor from the pulpit related:

"I remember a year ago when a man  
in this city said, "You got to die." "I  
walked out to where I lived, and looked  
across at the mountain I loved, and I  
looked at the river in which I rejoiced,  
and I looked at the stately trees that are  
always God's own poetry to my soul.  
Then in the evening I looked up into the  
great sky where God was lighting His  
lamps, and I said: "I may not see you  
many more times, but, Mountain, I shall  
be alive when you are gone; and, River,  
I shall be alive when you cease running  
toward the sea; and, Stars, I shall be  
alive when you have fallen from your  
sockets in the great down-pulling of the  
material universe!" This is the confi-  
dence of one who knew the Saviour. Do  
we know him!

There is the anonymously written es-  
sayette, "The Ship", which reads:

"I am standing upon the seashore. A  
ship at my side spreads her sails in the  
morning breeze and starts for the blue  
lagoon."

"She is an object of beauty and  
strength and I stand and watch her un-  
til at length she is only a ribbon of white  
cloud just where the sea and sky come  
to mingle with each other. Then some-  
one at my side says: "There! She's gone!

"Gone where? Gone from my sight—  
that is all. And just at the moment when

someone at my side says: "There! She  
is gone! there are other voices to take  
up the glad shout: "There! She comes!"

I was going to write a note on Lincoln  
and Washington, but felt the above  
might be timely, yes an encouragement,  
yes, a reminder to all that really to die  
is to live again. God bless you all, till we  
meet again.

In the name of the father, the son and  
the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman, Chaplain  
83rd Infantry Div. Association

To My Lovely Wife, Fern Lockwood  
I'm left alone with thoughts of her and  
the wonderful life we had  
Two happy, devoted people taking the  
good with the bad  
When things went bad and life became  
a little burdensome  
She'd throw her arms around me and  
she'd say, "Oh come, Dad, come"  
She's kiss me then upon the cheek and  
say in that sweet voice  
Things are not so bad that they can't be  
a little worse  
She nursed me and she comforted me a  
few short weeks ago  
When I began to feel the pressure of  
always being on the go  
She made me take it easy and kept me  
under thumb  
So we could enjoy life in the future yet  
to come  
I'm not questioning YOUR judgment  
LORD, do with her what YOU may  
YOU've taken her away from me but I  
have one thing to say  
I don't have to tell YOU LORD I really  
loved her so  
Please have her there to welcome me  
when it's my time to go.

## THANK YOU, Thank You Very Much

It is impossible for me to express my  
gratitude and appreciation for the mes-  
sages of condolence sent me by our many  
friends and acquaintances, in the 83rd  
Division Association, upon the death of  
my wonderful wife, Fern ,who passed  
away on February 6, 1963.

I can just say "Thank you, thank you  
very much" and the wonderful tribute  
paid her, by so many of you, gives me  
added strength to carry on as I know  
she would want me to.

The task of answering each of your  
messages is of such magnitude that I  
must ask you all to please bear with me  
and accept this note of thanks and ap-  
preciation in lieu of a personal reply.

May God bless you one and all.

Sincerely,  
Harry W. Lockwood  
Secretary-Terasurer

## Your Secretary's Report

First, let me extend my thanks and grateful appreciation to all of you who expressed concern over my health and who wished me well for the future. It's nice to know others are interested in your welfare.



I think if I can resign myself to the fact that I am 55 and not 25 years old things will straighten themselves out, if not, it all boils down to one thing: "we don't know what the future holds we just know who holds

the future. Again thank you all very much and I hope to see you all at the reunion.

I'm very happy to announce that this has been a very good year thus far. We have passed the 600 mark in paid up membership at an earlier date than the last five year and, with well over 100 of last year's members still to be heard from, prospects look bright. To those 100 or so men we are appealing to send in your dues as soon as you possibly can and help us make this the best year since the early days of our Association.

It may interest you to know also that by the time the next Thunderbolt goes to press we hope to have another chapter in the association. A group of former 83rds, in North Carolina are in the process of forming a chapter which will be called "The Southern Chapter." It will include men from the areas mostly in and around North Carolina but is open to any former 83rd man in any of the southern states and I'm sure they will appreciate any support any of you southern boys can give them. For information get in touch with Robert G. Martin, 508 Homewood Ave., Burlington, North Carolina or Julius C. Boyles, 1317 Prescott High Point, North Carolina, they'll be happy to hear from you.

If things go right a group of us, including President John Robinette and yours truly, will journey to No. Carolina to present the charter to the newly formed Southern Chapter on or about Apr. 13. Any and all are welcome to join with us, at that time and we'd like to have as big a representation, at least of the officers of the Association, as possible. For those of you who were with the 83rd Division during the early days of its activation attendance at the next reunion should be a must. A lot of nostalgia will be connected with this reunion and the trip back to Camp Atterbury

should bring back many memories both pleasant and unpleasant so we'll be looking for a lot of you old timers at the Hotel Claypool in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 15, 16 and 17, till then, best regards.

Sincerely,  
Harry W. Lockwood, Hq. 329  
Secretary-treasurer

## Attention All Thunderbolts

Mr. Harry W. Lockwood  
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.  
43 Oakland Ave.  
Jersey City 6. N. J.  
Dear Mr. Lockwood,

I am writing a factual book on the last 100 days of World War II in Europe which will be published by Random House. Like my other war histories (BATTLE: The Story of the Bulge and BUT NOT IN SHAME) it will be based not only on official documents but the personal experiences of participants of all ranks.

Since your division took part in these last eventful days, many of your members have personal stories and memories that would enrich my book. I would appreciate it very much if you would ask your members to send such material to my permanent address: 223 Maple Ave., Red Bank, New Jersey.

All information used in the book will be first sent to the contributor for corrections and suggestions. The Departments of Army, Air Force and Defense are all assisting me in this project as they have done in my previous works. I hope you'll be able to help me recreate this crucial time in our military history.

Sincerely,  
JOHN TOLAND

## Attention Men of Co. K-330

Following is a letter from Mrs. Clara Hawkins Crouse, P.O. Box 1015, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, looking for information. Please help her if you possibly can.  
Gentlemen,

I would appreciate it if any of you men of Co. K-330 could send me any information on how my brother was killed on July 15, 1945. I had a letter from him dated July 14 and we were notified on August 19 he was killed in actioo.

My brother's name was S/Sgt. Roy C. Hawkins and, at that time we lived at 956 East 4th St., Pulaski, Virginia.

I'm still trying to find out the details and any information will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much and good luck to you all.

Mrs. Clara Hawkins Crouse  
P.O. Box 1015  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

## Convention Chairman's Corner

By Ned B. Smith  
Med. Det., 331st Inf.

Hello Buddies:

Back Home Again In Indiana

This is it! From where I sit, it will be the best ever. Everybody is writing to John Robinette and myself in regard to the reunion in August '63. Now all you Thunderbolts get your vacation set up so you can be in Indianapolis Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Aug. 15, 16 and 17.



We are having a very good response from our bumper strips. If you have not mailed in your dollars, do so right away so we can get

your name on the Booster Roster. Be sure to put your bumper strips on your car, you will be surprised at the old buddies that will stop you and ask about the 83rd. It is our campaign to get new members for the Association.

This year the Association will gather at the Claypool Hotel for one of the best reunions ever. We are working hard at making this one of the best for all our buddies. We have been meeting once or twice a month with our chapter. About 15 of our group are working together on this reunion and that way no one will have too much of a hardship. John Robinette, John Soroko and I met with the catering manager of the Claypool Hotel January 30 and went over our plans once again. Information regarding hotel accommodations will be forthcoming.

For our program while you are in Indianapolis, we will have a trip to Camp Atterbury on Thursday afternoon. That will be a MUST, seeing the place where you spent several months of your life in service. Make your plans so you will be in Indianapolis in time to make this trip! Thursday night we will have a cocktail party. Friday afternoon we will make a trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, you will be given a trip around the track. Then we will go to the Allison's General Motors "Motorama". Friday night we will have a stag party for the men and a theater party for the women. Saturday afternoon we will have our Memorial Services with a parade. Saturday night will be the Banquet and Dance. We are planning other parties for the women like a style show and a TV show. We will have our business meeting each morning as usual.

The program for our three days in convention was planned for the sole pur-

pose of providing pleasure and enjoyment during your stay here. For your convenience an opulent "hospitality" room will be your headquarters. Free drinks and refreshments will be provided. Making this room your headquarters will be most welcome. Meet and greet your buddies there. We also have a coffee room for the ladies.

Actually, there are so many things that you will want to do and see that three days will not be enough, but it will give you a good start. We are sure you will enjoy it thoroughly.

Finally an appeal to all: We need your cooperation to secure new members for our Association. Call or write your old buddies and ask them to the reunion in Indianapolis.

Any questions will receive a prompt reply if you write to: Ned B. Smith, R.R. 9, Box 286B, Indianapolis 19, Ind.

### Attention All Men of the 83rd

A book has been written and published by Gene H. Sloan, director of Public Relations of Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, called "With Second Army Somewhere in Tennessee"; a story of the Tennessee maneuvers.

#### ATTENTION ALL MEN OF THE 83rd

Mr. Harry Lockwood  
43 Oakland Ave.,  
Jersey City 6, N. J.

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

When the members of the 83rd Infantry Division meet in their annual encampment at Indianapolis this year, I would appreciate it if you will call their attention to "WITH THE SECOND ARMY SOMEWHERE IN TENNESSEE", a story of the Tennessee maneuvers written by me and published in 1956.

Under separate cover I have mailed you a copy of this book which, you will note, contains pictures of the 83rd, including one of General Milburn conferring with his staff at a command post near the Cumberland River.

There is also a reproduction of "THE BOUNCE" which will evoke nostalgic memories. The book may be ordered from the publications office, Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee and will be mailed post-paid for \$2.75 to any of the old wildcats of the

Gene H. Sloan

Director of Public Relations

(Ed. note—Have read the copy sent me by Mr. Sloan and find it very interesting and well worth the price and can recommend it highly to those of you who may recall those pleasant days at good old MUDBURY and the Tennessee maneuvers and other phases of the early days of activation of the Thunderbolt 83rd.)

## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis

As of this date, the releases placed in the daily papers all over the country, have exceeded any other year. The spreads have been larger and more people have been reached. Have been getting tear sheets and clippings from all over the country.

Before the reunion time is reached, every TV station and radio station, will have a release on the news, through the public service section, publicizing the 83rd Division.

We have to have constant notices in the publications, in order to contact the former members. If every member of the old 83rd would contact his local newspaper, also the public service section of the radio and television, it would really do a world of good. Most of them say, "let Joe do it."

I sincerely believe, I will be able to have a national magazine cover our conclave in Indianapolis. This will be a first and I hope the affair will really deserve the deal.

To all and sundry — let's put our shoulders to the wheel and break all records for a reunion attendance.

Hello Buddies:

The 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc. has just suffered a great loss in the death of our wonderful Fern Lockwood. I am sure that you will all join with me in saying that her passing away is about the saddest thing that has ever happened to us. To those of us who knew her, we can say nothing but the best. Fern was a real "Mrs. 83rd" at every reunion she was on hand to greet everyone and make them feel most welcome. One never had to feel like a stranger upon arriving at a reunion for the first time. Fern was on hand to meet them and take them around and introduce them to everyone. I don't think that any wife, attending for the first time, has ever had the chance to feel like a stranger.

The real love for Fern Lockwood was shown at her viewing and funeral. There was the most beautiful display of flowers that could have sent to anyone. There were flowers from every chapter in the Association as well as several of them from her friends who are members of this great Association. It is a wonderful feeling to any of us to know that we belong to such a fine organization.

I am sure that all of you join with me in expressing our sincere sympathy to Harry. Although she may have gone to her Eternal Reward, the memory of Fern Lockwood will remain with the 83rd Infantry Division Association forever.

Sincerely, Larry Redmond

## Co. F. 329th News And Side Lights

By Vic Landis

So Lee Titus thinks F-329 has had it. After two years of the top dog, his outfit took over, but that is only the pause that refreshes. G-331 is in for a big surprise and the only way we can talk back, is by paid up memberships and I am ready, able and willing to make a BIG WAGER—F-329 will lead all the units, in the final paid up memberships.

George Kittrell, his wife Becky and little Brenda, all send their best wishes and will be with us in Indianapolis. Many things happened to mar the attendance in Atlantic City, but old Naptown will bring them out.

Harvey Ward, Andy Zonkoski, Chuck Whitcomb, George Whitehead, Harold Keefer, Bill Hutton, Bob Noll and quite a few others have promised to be there. Bob Heidel has just re-married and will make the trip to Indianapolis. Hell Cat Helleckson and Ado Langenkamp are going to be there. Many others that have never made the trip are going to try to make the deal.

That's all she wrote for F-329 and we will be looking over our back—when the final paid up members are tabulated.



Co. F. 329 Meeting the Russians  
Front row, left to right, Joe Barle, David Chivis and Wilbur Smail. Back of Smail is James Thern.



Dick Clark, Co. F-329  
Somewhere in the Hurtgen Forest.

## Fall River, Mass. Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco, Co. L & M-331

November:

Our regular monthly meeting and social was held, as usual, at the Martin's residence. Most of the members were present and we had the pleasure of celebrating the 14th wedding anniversary of Manny and Adeline Martin. May they have many more years of marriage bliss.



We were sorry to hear that John Bernard, Jr., Co. B-331 was hospitalized and underwent surgery. John recovered very rapidly and is back

to work at his gas station.

December:

Our annual Christmas party, which was held on December 15, 1962 at the Miguel Coste Real Club, Fall River, proved to be a huge success and a capacity crowd was in attendance.

The buffet luncheon was one beyond all expectation, all of which would not have been possible had it not been for the support given by all members concerned. To those who so generously donated to this affair, many, many thanks.

Members like these are what make our affairs so successful and I'm sure we will never fail as long as we have cooperation and hard work among our membership.

Last, but not least, I would like to congratulate the wonderful ladies for the magnificent job they had done baking home made pastry, preparing and decorating the luncheon table; **THESE GALS ARE REALLY TOPS.**

The highlights of this affair were as follows: Santa was played by yours truly and Manny and Adeline Martin were presented with a beautiful Early American wall phone radio, a set of milk glass dishes and a decorative wine bottle to decorate Manny's bar, by the Fall River Chapter members in appreciation of their generous hospitality given us at their meetings and socials.

There also was an exchange of gifts among the members and all who attended the Christmas party.

A ham and bean supper is planned for February 23, at the Miguel Coste Real Club. A good evening is in store for all who attend.

Most of us in the Fall River Chapter are looking forward to the 17th Annual 83rd reunion in Indianapolis. We hope

to make a good showing as I'm sure this reunion will bring back many fond memories of days we spent at Camp Atterbury and Indianapolis and its surrounding towns.

The 18th Annual Reunion to be held in Providence, Rhode Island in 1964, is gradually creeping up on us and plans for this reunion are progressing very satisfactorily. Manny Martin and I were taken on a guided tour through the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel by the manager. We were very satisfied with what we saw.

This hotel is beautiful, comfortable and clean. We were very much surprised to find that on each floor there is an ice cube making machine which means that no room service will be needed to purchase ice cubes, they will be free of charge. I'm sure that's good news to all concerned because that is one of the main factors of our reunions and a saving to all of us.

A wonderful program is in store for all who attend the 1964 reunion in Providence, along with a few surprises. More information will appear, from time to time, in the coming issues of Thunderbolt.

The main thing, of course, is to come to the '63 reunion in Indianapolis, but, if you can't make it this year, you have a whole extra year to prepare for Providence in '64. Good luck and good health to all fellow Thunderbolts and their families.

## "Fighting Bob" York In Action Again

By Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

The national news agencies and the national magazines brought to national attention of the world the presence of the 331st Infantry's own leader, General Bob York, on the Vietnam war front.

Our former "Thunderbolt" regimental commander narrowly missed being killed by "friendly" Vietnamese fire as he appeared at the scene of an ambush at AP BAC. The appearance of General York on the Vietnam scene highlights the stature of such an excellent staff officer. We of the 331st Infantry Regiment can well understand the esteem and regard he is held by the Pentagon. A capable officer with a wealth of battle front experience, the appearance of our "Fighting" Bob York means that among the American leaders at the war torn Vietnam front, there is a soldier of great magnitude who will lead and lend his "genius" for successful execution of all campaigns and military projects. Our best wishes and hopes for his safety is joined by all of his "Thunderbolt" Division buddies. Good luck, Bob.

# Metropolitan Detroit Chapter News

By Ed Zerucha

On December 2 the Bill Palazzolos became parents of a baby girl. Mother, father and daughter are doing fine.

Nick Barbu has been attending dancing school and has become a WHIZ at doing the Bosa Nova and shakes a mean leg at other terpsichorean gyrations.

We had a spaghetti twist dinner on December 2. Chef Palazzolo's spaghetti was so good that a lot of us have asked for the recipe for his meat sauce. Everyone enjoyed the food and refreshments and, needless to say, a real swell time was had by all.

Now the sad news: Hankie Daugherty had major surgery performed a short time ago and we are very happy that she came through it with flying colors. All is well now and she is up and around and feeling much better.

Another sad bit of news is that Dom Spano's mother passed away in January.

The pictures accompanying this article are from our spaghetti dinner and, I'm sure, they will show what a wonderful time was had by all.

See you in the next issue.



Assistant Chef Nick Barbu, Pres. Daugherty sampling the spaghetti sauce and Chef Vito Palazzolo at the Spaghetti Twist held Dec. 2.

## Sickness and Distress

Ralph Knorr, Co. E-329, of Wheeling, West Virginia, spent five weeks in the Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. undergoing an operation for an old fracture of the nose. He has since gone back to work and hopes to be with us at the reunion in Indianapolis.



Eli Guiri, Pres. Daugherty, Marion Muoio and Josephine and Chef Palazzolo working in kitchen at Spaghetti Twist.



Mrs. Barbu, Hankie Daugherty, Eli Guiri and his wife taking break while chatting with Eli's friends who are on the extreme left and right.



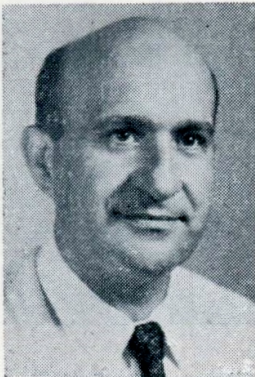
Friends of Marion Muoio enjoying the Spaghetti Twist.



## Philadelphia Chapter Installs Officers At Annual Banquet

By Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

On Saturday, January 26, 1963 the Philadelphia Chapter held its annual banquet honoring its officers of the past



year and installing into office the new officers for the next year. Despite inclement weather that later turned into a violent snowstorm a huge throng of Philadelphia Thunderbolts turned out to honor its officers both past and present. Palumbo's Restaurant and Cafe was the scene of the successful affair.

The crowd of 200 was augmented by a most welcome group of our buddies and wives from the New Jersey-New York Chapter led by our national secretary and treasurer Harry Lockwood and his wife, Fern. Of course, we must mention that our favorites, the Wehlings, also were present. Emil Wehling although "At Liberty" and hurting a little due to the newspaper strike in the New York stated he wouldn't miss a Philadelphia banquet.

Needless to say these lovely ladies added much charm to the head table as the accompanying photography will indicate.

The fine sumptuous banquet food dished up to the assembled Thunderbolts and their guests was topped by a great show headlined by the star attractions of Vaughn Monroe and the comic duo of Lou Marks and Al Fisher. Everyone attending was treated to a wonderful evening. I often wish I was a fashion expert so I could comment on the beautiful attire of our womenfolk. They all looked beautiful. It was an excellent evening of good fun and good cheer. It was replete with good spirit and friendliness. A real highlight in the many successful affairs that the Philadelphia Chapter has sponsored.

## Philadelphia Chapter's First Social A Slam Bang Hit

By Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

On Dec. 8, 1962 the Philadelphia Chapter held a grand social event that was tops. Because of a huge balance in the chapter treasury and a desire to give all Philadelphia Chapter paid up members a night to remember, an invitation was offered to all to bring the women folk and enjoy a night that would be entirely underwritten by the Phila-

delphia Chapter treasury.

The result was that an unforgettably enjoyable evening was celebrated by those who deserved it most, the hard working nucleus of the Philadelphia Chapter. The huge and lavish Southwark Club was the scene of the banquet. Frank McGrogan, a member of the exclusive club, made all the arrangements and they were letter perfect.

The food was plenty and good. The drinks were assorted and never let up. Even yours truly "took home a package" that the men and women of the chapter won't let me forget. The wonderful floor show featured top name artists who went all out to entertain the Thunderbolts.

President Lou Volpi, our expert on exquisite cuisine and good "gemuchlichkeit" gave his nod of approval. The attendant Thunderbolts and their wives were treated to a veritable night of nights. The huge stores of "goodies" that the Philadelphia Chapter chow hounds put away was a tribute to fine preparation that Frank McGrogan made. It is no wonder that everyone is talking about the wonderful night at the "Southwark Club" and are pitching for a repeat. It now remains for the Philadelphia Chapter to enjoy its annual banquet and installation of officers at Palumbo's Restaurant on January 26, 1963. This annual banquet promises to be another sell out. We expect a wonderful turnout of the New Jersey-New York Chapter gang. They never miss a banquet and are most welcome.

This year of 1963 shall be known as the year the Philadelphia Chapter staged one social success after another. Already plans are being made to have many more sumptuous socials. The good feeling and friendliness that permeates the atmosphere at our shindigs is wonderful. To perpetuate the spirit more and better events are on the Philadelphia Chapter calendar.

It pays to be a paid up and active member of the Philadelphia Chapter.



Standing—Carol and Bill Hoolan, Mary and Frank McGrogan, Mary and Larry Redmond. Sitting—Lucy and Lou Volpi, Ann and Al Belvedere, Olive and Joseph Ponzio and Virginia and Bill Pugh.

# Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo

Hello all,

Well, the winter still has us closed in but the weather should break soon and things will start jumping again.



The one real important bit of news we have to report is that on November 26, 1962 at 11 a.m., our buddy, Lucien (Jiggs) Elie gave his daughter, Ann Marie, in marriage to Mr. Bruce E. Fournier at the Sacred Heart Church in Amesbury, Mass. There was a reception afterward which was a really wonderful affair.

Those of us who were privileged to attend were: Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino, Chuck Abdinor, Irene and Sylvio Allard and Mary and Nick Francullo and their daughter, Helena.

After the reception we all went to Jiggs' house and continued to make merry and Mrs. Millie Elie was in her usual laughing jovial mood. Millie and Jiggs, we thank you for such a wonderful time.

Sylvio Allard had to leave early to catch a plane for Chicago to attend a potato chip convention. Sylvio is now the sales manager for the Tri-Sum Potato Chip Co., Inc. of 37 Center Street, Leominster, Mass. They hold these conventions for one week to find out what's new in the potato chip line.

I received a surprise letter from an old buddy of mine in December, whom I hadn't seen or heard from since we were discharged. You can imagine my surprise when it was from Raynor V. "Big Red" Burcham of P.O. Box 1658, Proctorville, Ohio. Big Red is married and has twin boys, aged 9, is a member of the county election board and works as a supervisor at the Allied Chemical plant. He also has a part-time Burcham Insurance Agency in Proctorville but I don't know what he does in his spare time.

Also got a letter from Roy Douglas, 2012 9th St., Muncie, Indiana. Roy has three children: Roy, Jr. who is married and a 2nd Lt. in the army and Michael, another son and a daughter, both of whom are also married. Roy is in the air conditioning and refrigeration business. Good luck, grampy.

Got a note from another buddy, William C. Biere of 513 High St., Brookville, Indiana, RR 1, saying he will be at  
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Ann and Bruce Fournier leaving the church.



Getting ready for the trip.



At The Wedding—Front, Irene Allard, Millie Elie, Ginny DiGiammerino, Mrs. Ann Fournie, M. Bruce Fournier, Mary Francullo. Rear, Sil Allard, Pat DiGiammerino, Nick Francullo, Chuck Abdinor, Jiggs Elie and Helena Francullo.

the reunion, so if all goes well Big Red, Roy and Bill and yours truly will have there own special reunion, I hope, at the 17th annual of the Division in Indianapolis, on August 15, 16 and 17.

While reading the Army Times I find that Chaplain (Col.) Luther Evans, formerly chaplain of the 1st, 2nd and 83th Infantry Divisions, died at the 5th General Hospital in Bad Canstatt, Germany where he was admitted 12 days earlier following a heart attack. Memorial services were held in December and interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Col. Evans entered the regular army in 1934 and subsequently served two hitches in Panama and participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and joined the occupation forces in Germany.

That's it for now.



The wedding table.

## Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Al Uridel, Cannon Co. 329

Hello Buddies:

We had our boy home for the holidays which, of course, made Eleanor and me very happy indeed. For two weeks before he came home my frau kept singing "Bell Bottom Trousers" which is quite a switch from Silent Night and Jingle Bells. He will have had a year of service on January 30. How time does fly.



Our Christmas raffle party was a howling success with plenty of food and refreshments for all. George Krupicka had his girl friend with him and folks, I smell a wedding in the offing. The lovelight in "Old Bones" eyes is enough to convince anyone that this is it.

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John Evans, Voraceks, Grobelnys, Uridel's Ushers.



Ed Glinka and Jo Old Bones girl friend and Uridel.



Walt Meczkas, Ted Gurgols and Bill Herhaths.

## Signal Co. Musings

By Don Hinz

Buddies,

Best wishes for 1963. This is a venture to try to keep in touch with the old 83rd Signal Co. gang who were together, at some time, during World War II.

I have a listing of 25 of the approximately 340 members listed in the Souvenir Roster published and distributed in Germany in 1945. Any more names I can add to the list will be greatly appreciated.

### REMINISCING ON PAST SIGNAL CO. MEMBERS:

Joseph (Joe) Narducci is in the banking business in Lambertville, N. J. and a man of many titles—director, assistant cashier, assistant trust officer, etc. He is married and has a little boy, Michael Joseph.

Mike Kielion is married but I cannot remember if he has a family (shame on me). Mike works for a railroad in Omaha, Nebraska. His wife, Mary, had an operation early last year and I hope she has completely recovered. Best to you both, Mike and Mary.

Got a nice letter and picture from James Erisman of Shillington, Pa. Some of you may remember him although I didn't until I saw his picture with R. W. Barber, Tom Duff and Ned Foltz. That brought back a wave of nostalgia of the old Signal Co. and, as Jim sums it up, "age is making me more sentimental about my old buddies from the 83rd". Jim is married and has two boys, ages 7 and 4. He is a claim adjuster for Nationwide Insurance Co.

Bob Horning is not an original Signal Co. member with the 83rd. He transferred from the 144th Armored Signal Co., 4th Armored Division. He was with Co. B-331 and then became our teletype repairman and a very good relief operator, a two fingers and thumb man. Bob has worked for Eastman Kodak in Rochester for more than 20 years and is married and the father of four children.

In Middletown, Pa. we find Roscoe (Bud) Baker. I believe he works for a bank in Harrisburg and commutes every day. He and Doris have a son who, I believe, is as tall as Bud but no match in girth.

Myself, Don Hinz; I'm an instructor at Worthington Junior College and have been teaching since 1948. My wife, Kathryn, and I have three children ages 12, 9 and 7. I was a latecomer to the 83rd Signal and then transferred to the 4th Armored Div. Signal. Ironically I came home with the 83rd though. Being in social studies (History and Government) I guess I have an interest in what happens to people, hence the spreading of the 83rd Signal word to you fellows. Hope you enjoy it.

Another reason is that I chanced upon a letter to the Editor in a Minneapolis newspaper requesting all former 83rd-ers to get in touch with a New Jersey address. It also mentioned that the 83rd had been holding a reunion each year for many years. I answered the request and received a letter in return plus a copy of Thunderbolt. I read some letters from former Signal men in it and got to wondering, What are these fellows doing now? From thought proceeded action and I would appreciate hearing from any of the old gang. How about a little information on yourselves? I'd like to have 340 names and addresses on file but will settle for any fraction thereof that is larger than what I now have.

Any of you who may be interested you can join the Association for \$5.00 per year and, I think, one of the most interesting things about being a member is the publication, THUNDERBOLT, printed about five times a year, although the Signal Company has no set column. (Editor's note—You have now, Don.)

For membership, contact Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey.

Our last thought: the 17th Annual Reunion will be held at the Hotel Claypool in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 15, 16 and 17 next.

Best regards to all.

Don Hinz  
219 11th Avenue  
Worthington, Minnesota

## News About New and Old Members

Domenico Christoforo of Btry. C-323 FA, has made a hobby of visiting his old buddies and each year pays a visit to a few more of the boys he served with overseas. He brings with him his 16mm sound projector and the 83rd combat film and along with a camera he brings along on his visits and the many pictures he takes his visit is enjoyed by all his old buddies.

Domenic and his wife have made two trips back to Europe and have visited many of the places he fought in and have seen many of the people he met during the war so that each time he visits another buddy here he has something of real interest to talk about and show and there is never a dull moment, and his buddies never know who he'll visit next.

Domenic has visited more than 50 of the old gang these past years and I have been asked to express their thanks to him and his wife for being so gracious and remembering them and taking the time to spend a day here and there to renew old acquaintances.

The Editor.

## Greater Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber, Medics 330

Another holiday season has turned the old calendar around to the year 1963 and we trust that the year just finished was a good one for all of you and may this one be even better.



A little personal note, if I may; Many thanks for the many greeting cards received. Christmas always brings a card or note from those we know but somehow fail to keep in contact with during the work - a - day year. The postman pleased yours truly

with cards and messages from those with whom I had the pleasure of associating during our days of the M-1, wool knit and khaki. Lt. Col. Nelson H. O'Dell out California way, Budd W. Friend over at Hicksonville, Ohio, Bob Adams in Rockville, Maryland and Jack Fisk in Austin, Texas. Good to hear from you, fellows, and why not try to plan a trip back to Indiana to attend the 17th Annual Reunion of the great 83rd Infantry Division Association, come next August. We hope this to be a banner year and the welcome mat will be out to all of you and everyone else who comes. Hope to see you there.

Attendance at the local meetings is picking up and we hope it continues to do so. We still meet at the Chateau, 619 Pennsylvania St. here in Naptown. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month and, for special meetings, our secretary, Lou Meyer, is quick with the notices.

The Christmas dinner-dance was held at the officers club at Fort Harrison this past December. A good time was had by all and, being held at a military establishment, it seemed to have the right touch to get everyone in the swing of things. Many, many thanks to those who made the necessary arrangements.

A phone call from our president informs me that our paid up membership is something to make us real proud and we thank all for responding the way they have.

Our convention chairman, Ned Smith, as well as our national president, John Robinette, are doing an outstanding job preparing the ground work for the reunion. In such capable hands it should be a memorable affair and, needless to say, we of the Indiana Chapter are mighty proud of them.

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## New Jersey Chapter News

Nicholas A. Esposito  
Co. B, 331st

The members and their wives of the New Jersey Chapter suffered a great loss and are with heavy heart to learn of the sudden death of Fern Lockwood on Wednesday, Feb. 6, Fern, as everyone knows was the wife of Harry Lockwood our national secretary, will be missed by the individual members of this great organization and there were those whom Fern knew personally. Her loss will also effect all our officers, the executive board, and all chapters to which Harry and Fern made periodical trips.

Fern was, if I might say, "Mrs. 83rd" because her heart and soul was always for the best interest of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. One of Fern's great joys was to go on trips with Harry to visit with a chapter or member. Whether these trips be long or short her stand-by was "Let's go Harry". I believe that many of these trips to the hinderland was made at the suggestion of Fern. Besides a wife and lover to Harry she was also the unofficial editor of our Thunderbolt. On many occasions she and Harry would sit up late at night rewriting or trying to decipher some of our material for the Thunderbolt and many times I received calls from Fern looking for my copy. When Harry worked days who would fetch copy to the printer or pick up the magazines for mailings? Fern, of course. When two people think and act alike any venture taken by them will be a success which has been proven by the way our organization has advanced due to Harry and Fern's mutual effects.

Fern's spare time was spent on her many other organizations which were of charitable nature, especially for underprivileged children and needy persons.

I have known Fern for five years and I can say without a doubt that she was truly a great person and a friend to know. And most of all a good wife. She will be missed by many and most of all by me.

Flowers to the funeral were sent by all chapters, individual members, and all officers. Many members of nearby chapters came for the funeral and our president, John Robinette, jetted in from Indianapolis.

We of the New Jersey Chapter wish to convey to Harry Lockwood a word of comfort. "Death can never separate those who are bound together by the ties of pure love".

**PLEASE PAY DUES**

## Co. G 331st Reports

By Lee Titus

50 FOR '63

At this writing we are at the half-way point between conventions and the latest report from Harry Lockwood indicate a very good chance for Co. G to reach 50 paid up members for 1963. We now have 33 signed up with only 17 to go to reach our goal.

The welcome mat is out for four more men who have recently joined the 83rd. They are: Herb Barton, Evansville, Ind.; Thomas Burbank, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Kenny Baird, Wannemaker, Ind.; Dave Sefton, Saxonburg, Pa.

Also a tip of the hat to Tom Burbank who sent us some old addresses which we hope to convert into new members. A picture of Tom should appear in this issue of the Thunderbolt. It was taken in Pocking, Germany in 1945.

In an effort to stimulate a little competitive spirit within the Division we of Co. G still offer to bet any other unit on total paid up members by August 1963. Vic Landis used to give us some competition but his boys have let him down. We are all aware though that Vic does a tremendous job as publicity director of the 83rd and he spends many hours in securing publicity for us, otherwise F Co. 329 would be on top every year.

We are still waiting for family snapshots from all Co. G men for our album, which incidentally has not been started yet. We would also like to have pictures taken at past conventions.

Ed "Spud" Murphy is back home again after a six-week period in the hospital. We hope his shoulder has mended properly because we need his help in reaching 50 members.

Well fellows, that's all for now. Send me some items of interest for the Thunderbolts and write to your buddies and encourage them to meet you in Indianapolis.

### Attention Men of Co. E-330

M. K. Gonzales, of 3225 North MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, Okla., is looking for the following bit of information:

I was in Co. E-330 and it seems to me that the company clerk was going to write a history about it.

If you have any information along those lines, please get in touch with him.

**MAKE YOUR PLANS  
NOW TO ATTEND  
THE  
ANNUAL REUNION**

## Warren Chapter Attention

There is no Warren Chapter news in this issue and it is entirely possible that I am at fault.

With so many things on my mind these past couple of weeks, I may not have sent a notice of deadline date to your reporter, in which case I am extremely sorry and hope you will please excuse it and I'll try to make it up in the next issue.

Best regards to you all and thank you very much for your floral wreath and words of condolence at the time of the death of my wife, Fern.

May God be with you all.

Harry Lockwood



Tom Burbank, Co. G-331

**PLEASE**

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**NOW!!!**

## Topkick Bill Hoolan Elected President of Phila. Chapter

By Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter is pleased to present its new president—"Wild Bill" Hoolan, the ebulent enthusiastic Texan. This transplanted Texan who, after concluding his hitch of 20 years in the army, now makes his home in Narberth, Pa. At the conclusion of army service Bill Hoolan attended our national reunion in Cleveland. This was a momentous decision. It was there that Lou Volpi, now a successful business man, who by hard work and spirit has emerged as a self-made man, owner of a wonderful restaurant, a fine catering service and numerous food dispensing trucks, met up with his former top-kick Bill Hoolan and encouraged Bill to settle in Narberth and become associated with Lou Volpi in his numerous endeavors. It was a fine decision. Lou acquired a fine worker. Bill received a fine start in another successful career and the Philadelphia Chapter obtained an enthusiastic hard worker. We are proud of our new president and know that he will make a fine president, especially with the encouragement of his lovely wife, Carol.

Lou Volpi was elected to the office of vice-president. Larry Redmond and Bill Pugh were both re-elected to the offices of secretary and treasurer respectively. We have a solid staff of officers and with the help of the rest of the gang of hard workers in the Philadelphia Chapter watch us grow and grow. There is no doubt now that the Greater Philadelphia Chapter is on its way to far greater and bigger things. We have the enthusiasm and the leadership that shall make our chapter the greatest ever. Watch our smoke and follow the leader "The Greater Philadelphia Chapter".



Emanuel Tavarres, Clifford Wall, William Santry, Ben Block — Oberkassle, Germany, March 1945.

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Mary Rosolowski had a ball as did all who stayed till the end and I got home about four hours after everyone else.

R. J. Vracek catered the affair and believe me when I say the food was superb and everyone loaded up on Kraut, dumplings and pork.

Speaking of food, the Cleveland Chapter has a date set for the Annual Dinner and Dance. May 11 is the date and anyone who may be in town drop in for the time of your life. Call any of us for particulars.

February is our annual election month and I shudder at the very thought of it. Getting anyone to run for office proves to be a problem every year if those in don't accept for another term.

We had a letter from George Nichols' sister (George is our out-of-state member from Co. B) and she said he was simply elated upon receiving his Thunderbolts and stickers. He wasted no time in getting the stickers on his car and reading or having his sister read the Thunderbolt to him. You have to read the letter to appreciate what they tried to tell us. We of the Cleveland Chapter are damned proud to have sponsored George's membership in the Association and, though it may be small, to him it is a big thing.

Leroy Titus paid us a visit during our January meeting and stayed for the entire evening. He also challenged us to that long awaited bowling match. We are still waiting Warren, and anxious to prove that you can be beaten. Leroy also told of Harry Lockwood's recent illness and we wish you a speedy recovery, Harry old boy, take a nice long rest, say from now till August so you're nice and fresh for the reunion.

We are going to see "The Longest Day" on February 3 and feed our faces with a steak dinner after the show.

The pictures accompanying this article were taken at our Christmas party.



Rose Gllina, Joanne, Mary, Bernice Grobelny, Jo Glinka.

## Letters to the Editor

Veterans Hospital  
Deshon, Penna.

83rd Infantry Division Assn., Inc.

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

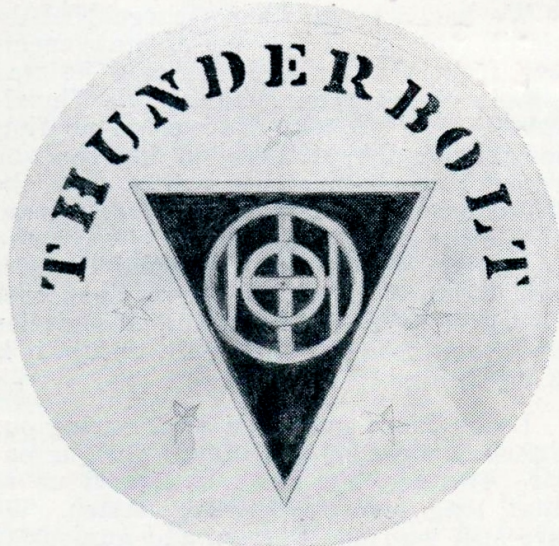
As a former member of the 83rd, I am very much interested in its activities but regret that I have been unable to participate in these activities due to hospitalization over a period of years.

As a pastime, at the hospital, I print signs. The 83rd Insignia seemed to me to be a good subject and, at the same time, to show my interest in an organization of which I was proud to be a part.

I do hope you can display this Insignia in some part of our organization.

The best of luck to you and all our comrades.

Edward J. Keane



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The following letter was sent to Chaplain Bill Shuman:

Dear Mr. Shuman,

In answer to your letter inquiring about Chaplain Schwartz of the 329th.

Looking through a Catholic Directory for 1958, I find that Father Francis Schwartz was located at 1917 11th St., Niagara Fall, N. Y. If I recall correctly, Father Schwartz's first name was Francis and he was from the Buffalo Diocese. However, I find a Father Howard Schwartz at 35 Edward St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Would appreciate the correct information from any of the members who remember Father Schwartz and may have his address handy.

Father Hoffman  
St. Patrick Church  
Post Office Box 3  
Chesterton, Indiana

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed check will cover my dues for this year. Best wishes for a successful year to all the gang from E-329.

Leo J. O'Brien  
134 Cushung Ave.  
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Harry,

Regret that I could not attend the reunion in Atlantic City, due to unemployment and illness.

Am better now and working and planning to be with you all at Indianapolis to visit good ole MUDBURY where a lot of sloughing through the mud was done by me along with a lot of the other foot soldiers.

Edward L. Racketta, F-331  
234 3rd Ave.  
Sharon, Penna.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Enclosed find my dues along with the information that I am planning to be with you all in Indianapolis next August and hope to see a lot of the old gang there.

Carl Fratz, E-329  
Litchfield, Ohio

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November 24, 1962

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find my annual dues and also a little information that may interest the boys from the 331st Regiment.

Gen. Bob York flew in on a solo flight a few weeks ago, and spent about five hours here in New Orleans.

I met him and Leo Schneider at the hotel and we really had a ball talking over old times.

First time I'd seen him since 1945 and he sure was a sight for sore eyes. He was supposed to return soon but undoubtedly plans have been changed.

Joseph Macaluso, Co. G-331  
5353 Pasteur Blvd.  
New Orleans, La.

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Dear Harry and Buddies,

Enclosed find dues for this year. Sorry to be late.

Looking forward to a real good time at the reunion in Indianapolis.

Hope on this membership campaign we get more members than ever before. Keep up the good work, see you in August.

Louie M. Rosolowski  
Cannon Co.-329  
11524 Fortune Ave.  
Cleveland 11, Ohio

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed find money order and application. Needless to say I am proud of the opportunity to become a member of the Association.

We are planning to attend the reunion this August as part of a two-week vacation.

Enjoyed the Thunderbolt, really makes for good reading.

Regards to all the gang from Co. G-331.

Tom Burbank  
P.O. Box 7073  
Chattanooga 10, Tenn.



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A new innovation this year, was to send a Thunderbolt bumper sticker to everyone on the national roster, paid or unpaid, to get as much publicity for the coming reunion as possible. A few have been returned, due to change of address, so, if your address has been changed, please contact me at 2117 Sugar Grove Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana and I'll see that you get one and you can do the same for any information pertaining to the reunion. Getting these bumper stickers ready and in the mail was quite a job and our group met and took care of the addressing, stamping, mailing, etc. over coffee and orange juice and it was fun. After the job was done we satisfied our desire for more potent refreshments but that's the Indiana Chapter's way of doing things, friendly and congenially.

For those who remember Homer Wallace, a story ensues. Homer passed away a few years ago. His daughter, Jeanne, grew up, went to Okinawa as a secretary and married a captain in the Air Force. They made the usual stops at stateside camps and then on to Europe. Next came a request, by letter, to tell of this sojourn and information of where the 83rd had been from Normandy through Bavaria. They wished to visit the small towns and visit with the people there. Now, a letter from Mrs. Wallace informs me that she made the trip over there and it was one of the most exciting things of her life. For those who think it's a small world, just stop and think; We met our buddies overseas and we never know where we may meet them again, so why not plan to meet them at the Hotel Claypool in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 15, 16 and 17 at the 17th Annual Reunion and make it the biggest reunion of them all.

That's it for now, start planing, we hope to see you there.

Following is a list of new or reactivated members of the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt was printed:

Alvin W. Nowak, 4533 North Melvina, Chicago 30, Illinois—Co. A-308 Medics.

Donald E. Dayton, 506 North Calhoun St., Tolono, Illinois—783rd Ordnance.

Herbert Peterson, 819 Maple St., Ishpeming, Michigan—Co. F-329.

Philip S. Annis, 62 Summer St., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Harry Paton, 104 Pratt, Kingwood, West Virginia—Medics-331.

L. Wayne Sibert, Red Cloud, Nebraska—Co. F-329.

Victor L. Im Masche, 1411 Rural St., Emporia, Kansas—Co. A-330.

Clyde Roe, Rt. 5, Lexington Road, James, Kentucky—Co. L-330.

James L. Amiot, 6623 Red Road, Houston 17, Texas—Regt. Hq.-329.

George P. Begalla, R.D. 2, Pidgeon Road, Salem, Ohio—Co. F-329.

Joseph R. Soltis, 7009 Front River Road, Pittsburgh 25, Pa.—Co. I-331.

Sydney C. Schachtmeister, P.O. Box 365, St. Joseph, Michigan—Medics-331.

Joe W. Sloan, 2307 Quincy Drive, S.E., Decatur, Alabama.

Rodney Wilkinson, Route 2, South Haven, Michigan—Co. M-329.

Dr. Edward J. Fitzgerald, 711 Stratford Road, Wichita 6, Kansas—Co. H-329.

John J. Bamonte, 3081 Deschler Drive, Cincinnati 39, Ohio—Co. C-308 Eng.

Col. Granville Sharpe, U.S. Army Institute of Advanced Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.—Hq. 2nd Bn.-329.

Julius C. Boyles, 1317 Prescott Place, High Point, North Carolina—Hq. 3rd Bn.-329.

Harry E. Reagh, 104 North May St., Bay City, Michigan—Quartermaster.

Peter Kartonas, 295-C Pershing Rd., Clifton, New Jersey—Co. C-331.

Fred Policastro, 350 Mountain Ave., Washington Township, New Jersey — Co. C-331.

Joseph "Les" Volkmer, 113 West Second St., P.O. Box 43, Kimball, Nebraska—Co. K-330.

John J. Donohue, 75 Alexanedr Ave., Medford, Mass.—Hq. 1st Bn.-329.

Albert Zegunis, 4037 Herman, S.W., Wyoming, Michigan—Co. I-330.

Junious L. Lowder, 506 Pine Hill Rd., St. Matthews, South Carolina—Co. K-331.

1st Sgt. George R. Boheler, Co. C, MTB, 67th Armor, APO 696, New York, N. Y.—A.T.-329.

Robert W. Burns, 2609 Oak St., Port Huron, Michigan—783rd Ordnance.

Thomas J. Burbank, P.O. Box 7073, Chattanooga 10, Tennessee—Co. G-331.

Duane O. Christiansen, 415 5th, Minden, Nebraska—Co. D-329.

John D. Hannah, RFD 1, Hodges, So. Carolina—Co. D-329.

Ernest E. Williams, Route 1, Box 2162, Aurora, Minnesota—Anti-tank-330.

Rudolph G. Rogers, 306 West Main St., Williamston, South Carolina—Co. G-330.

Lemuel H. Sistler, P.O. Box 3, Batavia, Illinois—Regt. Hq.-329.

Harry Suman, Jr., 2326 Park Ct., Findlay, Ohio—Co. M-330.

Troy J. Wall, Route 1, Box 282, McLeansville, North Carolina—Co. D-329.

George E. Perry, 3311 Amos Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina—Co. D-329.

Earl F. Pell, Route 1, Pleasant Gardens, North Carolina—Service Co. 329.

Arthur C. Fried, 623 Kensington Dr., Westfield, New Jersey—Regt. Hq.-330.

**PLEASE PAY DUES**



## OBITUARY

The above print was erroneously identified as William Fox in the last issue of Thunderbolt. It is, instead, William Roger McCaslin, of Timonium, Maryland, whose obituary appeared in the same issue. We are extremely sorry for the error.

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A short time ago, we received word, from Jay Goodman, Hq. 2nd Bn.-331 of the untimely death of Calvin Cobb, also formerly of the same outfit, who lived in Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife, at the time of his death.

We, of the 83rd Infantry Division Association and especially his buddies from 2nd Bn. Hq.-331, are extremely sorry to hear of the passing of our former buddy and extend our heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of our deceased buddy.

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For the past few years your Secretary has been corresponding with a former 83rder at the Deshon Veterans Hospital in Butler, Pa.

I did not know him, never met him and do not know what outfit he was in during the war, but I do know this: he had the interest of the 83rd completely at heart which was indicated by his letters. He and I became very close, through correspondence and I, personally, am sure that all who knew Edward J. Keane regret to hear of his passing away shortly before the holidays and, of course, our sympathies are extended to his family and friends.

In another part of this issue is a letter received from Eddie Keane, along with a print of an 83rd Insignia he sent shortly before he passed away. I'm sure all Thunderbolts will enjoy the letter and the print.

Harry W. Lockwood  
Secretary

We have been informed of the death of Marion Beard, formerly of Hqtrs. Co. 1st Bn.-330. He died after a long illness and is survived by his wife, Ruth and son, Elmer.

Marion, of Enon, Ohio, was a member of the Association for quite a few years and he will be missed by, not only his buddies but all those who got to know him these past years.

May we extend our deepest feeling of sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Beard and son Elmer and the family and friends of Marion from all his buddies and the complete membership of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

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Mrs. Edith Adkins, of New Kensington, Pa. has informed us that her brother-in-law, Thomas Westley Adkins, a former member of the Division Artillery was beaten to death a few years ago in Pittsburgh, Pa. He died without regaining consciousness in South Side Hospital.

We are genuinely sorry to hear of the death of our former buddies and more so when it happens under such circumstances and our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Edith Adkins and the rest of Tom's family and friends; although a bit late, nevertheless just as genuine.

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The men and women of the New Jersey Chapter mourn the passing of the mother of one of our members.

Vito Lascari's mother passed away on January 7 and our extreme sympathy is extended to Vito and his family on their loss, and may God be with you all in your bereavement.



George Trebonyak, Co. F-329,  
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