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## Thunderbolts View World War I Record

ARMY ALMANAC GIVES 83rd HISTORY

It is only natural for most Thunderbolts to recall the many exploits of the 83rd Infantry Division during World War II. But how many of us know what the 83rd Infantry Division of World War I was noted for? From the pages of the *Army Almanac*, a book now being prepared by the Historical Branch of the Department of the Army, comes the following information:

"The 83rd Inf. Div. of World War I was activated in September of 1917. After a brief training and grouping period it went overseas in June of 1918. In France, it was designated as a depot division and supplied over 195,000 officers and men as replacements to combat units at the front. Certain units saw action. (These units are not listed.) The division returned to the United States and was inactivated during the month of October, 1919.

Brig. Gen. Edwin F. Glenn commanded the division from Aug. 25, 1917 to Jan. 13, 1918 and was promoted to the rank of Maj. Gen. on Sept. 7, 1917. Brig. Gen. Frederick Perkins assumed command of the division after Gen. Glenn's departure and he in turn relinquished the com-

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## THE 331st GETS TOGETHER



331st Thunderbolts get together at the Alexandria, Radio City, New York. Left to right: Mrs. Edward L. Swartout, Frank Reichmann, Ralph Bielen, W. Kuhlmann, Emanuel Epstein, Edward Hering, H. James Schreiman, Richard E. Wade, Sander Tonnesen, James G. Dye, Edward K. Smith, Lt. Col. Robert H. York who was guest of honor, Charles H. Richardson, Frank McCabe, Robert T. Walsh, Edward Bishop, and Eugene Frizzell. Others present but not in the picture were: Reverend Edward L. Swartout who took the picture, Charles S. Quinn, Lawrence A. Weber, Frank Lewis and Ovid K. Seville.

## Here's The Proof! 83rd Division MPs Most Kindhearted Persons In Army

### Army Associations Plan 1948 Reunions

1st Infantry Division, in Philadelphia, Sept. 4-6. Write to R. L. Major, Jr., 3147 Broad Street, Philadelphia 37, Pa.

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3d Infantry Division, in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 22-24. Write to Bill Burud, P.O. Box 74, Washington 4, D. C.

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3d Armored Division, in Chicago recently, where plans for a division association were formed. Write to Paul W. Corrigan, 80 Federal Street, Boston 10, Mass.

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9th Infantry Division, Philadelphia, July 29-31. Write to Charles O. Tingley, P.O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

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5th Division, Detroit, Sept. 4, 5, and 6, 1948. Write to William Romano, National Executive Secretary, 3126 W. Eddy St., Chicago 18, Ill.

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71st Division, Waldorf Hotel, New York, July 15, 16 and 17, 1948. Write to 71st Division Society, Ft. Monroe, Va.

A letter from a fraulein in Germany finally reached the association CP via the City Hall of Quebec, Canada. The overseas epistle was the usual request for a CARE package or a gift parcel from any 83rd colleague. As a last desperate resort she also asked for the address of any rich merchant.

Of primary interest to Thunderbolt readers, especially to the MP's of the division, was the following debatable chapter: "First, I will send many greetings from Germany to America. On March 7, 1945, our city of Stassfurt was occupied by American soldiers who called themselves Thunderbolts. At the time, I did not know what a Thunderbolt was, but I worked at the MP Office and therefore I know that the American Policeman is the most kindhearted person in the Army."

We have not answered the letter yet. Perhaps a kindhearted MP would like the fraulein's address.

## Indianapolis Site For 1948 Reunion

CONVENTION PLANS GET UNDER WAY

Plans for the 1948 Thunderbolt Reunion, to be held in Indianapolis August 20 and 21, got off to a good start February 13 when the committee from that city began the ground work for an August welcome to some 25,000 83rd veterans on the occasion of their 2nd annual convention.

John H. Brouhard, of S. Green St., Brownsburg, Ind., chairman of the Indianapolis committee, has made definite reservations for the convention to be headquartered at the Hotel Claypool. This reservation has been confirmed by the Indianapolis Convention Bureau. The Claypool is presently accepting room reservations for the event.

It is too early to mention what will take place in the form of entertainment, such as a banquet, movies, meetings, excursions, and guest speakers. Plans for the above mentioned activities can only be completed two or three weeks in advance of reunion time. We do promise, however, that you can expect as good if not a better time than last year's. The city officials of Indianapolis have expressed great concern on our coming get-together and they will personally see to it that doughboys of the 83rd who wistfully walked the streets of their fair city in 1942 and 1943 will be extended the heartiest of welcomes in 1948.

No registration fee has yet been set, but again we re-assure you that it will be within everyone's reach. This year there will be meetings and parties for the wife, so plan to make your 1948 vacation a family affair. The Place—Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Time—August 20 and 21, 1948.

**Make your 1948 Summer vacation plans include Indianapolis, Indiana on August 20th and 21st, the date of the 83rd Infantry Division 2nd Annual Reunion.**

### HOW WE STAND

Strength of the 83rd Infantry Division Association at various times since its founding:

May 19, 1947	80	80
May 29	130	210
June 16	116	326
June 30	85	411
July 14	176	587
July 30	201	788
August 13	122	910
August 25	31	941
September 11	50	991
September 24	14	1005
October 21	14	1019
December 22	27	1046
January 20, 1948	9	1055
February 19	7	1062
March 23	5	1067
April 16	6	1073

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## THE MISSION OF THE THUNDERBOLTS

Last January, we received a letter from a member requesting that the association withdraw his membership since it was impossible for him to subscribe to a program whose official ideals, policies and aims were identical with those of the American Legion. We pleaded with this member to reconsider his action, for we felt that at no time had we committed the association to any policy which had been previously endorsed by another organization.

For the benefit of that member, and any other doubtful member, may we once again impound that the 83rd Infantry Division Association has not and will not endorse any military or political program. The aims of the 83rd Division Association were clearly defined by our president, James C. Hanrahan, in a message printed in the August-September issue of the *Thunderbolt*. We quote from Volume 1, No. 2 issue:

"The primary mission of our association is to keep firm the friendships and fraternal companionships that had their conception at Atterbury but matured and ripened through the thorough aging of war. Within our ranks, in peace as in war, there are rich and poor; Republicans and Democrats; lawyers and laborers; farmers and factory men; Protestants, Jews, Catholics and agnostics. The patch of the 83rd is big enough to shade and merge all differences.

"Once a year we will meet in a physical sense at our reunions. Six times a year we will assemble through our association newspaper. For the rest of our lives I pray we will be together constantly in the pleasant grip of comradeship."

What Mr. X undoubtedly referred to were the articles on Universal Military Training and on the National Guard which appeared in previous issues of the *Thunderbolt*. These two stories were used simply for their basic news value and in the interest of good newspaper reporting on current events.

The Veterans Administration informs us that over 70 per cent of World War II veterans are still interested in military matters. For a newspaper to please the majority of its readers and not offend one or two of the minority is an extremely difficult if not an impossible accomplishment.

We have always welcomed the opinions expressed by our members and we have tried to print only the news which would please most of our readers. Have we pleased you in the past? If not, now is the time to let the *Thunderbolt* staff know what kind of news stories you want printed in your paper.

## The Yearling

The 83rd Infantry Division Association, still a yearling, has had some tough sledding in the past, but it grows and thrives mainly on the weight and blood which the "Thunderbolt" can give it. The only way we can survive in the coming years is for chapters to begin operating—for chapters are the life of any association.

To date, the only chapter in operation is the District of Columbia Chapter, located in Washington, D. C. This chapter was organized in October of 1947, and has held very successful meetings every month since then. Thirty-two 83rd veterans are on its membership list.

Two more chapters are in the process of organizing: one around the New England area headed by Robert J. Burns; and the other in the New York area under the Reverend Edward L. Swartout.

Surprisingly enough, the two states with the largest representations in the association have not done anything, as far as we know, in organizing chapters. It would give the 83rd Infantry Division Association plenty of life if someone from Ohio and Pennsylvania could start these two powerful State Chapters. Won't some spirited Thunderbolts from Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia answer our call? Anyone interested in the Ohio and Pennsylvania causes, please write to the Editor.

### Army Lists War Dead and Missing First Postwar Roll Names 308,978

#### RECAPITULATION BY STATES AND TYPE OF CASUALTY

	KIA	DOW	DOI	DNB	FOD	M	Totals
Alabama	2,736	397	9	1,669	284	19	5,114
Arizona	916	115	2	464	108	8	1,613
Arkansas	2,172	330	9	1,073	217	13	3,814
California	8,885	1,080	36	5,621	1,294	106	17,022
Colorado	1,483	237	5	777	186	9	2,697
Connecticut	2,692	367	18	1,049	282	29	4,347
Delaware	350	38	1	151	35	4	579
District of Columbia	1,106	157	10	1,487	189	82	3,031
Florida	1,745	226	7	1,282	263	17	3,540
Georgia	3,043	424	12	1,884	320	18	5,701
Idaho	800	111	3	409	88	8	1,419
Illinois	10,921	1,568	57	4,830	1,151	74	18,061
Indiana	4,856	660	20	2,044	511	40	8,131
Iowa	3,282	481	10	1,427	399	25	5,633
Kansas	2,611	364	13	1,190	324	24	4,526
Kentucky	4,064	682	24	1,716	300	15	6,801
Louisiana	1,999	349	19	1,324	259	14	3,964
Maine	1,265	205	9	531	140	6	2,156
Maryland	2,539	412	13	1,147	245	19	4,375
Massachusetts	5,748	824	33	2,667	730	31	10,033
Michigan	7,766	1,164	40	3,066	788	61	12,885
Minnesota	3,793	607	23	1,626	382	32	6,463
Mississippi	1,848	298	12	1,174	207	16	3,555
Missouri	4,660	662	26	2,126	494	36	8,004
Montana	801	123	2	493	123	11	1,553
Nebraska	1,714	243	8	796	206	9	2,976
Nevada	176	23	0	133	17	0	349
New Hampshire	719	85	9	319	69	2	1,203
New Jersey	6,259	873	27	2,570	596	47	10,372
New Mexico	1,023	120	3	771	105	10	2,032
New York	18,076	2,603	97	8,213	2,086	140	31,215
North Carolina	4,088	592	26	2,020	363	20	7,109
North Dakota	1,009	157	4	361	90	5	1,626
Ohio	9,866	1,506	60	4,296	1,032	67	16,827
Oklahoma	3,959	457	14	1,529	397	18	5,474
Oregon	1,501	212	11	890	207	14	2,835
Pennsylvania	15,964	2,362	79	6,412	1,621	116	26,554
Rhode Island	976	149	4	425	106	9	1,669
South Carolina	1,923	267	10	1,010	189	24	3,423
South Dakota	841	117	3	377	85	3	1,426
Tennessee	3,930	588	14	1,683	296	17	6,528
Texas	8,403	1,166	48	4,935	1,134	78	15,764
Utah	815	90	6	402	128	9	1,450
Vermont	520	74	4	217	54	5	874
Virginia	3,433	491	19	1,746	303	15	6,007
Washington	2,084	292	15	1,239	294	17	3,941
West Virginia	3,041	440	15	1,099	255	13	4,863
Wisconsin	4,096	576	28	1,849	453	36	7,038
Wyoming	382	40	2	177	49	2	652
Territories	543	89	1	523	27	31	1,214
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>176,432</b>	<b>25,493</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>85,219</b>	<b>19,481</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>308,978</b>

KIA—Killed in Action; DOW—Died of Wounds; DOI—Died of Injuries; DNB—Died (Non-Battle); FOD—Finding of death under Public Law 490, 77th Congress; M—Missing.

Veterans Report, July 25, 1946

## Here, There and Everywhere

It's there and a BOY!—ROBERT SCHOUDS WITHEY—Weight, 8 lbs. 2½ oz., born January 20, 1948. Mother is well and Father, ROBERT WITHEY, Hq 1st Bn 331st, 111 Elizabeth St., Salisbury, Md., is just coming out of the fog. . . . New address for RICHARD E. AMMON, Co A 331st, is 327 S. 13th St., Richmond, Ind. . . . M/SGT. WILLIAM A. MCCLELLAN, 308th Engr, former Battalion Sergeant Major, has been transferred from Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Headquarters Kentucky Military District, Second Army, Kenyon Bldg., 112 S. 5th St., Louisville, Ky. . . . Letters are pouring in from Brooklyn, thanks to EMANUEL EPSTEIN, Co K 331st, 1900 Quentin Rd., and EMANUEL E. LAMB, Co H 331st, 131 Division Ave. . . . Listen, all you foreigners, Flatbush Thunderbolts are organizing a local chapter which should be in operation about May 1st. . . .

ROBERT E. TOLLEFSON, former captain with Hq Btry 324th FA, would like to hear from the old gang before Indianapolis Reunion time. Write 1829 University Ave., South, Minneapolis 14, Minn. . . . Word reached SGT. FRED H. LAWSON, Co C 329th, about our association and he immediately requested info about applying for membership. Fred is now with Co. C, Enlisted Det. Branch, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. . . . Those of you from Company F, 331st, will be happy to know that ELWOOD E. KREGER's new address is c/o Post Office, Box 413, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. . . . S/SGT. WAYNE C. PARNELL, Co M 330th, ever loyal to the 83rd, is now following an Army career with the 82nd AB Div. The sergeant urgently requests information on S/SGT. ANTHONY COMMORITTI, (same company) reported captured in Germany. They served together for four years. Write to the Association. . . . A few lines from WILLIAM E. WETZLER, Co B 308th Engr, General Delivery, McKeesport, Pa., explained his absence at Cleveland but reassured all of us that nothing will keep him away from Indianapolis this August. . . .

We received a complete up-to-date roster of Company D, 331st, from HARVEY W. CLEMENTS, 7212 Oak Ave., River Forest, Ill. Although Company D was well represented with 25 members at Cleveland, Harvey wants 250 to show up in Indianapolis. . . . Many Thunderbolts have informed us of how 'burned up' they were for missing the Cleveland clambake, but the hottest member yet is EDWARD C. WASE, Co D 330th, 145 W. Columbia, Detroit 4, Mich. His letter just sizzled. . . . Another change in address for Thunderbolts to note is the one of WALTER J. HUGHES, Co G 330th, 2318 Irving Park Rd., Chicago 18, Illinois. . . . Greetings arrived from Kentucky signed by Bud and Fran Knoll. Bud was the operations sergeant for 329th, and now operates from 14 Dundee Ave., Fort Thomas, Ky. He also wished the association the best of luck for 1948. . . .

WARRANT OFFICER JOSEPH V. LOWRY, Div Hq, is now at Bowling Green Station, Box 24, New York 4, N. Y. He was with the 83rd from its activation to its return and he is very anxious to become a member. . . . A few words from JOSEPH J. VANACORE, Medic with Hq 2nd Bn 329th, 346 East 105th St., New York City, indicate that Joe is in tip top condition. . . . LT. COL. NORMAN A. CAMPBELL, Commanding Officer of the 1st Bn 330th, an original promoter of the association, left Ft. Myer, Va., February 10. The Colonel is enroute to one of the islands of the Territory of Hawaii. . . . M/SGT. A. E. BENSON, Hq 83rd, is now stationed at Hqs. Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Office of the AC of S, G-3. . . .

Does anyone know how FLOYD C. BUNCH, Co F 330th, can obtain a copy of the 330th history? If so, please write to him at Ellis and E. Main St., Springfield, Ore. The association can also use any information concerning unit histories, for many former members have written to us about these and we are completely in the dark.

LT. COL. and MRS. LENIEL E. McDONALD announce the arrival of a boy, EDWARD LENIEL, born in Heidelberg, Germany. COL. McDONALD is now with the U. S. Constabulary Headquarters, P. M. Section, APO #46, c/o PM, N. Y., N. Y. . . . All the way from California comes word that ALBERT C. BIZZINI, JR., Co G 329th, Route 2, Box 9, Gustine, Merced County, eagerly awaits every issue of the "Thunderbolt". . . . At last, we have proof.

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## Letters To The Editors

Dear Sir:

On the 4th, 5th and 6th of September in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Society of the First Division will hold its Annual Reunion.

Inasmuch as you have been so cooperative in giving us the needed "push" in restarting our Society after World War II, I am in hopes that you will be able to find a small space in your forthcoming issue to help publicize our coming Convention.

The Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, has been selected as the Reunion Headquarters. Registration begins on the 3rd of September with an Annual Meeting on the 4th, the Dinner-Dance and Memorial Services on the 5th, and as the 6th is Labor Day, a final round of Regimental parties.

Anything that you may be able to do to help us reach all of those who wore the *Red One*, will be sincerely appreciated.

Yours in Friendship,  
ROBERT J. RIEKSE,  
Executive Secretary,  
Society of the First Division.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your kind offer.  
If you will continue mailing your "Thunderbolt" we will be glad to

carry it to meetings and circulate it among our members.

We are entering your name on our addressograph for mailing future issues of our paper "The Watch On The Rhine" and I am sending you under separate cover our last edition.

My personal regards to General Ferenbaugh, Major Sellers and of course yourself. Best of luck to all Thunderbolts.

Sincerely,  
KENNETH B. POTTER,

National President,  
Society of the Third Infantry Division.

Dear Sir:

With the coming of spring, the problems of convention enter the picture. Those of us who have planned these affairs know that problems are multiplied whenever a convention is held away from our own locality.

Wherever your convention is being held, we wish you complete success. Through the successful accomplishments of our Associations many more people will realize the tremendous fraternalism that is being created by such organizations.

Yours sincerely,  
I. H. SILVER,  
Executive Secretary,  
82nd Airborne Division Association.

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name (Please Print).....		
First	Middle	Last
Rank..... ASN.....		Address.....
		Number and Street
City or Town		State
I served with the 83rd Infantry Division in.....		
Co., Troop, Btry.		Bn. or Regt.
..... from..... to.....		
Arm or Service		
Decorations: (Check)		Campaign Stars: (Check)
Silver Star .....		Normandy .....
Legion of Merit .....		Brittany .....
Soldiers Medal .....		Central Europe .....
Bronze Star .....		Ardennes .....
Purple Heart .....		Rhineland .....
Others.....		
I now have an honorable discharge or separation from my Army Service.....		
or I am still on active duty.....		
I will.....or will not.....attend the REUNION.		
I hereby apply for regular membership in the 83rd Infantry Division Association and certify that my answers to the above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
Check or Money Order (\$4.00) payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association c/o The Infantry Journal, 1115 Seventeenth Street NW, Washington 6, D. C. is enclosed herewith. ....50c of which is for one year's subscription to the Thunderbolt)		
Date.....	Signature.....	

## New NCO Chevrons Mark Combat Duty

New and smaller chevrons, that make a specific distinction between combatant and non-combatant soldiers, are due to be issued to troops sometime in July. Detailed instructions as to the when and how of the switchover were scheduled to appear in a career plan circular in May, which would also contain some changes in rank titles for enlisted men.

The new chevrons differ from the old only in size and color. The designs for the seven grades will remain the same. The combat insignia will consist of dark blue chevrons on a gold background. These colors will be reversed in the non-combatant insignia.

Which chevrons a soldier will wear will be determined by the duties his job calls for in combat. Rule of thumb will be that anyone who normally gets shot at in the performance of his duties is a combatant, regardless of branch. The MOS positions in this category will be spelled out in the new circular.

Combat NCOs will also wear the green, inch-wide cloth tab on their shoulder straps.

## Physical Checkup For Retired Officers

About 10,000 retired Army and Navy officers faced new physical examinations under a congressional plan to revamp the military system. A House Armed Services sub-committee report recommended reexaminations of all officers retired since Jan. 1, 1940 except those wounded in battle or obviously permanently disabled.

The sub-committee also recommended five-year "conditional" retirements in cases of doubtful permanency, with periodic physical checkups and final retirement or return to duty at the end of five years. Income tax exemptions, it said, should apply only to pensions for combat wounds.

In addition, it urged fundamental changes in disability retirement laws, particularly so as to equalize benefits to officers and enlisted men.

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mand to Brig. Gen. Willard A. Holbrook on March 23, 1918. On April 3, 1918, Maj. Gen. Edwin E. Glenn returned to the division and presumably remained with it until its inactivation."

## March and April



Furstenau, Germany, April, 1945. Officers of the 331st Infantry Regiment planning the route for the men, tanks and tank destroyers to enter their next German objective.

1943: Combined training ended with tactical problems in the old familiar areas of X, Y and Z. We marched all day and bivouacked late at night. During the last days of the problem, continual rain fell. We plodded along in the deep mud, slept on soggy ground in wet fatigues, and cleaned our weapons several times a day so that they wouldn't get too rusty. With all this training behind us, we now qualified as expert infantrymen.

1944: We sent many of our qualified men to the 4th Infantry Division and in return received fillers from the 63rd Division. They arrived in time to complete POM (Preparation for Overseas Movement). And then it happened! We were alerted for overseas movement. We left Breckenridge and poured into Camp Shanks, N. Y. Thunderbolts received final check-ups on their physical condition, equipment and abilities. On April 6, 1944, we sailed from New York Harbor for England. We were part of one of the largest convoys ever to cross the Atlantic. Twelve days later we docked at Liverpool, England, where trains were waiting to convey us to our new camp. England was bulging with soldiers, so the 83rd was split and sent to various places such as Keele Hall, Hadley Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, Shavington Hall, Market Drayton, and Wrexham.

1945: So much history is crowded into these last two months of fighting for the 83rd in Germany, that to attempt to describe our moves would involve pages upon pages of copy. Let us say that we moved, and moved as fast as any armored column had ever hoped to. Neuss fell on the Rhine. A short breathing spell and over the Rhine River we went, on and on through the Prussian Provinces of Westphalia, Hannover, and Saxony. Across the German States of Lippe, Brunswick, and Anhalt the "Rag Tag Circus" travelled. Over the Lippe, the Weser, the Leine, the Saale, and the Elbe Rivers. Finally, it ended with a well-established bridgehead over the Elbe River across from the town of Barby. We had advanced 280 miles in 13 days and we were proud. Big shots visited us and newsmen hailed our rapid advance in all of the papers of the world.

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Can any Thunderbolt furnish BEDFORD F. FOSTER, former Lt. Col. with 330th, the names and present addresses of the P. W. Interpreters with that regiment? Write 420 Wabash Ave., Kenmore 17, N. Y. . . . We thank JOHN D. HANFT, Co A 308th Engr, 5 Elmtree Lane, Island Trees, Hicksville, N. Y., for sending us a roster of officers who served with the 308th Engineers. Please remember our request for names and addresses of all officers of the 83rd. . . .

Several reports from reliable sources indicate that MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT C. MACON, the 83rd's wartime commander, will return to the United States very shortly. GENERAL MACON has been in Moscow as Military Attache for the American Embassy. The General has also expressed great anxiety toward the Indianapolis Reunion for 1948 and if everything goes as scheduled he will be there. . . .

## Competitive Tours For Non-Regulars

An estimated 2,000 former officers will return to active duty this summer to compete for Regular commissions, if Army Department plans materialize. Tours will run from 12 to 18 months and those selected will be offered commissions as lieutenants in the Regular Army. Successful candidates will have their tour time credited for promotion purposes.

Competitors must be between 21 and 27, except in the Veterinary and Medical Service Corps where the top age is 30, and the Corps of Chaplains, where 34 will be the maximum. To enter a competitive tour, which will begin July 15, the candidate must not have passed the top age limit on June 1. He must pass a final type physical examination and must have two years of college or its equivalent as shown by passing a "General Educational Development" test.

Non-Regulars already on active duty may apply. Others must agree to serve at least two years, with the promise that they will not be released prematurely if they fail to win a Regular commission. Although most wartime officers will probably apply for duty in their wartime branch, this is not a requirement, but competitive tours in a branch other than the officer's basic one will require attendance at an associate basic course at the service school concerned.

Tours will be for one year with extension to 18 months if the officer's commander considers it desirable.

The tours are officially labeled competitive, but candidates will not be competing against each other but against a fixed standard. There are enough vacancies so that all who qualify may be appointed.

### It Says Here

By Gilbert

Many a great organization has started around the cider jug in someone's back kitchen—and Pennsylvania we hear tell makes some mighty hard cider.—Let's get the Penn State Chapters Started!

