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83rd Ends Successful Year

The President's Corner

By Leo Schneider

This issue of the Thunderbolt, the last one before the Reunion, brings this administration into the home stretch.

Serving the 83rd Div. Assn. as president has been a source of great personal satisfaction. I want to take this last opportunity in print, to thank Rocco Catalfamo, our hard working Sect.-Treas., along with the other officers, Re-Union & Executive committees, for their cooperation.



Leo Schneider

We take pardonable pride in the progress made during the past year. The preceding administration under Walter Edwards' skillful and determined leadership, set an example of accomplishment, that we tried hard to meet.

A new slate of officers will be selected at the final business meeting on August 22.

We suggest that any candidate you might have for the various offices, particularly the key positions, be brought to our attention immediately.

There is an excellent reason for requiring candidates to be known in advance. We want no repetition of the aftermath of the Boston Re-Union. All

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by Rocco Catalfamo

Convention time is here again which means we have come to the end of another year. A year that has been prosperous and brought much success to this association. A mutual understanding has been had by the officers and men. A much closer cooperation than ever before.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, the executive staff, the convention committee, the staff of the Thunderbolt and to all the men whose names are too numerous to mention who have given so freely of their time and money to make this a bigger and better association.

In the past we have received numerous inquiries from former 83rd men presently stationed all over the world as to joining the association. These inquiries, I am happy to say, have all been answered with tremendous response for membership.

I am proud to announce that two new chapters have been formed and hope that in the coming year many more will be formed. This goes to show that there is still a lot of enthusiasm in the former members of the 83rd Div. who wish to be mutually bound in comradeship such as was shared on the battlefield.

Our memberships have almost been doubled but in going over the books, we find that a great number of men who were paid members in former years have failed to pay their dues. We are endeavoring to find reasons to justify this laxity on the part of these men.

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Now that convention time is here, we again will meet to hash and thrash out our previous war experiences and to bend a few elbows.

After much work by all officers and the convention committee, a great program has been set forth for your enjoyment.

From here on in our cry will be "See you in Cleveland, August 20, 21, and 22, Hotel Hollenden."

President's Corner

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candidates will be thoroughly screened by investigating committees prior to presentation of their names to the general membership.

It is necessary to do this, because of the wide-spread membership of our organization. Possibly 9 out of 10 of the attending members will not know the individual candidates personally, or much about them. We accept the responsibility of seeing that the nominating committee presents only names of men, whose business and personal history bear out their fitness for positions of trust.

There is much work ahead for the next administration, and we have a great number of excellently qualified

men in our organization.

Drop me a line, if you know of such a man giving background and qualifications so far as you know them. We will follow through in our end to complete the screening. In order to do our job thoroughly, the names, with accompanying date, must be in our hands by July 25th.

We will proceed in same manner to screen the sites for the '54 Re-Union, to present to the general membership for final selection. Submit, in advance, your desired location, along with detailed information, as to benefits and inducements offered by the town in question.

It is our plan to have the business meetings as brief and concise as possible. But, we will not ask the membership to vote in the dark. It is absurd to have fellows sing out names of candidates for office, or sites for the next Re-Union, off-hand, without thorough briefing to all present.

So, mail me your names of candidates for office with supporting history of individual. And your proposed locations for the '54 Re-Union accompanied by brochures.

Also, if you propose to bring up new business at the meeting, let us know now so that we may set aside time for full deliberation and discussions before the entire membership.

We are of course open to all suggestions that will make our Re-Union more successful, or our Assn. stronger. Write me, today.

Thanks again for the privilege and honor of serving you.

Please make it a point to visit my rooms at the Hollenden during the Re-Union so that I may know every member personally.

See you in Cleveland.

**Let's Make This
A "Bang-up"
Convention**

The Strolling Sicrbbler

Due to the lack of cooperation on the part of some men in sending in news items, we have discontinued the unit columns for this issue.

The Stanley Bielen (Hq. 331) family were recently blessed with a daughter. . . . SFC Robert Sauter (Hq. 331) is now serving with the 716th MP Bn. at Fort Dix, N. J. . . . John Sendek (Signal) is a mail carrier in Willoughby, Ohio. . . . John P. Aldrich (330) writes us that Klug, Glasser and Pillon are planning to attend the Cleveland convention. . . . 1st Lt. George W. Waple writes us that he is on his way to the Far East. Col. George Ryan (Signal) will be leaving for the same theater of operations in Sept.

Arthur S. Braverman (Div. Hq.) is head of Trimount Plastics in Arlington, Mass. . . . John M. Soroko (Rcn.) of Indianapolis, is with Sargentt Paints. . . . Paul C. Dillon (331) just paid three years dues in advance. . . . Jack G. Fisk is now a member of the Texas House of Representatives, from District 31, Wharton, Texas. He is chairman of the Rules Committee. . . . Charles J. Hendricks (C-330) was a recent dinner guest of the Rocco Catalfamos in Pittsburgh.

Albert C. Bizzini (329 will not be in attendance at this year's convention, as he is confined to the VA Hospital in Fresno, Calif. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Francis Beerhalter (329) tried to resign his position on the Thunderbolt staff by going to St. John's Hospital in Pittsburgh for an operation, but was told that resignation was by death only. Seriously, Francis is now convalescing and will be in Cleveland. . . . Jack Strauss (331) was a recent visitor to Pittsburgh and was entertained by the Pgh.'s Chapter

President and the National Sec'y-Treas. Jack wrote a promise on a dinner napkin, that he would be in Cleveland in Aug. and we're holding him to that promise.

Kid Williams, Mentor, Ohio invites all former members of the Com. Plt., 2nd Bn. Hq. Co. 330 to meet him in Cleveland. . . . Wedding Bells rang on June 27 for Larry Leonardi (331) a member of the TB staff. Members of the Pgh. Chapter attended. . . . Recent inquiries for convention information were sent to Salvadore Bones, Merle L. Akam, Thomas A. Rose, Edward Burns, Harvey Windberg, Jerry Shemerl, William G. Fowler, Calvin Van De Heurvel, George F. McCane, Robert A. Brockhoff, James Risner, John Mason, Thomas Bartram. Let's see you fellows in Cleveland.

Harry M. Lockwood's wife is on the way to complete recovery after a major operation. . . . Joe Correia, formerly top kick of Hq. & Hq. Co. 329 has bought a house in Raynham, Mass., and is in the process of renovating it along with the help of Manuel C. Martin, who has gotten himself a good deal with the Dept. of Weights & Measures in Fall River, Mass., his home town. . . . Bob Cain operates a filling station and is general mechanic in Melrose, Mass. and Roland J. Dacier has bought a place in Marlboro, Mass., and has a job with the U. S. Government. . . . A baby girl for the Leo Schneider's arrived recently.



**Yes! You Should Attend
The Reunion In Cleveland,
August 20, 21, 22**

Program For The 7th ANNUAL REUNION August 20-21-22

MEN

THURSDAY

Registration
Welcoming
Meeting
Burlesque
Cocktail
Party



FRIDAY

Registration
Meeting
Ball Game
Surprise



SATURDAY

Registration
Meeting
Memorial
Service
Banquet



MEIU

FRUIT COCKTAIL

CELERY

OLIVES



ROASTED TURKEY
with Dressing
Cranberry Sauce and Giblet Gravy

CANDIED YAMS GREEN STRING BEANS

HEAD LETTUCE
French Dressing

CHOCOLATE SUNDAE

CAKES

COFFEE

ROLLS

BUTTER

WOMEN

THURSDAY

Registration
Burlesque
Theater
Cocktail
Party



FRIDAY

Registration
Surprise



SATURDAY

Registration
WEWS Tour &
Breakfast
Memorial
Service
Banquet



Greater Pittsburgh Chapter Formed

Pittsburgh has formed a Chapter. Since the last issue things have really been humming.

The first meeting was held May 14, 1953. Business of the meeting was the election of temporary officers and a general discussion on how to get new members. Some ideas were to advertise in local newspapers, and form a new roster. A \$25.00 prize was offered to the man who gets the most new members before the convention in August. Also each member attending the meeting was to bring a new man with him to the next meeting.

The second meeting was held June 11, 1953. Business was the election of permanent officers.

They are President Finley K. Heyl, 1st Bn Hq 330th; Vice Pres. Joseph B. DePalma, Co K 330th; Secretary Henry S. Hine, Co M 330th; and Treas. Daniel S. Fera, Co L 329th. Also at this meeting, Francis G. Beerhalter, Co H 329th was appointed Publicity chairman.

It was voted at this meeting to apply for a charter from the National Organization. Also discussed was additional ways of getting more new members for the chapter and for the Assn.

The wives of men of Greater Pgh. Chapter held an outing on July 11th. The attendance was very good and plans are under way for a future affair.

At the present time, there are about twenty-five members in the Pittsburgh Chapter. Div. men in the area are urged to join and information may be had by contacting any of the above officers.

Remember . . .
Your buddies will want
to see you in
Cleveland

Welcome To New Members

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

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7 Egmont St., Brookline, Mass.
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330TH INFANTRY

Company A

John P. Aldrich
c/o Aldridge Home Furn. Co.
Perry, Mich.

Company C

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Company F

George Gelety
1516 Shrader Ave., Monessen, Pa.

Headquarters Company

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1309 Esplanade St., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.
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8108 Westmoreland Ave., Pgh. 18, Pa.
Harry Holzman
215 Clarion St., Johnstown, Pa.
John J. Houston
R.F.D. 4, Falmouth, Maine

Company M

Robert B. Turner
1708 Russell Ave., Evansville, Ind.
John E. Wright
5553 Walter Ave., Hammond Ind.

Unit Unknown

Andy Ferko
887 Miller St., Warren, Ohio
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4062 Stilmore Rd. South Euclid 21, Ohio

331ST INFANTRY

Company B

John P. Guzik
908 Bingham St., Pittsburgh 3, Pa.

Company D

Philip Apenowich, Jr.
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Company H

Jack M. Ledbetter
McNair Hotel, Camilla, Ga.

Company K

Elmer Antonelli
1337 Palmyra Rd., Warren, Ohio
Jerry J. Shemerl
620 $\frac{1}{2}$ Chestnut St., Johnstown, Ohio

Company M & Headquarters

Paul A. Powell

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Overlook Hills, Willow Grove, Pa.

Headquarters Company

Stanley Bielen
266 Avenue B, Bayonne, N. J.
George Waple
18 Boud Ave., Farmingdale, N. J.
Max Schenk
322 W. Spring St., LaGrange, Ind.

Medics

Jay R. Miller, M.D.
Wellman, Iowa

329TH INFANTRY

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2 Arlington Court, Pittsburgh 23, Pa.

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George Begalla
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Company G

John Fay, Jr.
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Daniel Fera
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308TH ENGINEERS

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329th - Hdq.

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331st - Co. E

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331st - Co. D

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NOTICE!

**Fiscal Year Runs
from August to
August**

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Co. ----- Regt. or Bn. -----

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1435 Clark St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

Date ----- Signature -----

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To each and every one of us as specific days draw near we remember special occasions throughout the course of a year
It's someone's anniversary or the birthday of a friend, or perhaps some social function that you plan to attend
Important days, Historic days, Legal Holidays too, each month has it's quota I'll try to prove to you.
So, starting with September if I may upset tradition, I promise the succeeding months will be in their right position.

The first Monday in September is a Legal Holiday, set aside and dedicated to Labor so they say
Then again we think of it for still another reason, we more or less accept it as the end of the Summer Season
October is World Series time, also Columbus Day, then of course there's Hallowe'en pranks and fun come what may
Election Day, Armistice Day, and Thanksgiving to remember, each at a different time but all three in November.

In December we have Christmas and it's funny in a way, all year you save your money and then spend it in a day
January 1st. New Year's Day creeps up on us real fast, and we wake to the realization that another year has past
January doesn't have much else, a birthday here and there, Posters for the "POLIO DRIVE" are hanging everywhere.
February has to offer us three days right in line, a day for Lincoln and Washington and of course St. Valentine.

In March we have St. Patrick's Day also the first day of Spring, the green busts out all over, the Irishman has his fling
Often time in April there are two important days, the end of Lent (Good Friday) and the Easter Holiday
Next comes Decoration Day, a day we set apart in memory of departed loved ones and vacation season starts
Also in the month of May our flowers start to bloom, replete in all their splendor for next month's bride and groom.

June gives us much to think about, there are weddings in the making and from bachelor to benedict is quite an undertaking
July 4th, Independence Day, and freedom from all our fears, in the land of the free and the home of the brave for 177 years
Now I've finally come to August, in a round about sort of way, a really, truly important month and I have this much to say
It's Convention Time once again, a chance to meet your pals, to get in on the fun and festivities, **BRING ALONG THE GALS.**

**TO THE HOTEL HOLLENDEN IN CLEVELAND TO EACH OF YOU WE
BECKON, AND BY ALL MEANS DON'T FORGET THE DATE —
AUGUST 20th, 21st and 22nd.**

Harry Lockwood—329