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The President's Corner

By Finley K. Heyl

Hi Buddies:

Here is the first edition of your Thunderbolt, which you are looking forward to reading.

As your newly elected president, I will not take up too much valuable space. I, as well as my fellow officers, want you to know what a privilege and an honor it is to serve as officers of our rapidly growing association.

For the benefit of those who could not be with us in Cleveland, this year I would like to list the officers that were elected:

Finley K. Heyl, President, 1st Bn. Hq., 330th; Lloyd Ernst, 1st Vice President, Hq., 331st; Larry Redmond, 2nd Vice President, Co. H, 330th; Arthur P. Koerner, 3rd Vice President, Co. I, 329th; Rocco Catalfamo, Secretary & Treasurer, Co. C, 330th; Charles J. Tomazin, Sgt. of Arms, F.A., 322nd; Russell Carver, Chaplain, Hq. Co., 331st.

Before starting the business of the new year, may I take this opportunity to thank all the officers and committeemen for the wonderful year which our Association has just passed through. Also, the very successful convention which we who attended enjoyed very much.

As for the new business from the President's Corner, we are organizing plans to get as many local Chapters started this year as possible. Thusfar, we are pleased to report that we have

Ralph Neppel Guest of Honor In Cleveland

The 7th Annual Reunion held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 20, 21, 22 was highlighted by the appearance of Ralph Neppel, the Division's only Congressional Medal of Honor winner, who through the efforts of Major Hall of the 83rd Div. Reserve was able to secure permission from the Ohio National Guard commanded by General Zitelli. The General's special plane was used to fly Mr. Neppel to Cleveland from Des Moines, Iowa. General Zitelli, Major Hall, the members of the 83rd Inf. Div. Assn. say "Thank You."

Ted Hodum (308th Medics) of St. Paul, Minn., was the vanguard of the early arrivals, arriving at the convention site, Sunday, Aug. 16.

Thursday

The usual Hey Bill, Hey John, Hey Joe was heard echoing through the lobby of the Hotel Hollenden.

The morning was taken up mainly in registering and meeting buddies who were among the early arrivals. At the welcoming meeting 1st Vice-President Raymond Voracek welcomed the men to Cleveland and outlined the Convention Program.

Telegrams were read from Col. York, Art Moran and Oddie Coffey, who missed his first convention because he was hospitalized due to a serious accident.

A telegram was received from Calvin C. Follansbee's mother, in which

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she requested any information concerning her son (M.I.A.) Any information please forward to this office.

In the afternoon, entertainment was had in the form of a Burlesque Show, enjoyed by a number of the men.

A cocktail party completed the day's activities and as an added surprise the showing of the 83rd combat films, through the courtesy of Lt. Col. Browning, of the 83rd Div. Reserve. Also slides of the previous Columbus Convention were shown by Harry Lockwood (329).

Friday

The business meeting was opened by President Leo Schneider, who introduced General McNally, Asst. Commander 83rd Div. Reserve, who lauded the work of the Division in World War II, and explained the functions of the Div. at the present time.

Pittsburgh, Pa. was chosen as the 1954 convention site. The treasurer's report was read and accepted by the body. The following committees were appointed: Resolutions, Nominating and a committee to investigate the advisability of admitting 83rd World War I veterans into the Association.

The Memorial Service was held early in the afternoon at the Public Square honoring the Division's war dead.

In the evening many members attended a double-header ball game between Cleveland and St. Louis. At the completion of the first game, a plaque was presented to Cleveland pitcher, Lou Brissie, a former infantryman, who received a serious leg wound in combat, and whose determined effort to overcome his handicap and succeed in becoming a major league pitcher is an inspiration to his fellow Americans.

The climax of the evening was the arrival of Ralph Neppel, who was given an enthusiastic welcome when he arrived at the Hotel Hollenden.

Saturday

At the last business meeting of the convention, the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the coming fiscal year, which was accepted by the membership. The new officers were introduced by retiring president, Leo Schneider.

Horse Races at Randall Park furnished the entertainment for the men in the afternoon. A special race, called the "Thunderbolt Race" was held and Ralph Neppel presented a trophy to the jockey who rode the winning horse.

Closing out the 7th convention was the Banquet and Dance held in the Grand Ballroom. Guest speaker was Judge Day of the Common Pleas Court in Cleveland, who was a member of the 83rd Div. in World War I.

Following the banquet, dancing was enjoyed, which continued into the early morning hours.

Final handshakes were exchanged and "See you in Pittsburgh" was heard throughout the lobby at the conclusion of another successful convention.

The absence of Walt Edwards and Jim Hanrahan of the Executive Committee was noticed.

We wish to thank Committee Chairman Ray Voracek and his committeemen Bob Berstler and Bob Uher for the splendid convention program.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Continued from page one) received information that Chapters are being organized in Youngstown, Ohio; Philadelphia, Pa.; and also Washington, D. C. It is my desire that the next time I write from this position that I can add more cities to this list. As being one of the organizers of the Pittsburgh Chapter, I can speak with experience that local Chapters are a lot of fun.

If any of you are interested in receiving a roster of the men who are located in your home town, or near by, To not hesitate to let us hear from you. We will be very gald to forward this information to you.

As for pre-convention news, we are glad to report that we have chosen the hotel site and have also organized committees who will handle our convention planning for the coming year.

All there is left to report to you men at this time is that the books have been audited. We are looking for many new members who will attend our 1954 convention.

Here is some information that may be news to you; Frank Juruse, who is the Secretary for the 330th Regt., has informed me that the man who forwards the most new members' dues into the National Headquarters for this year will receive a prize. The prize will be the cost of the fees for one person for the 1954 convention. To me, I think this is an excellent opportunity for some men in the 330th. Now do we have any ideas from the 329th, 331st, or any other organization?

That is all for now, "Let's get fired up and get new members."



Look Around Boys!

Surely you can find an address of one of your former buddies.

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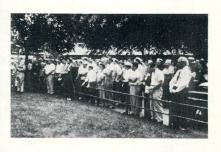












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To all the boys of the 83rd too numerous to mention, The month of August has come and gone and with it this year's convention. Our popularity is growing, new faces here and there, A goodly crowd was present from almost everywhere.

If I may digress a moment from the present to the past, I'll try my best to convey to you why these friendships last. Activated in Atterbury, maneuvers in Tennessee, And then of course came Breckenridge before we went overseas.

In camp we voiced our many gripes and countless tales of woe, And then decided unanimously where the whole army could go. In town we'd spread it on real thick then forget half that was said, Why? We got a little too much under our belts and had to be put to bed.

Our little gathering once a year brings all this back more or less, You meet all the boys, the sergeant, the brass and the guys who cooked up the mess.

Past grievances are forgotten and you find that in the end, Even the guy you didn't like turns out to be a friend.

Perhaps the word "Convention" is frightening to some, Could be that's the reason many never come. Convention, Reunion or going to town the word really doesn't matter, We haven't changed much these past few years, 'cept we're a little fatter.

As I said before, we're growing, progress is slow but sure, And perhaps what I've written may act as sort of lure, To induce prospective membership from others we may meet, So let's all get off our dead "Fannies" and on to our dying feet.

Let's push this drive for members; if one each is all we get, It will make next year's convention the biggest we've had yet. One thing more to mention before this job is done, Please if you'll bear with me it's a most important one.

Next year we go to Pittsburgh, the city of smoke and steel, And excepting for it's ball team everything else is real. Speaking of it's ball team I'm reminded, if I may, Of the epitah on the tombstone of the old maid who passed away.

Dear old Maude has passed away For her life held no terrors A maiden she lived, a maiden she died No runs, no hits, no errors.

Harry Lockwood-329th