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CONVENTION PLANS IN HIGH GEAR

The President's Corner

By F. K. Heyl

I do hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and started the New Year out right. Well, this is 1954 now and sooner than we think we will be going to our next convention. Time certainly does roll by.

It is my hope that we will be a lot stronger this year than any other year thus far. Of course, the thing that will make us that way is more local chapters. This is really what will make us go. I am not going to kid, it's a lot of work to get a chapter started, but once you get one under way, it's a lot of fun.

I have read several reports on our 4 chapters, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, Pa., Warren, Ohio and the latest one in Philadelphia, Pa. They have had several nice parties. All in all, they are rolling and having a good time.

The above mentioned chapters have had Hallowe'en, Christmas and New Years parties; picnics and stags. The Warren Chapter had a Christmas Party for the children of the Warren Chapter members, this is the kind of spirit that will mould our friendships together.

What I wish every man would do is get together with a couple of his old 83rd buddies and talk about starting a chapter. Write to us and we will send you a roster of men who live in your area. We will also give you any

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William Penn Hotel August 12-13-14

By Rocco Catalfamo, Editor

Plans for the 8th annual reunion of the 83rd Inf. Div. Assn. are in high gear. Committees have been appointed and are bending every effort to make this reunion the best ever. Although this is a bit early to make any predictions it is hoped that the 1954 reunion will prove to be a tremendous success. A number of changes have to be made and will be for the betterment of the coming reunion.

The Hotel William Penn has been chosen as the site for this year's convention. The dates have been changed from the third week to the second week in August, due to the fact that hotel space will not be available at that time. Therefore the dates chosen are better suited for the association. All meeting and activity rooms will be comfortably air conditioned. This year there will be a Program Book which we feel will meet with the approval of all members. You will find a program advertising order on another page of this issue which will explain the details of this endeavor.

Please, all of you who are in a position to take advantage of our national advertisement please do so. You will not only be helping yourselves to advertise your product but will help in making the Eighth reunion a greater success.

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CONVENTION PLANS

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burgh Chapter have taken it upon themselves to prepare an attractive program for the women who will be attending this year's Convention. Within the next few weeks the executive board and the convention committee will meet at the William Penn Hotel to discuss the coming convention and to make proper preparations.

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other help you may need. Another thing we have found from local chapters is that we are discovering a lot of men who did not know of our association. How does this happen? Fellows trying to get a chapter started should advertise in local papers and some of our men are calling in to see what it is all about. It is hard to believe that after 7 years there are still men who do not know about our association. It is true.

The thing we want, and I am sure you do too, is to become stronger every year. Local chapters is the way we can do this in a very short period of time, and as I said before, have fun doing it. So, get on the phone, call your buddy, and see what can be done about organizing a chapter in your community.

"ANOTHER CHAPTER IS BORN"

Russell T. Hite

Secretary-Treasurer

Washington, D.C. Chapter

On Friday evening, February 12, 1954, Washington, D.C. Chapter members were presented with their Charter by President F. K. Heyl and Secretary-Treasurer Rocco Catalfamo. These men, together with their wives, journeyed to Washington to make this presentation, which was preceded by a dinner and a talk by our honored guest and member, Commanding General, Robert C. Macon (Ret.)

Our Washington Chapter held their first meeting on October 9, 1953, and since that time have been meeting on the second Friday of each month. An election of officers was held at our January meeting with Melvin L. Staff and Russell T. Hite being elected President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

The group left Washington for Philadelphia where they were to present a Charter to the newly formed Philadelphia Chapter. This makes four Chapters that are now chartered, namely: Warren, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Pa. Congratulations to all those men responsible for this great achievement. Speaking for myself, and the men of this Chapter, I can say we look forward to our monthly get-togethers and as the years go by they will continually have more meaning. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you men in the larger cities to get to work on starting a Chapter in your home town. I know you will be doing a worthwhile thing for yourself and the association.

Be Aggressive!
Form A Chapter
In Your Area

The Strolling Scribbler

By Francis Beerhalter

Our shortage of news has continued to grow worse and we are literally scraping the bottom of the barrel. So, this is what we have gathered:

A number of 331st men have written to this headquarters, for Col. York's present address, herewith we print the same: Col. Robert C. York, ALO, Singapore Intelligence, G-2 Washington, D.C.

Word has been received from Frank Juruse that the 330th newspaper will be in the mail shortly. Kelso Thatilea (908th F. A.) Peroria, Illinois has a paralyzed left arm and partially paralyzed left leg from wounds received July 4th, 1944.

Finley K. Heyl, Association President, is back at work after being hospitalized for a brief period. The late Lt. Louis Mello has been honored by his home town of New Bedford, Mass. by the dedication of a square, which was named in his honor. Louis, who was killed Aug., 1944, was a member of A Company, 330th . . . Max. R. Williams of the 329th recently attended a conference in New Wilmington, Pa.

Thomas Reynolds, M Company, 329th now residing at 11 Patterson Street, Worchester, Mass., and wishes to hear from his former buddies. . . W. W. Beckett wishes to hear from his buddies of the 83rd Recon. Troop. He resides at 324 West 2nd St., Cameron, Mo.

Albert Bizzini, G Company, 329th, who resides in Gustine, California, returned to the hospital after spending the holidays at home with his family. He is looking forward to be

in Pittsburgh in Aug. . . . R. C. Hamilton, D-331, who lives in Marion, Ky., would like very much to hear from his buddies. A very nice letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Munitz thanking this headquarters for the interest showed in their son Milton at the recent reunion held in Cleveland.

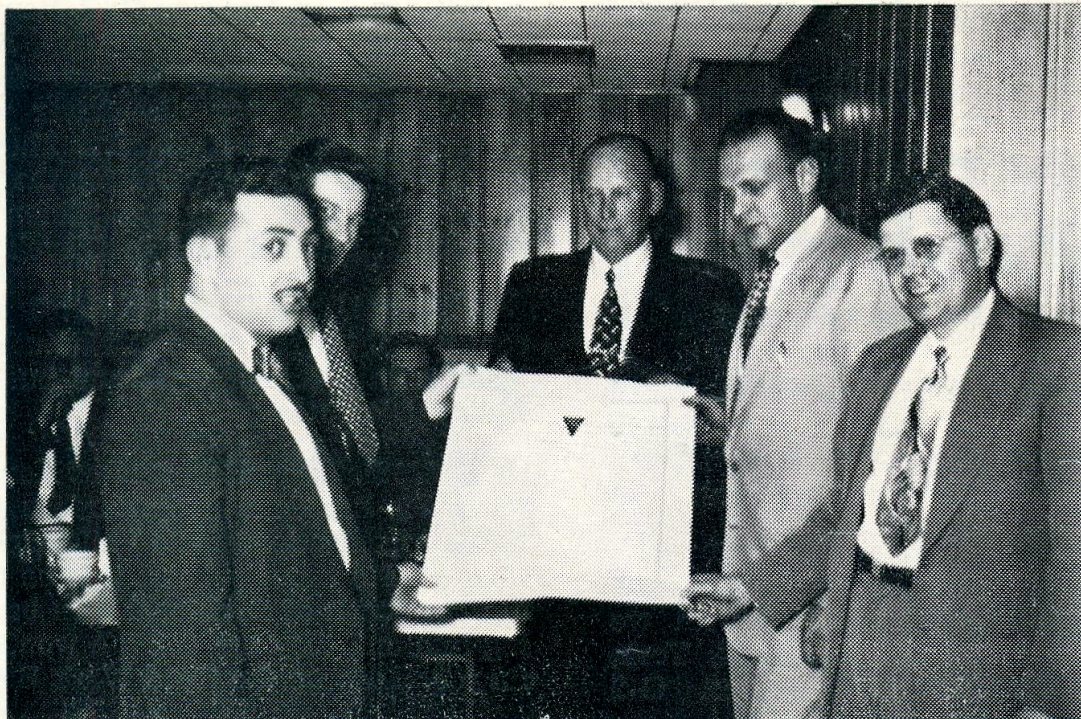
Manny Epstein, of the 331st, recently spent a few days in Nantucket, Mass. with a former divisional buddy, Buddy Glassberg.

H, 330th, Larry Redmond of Haver-town, Pa. has done a tremendous job in the organization of the Philadelphia Chapter. He proudly boast that he has a great bunch of Divisional men backing him and they are doing a wonderful job. Keep up the Good Work Boys.

Russell Hite and his men from the Washington, D. C. Chapter are taking great pride in the work they have done and will be looking forward for men in that section to contact him and help the Washington boys build a greater chapter.

News from our newest Chapter, Philadelphia: E. M. Cannon (330) is manager of Casualty Insurance Dept., American Surety Co. of Phila. . . . Charles Duncan (330) recently moved to Drexel Hill. . . . When Anthony DiAntonio (330), of Weirton, W. Va. wanted a dog, Pat Porter (323) and Frank Grogan delivered him one. . . . George Hoerner (322) of Havertown, Pa., is affiliated with Curtis Publishing Co. . . . Frank Cilinski (D-330), Arbor Tea Road, Lansdowne, Pa., wishes to hear from men in his company. . . . James McNabb, employed by Philadelphia Telephone Co. . . . Walt Sampler works for Philadelphia Electric Co. . . . James Palmer (331) employed by Reading Railroad.

Frank Juruse (330), Boston, Mass., flew to Washington, D.C. to meet Rocco Catalfamo, while the latter was there to present a Chapter Charter, and then went to Philadelphia and spent the night there and flew to New York and then to Boston.



Washington, D.C. Chapter presented Charter. Left to right: Rocco Catalfamo, Assn. Secretary-Treasurer; Melvin L. Staff, Washington Chapter President; General Robert C. Macon (ret.); F. K. Heyl, Assn. President and Russell T. Hite, Washington Secretary-Treasurer.



Men of the Philadelphia Chapter with honored guests at the Charter presentation recently made to that city by Assn. President F. K. Heyl and Secretary-Treasurer Rocco Catalfamo.

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Vandis, W. Va.
- 87. Raymond C. Savageau (I)
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Peabody, Mass.
- 88. Eugene I. Trainor (I)
2701 Elnora St.,
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Topeka, Kansas.

330th Infantry

- 75. Harry Benedetti
10 Conant St.,
Palmer, Mass.
- 76. Joe DePalma (K)
701 Swissvale Ave.,
Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
- 77. Benjamin Kohlepp (1st. Bn.)
11906 Centerhill St.,
Silver Spring, Md.
- 78. George M. Shuster (B)
233 Forrest Ave.,
Narbeth, Pa.
- 79. Emil J. Wehling (Hqs.)
39-17 Sycamore Drive,
Fairlawn, N. J.
- 80. James J. Kincaid (K)
2 Cricket Ave., Ardmore, Pa.
- 81. Charles Duncan (D)
1203 Bryan St.
Drexel Hill, Pa.
- 82. E. M. Cannon (Med. Det.)
518 Woodland Terrace
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331st Infantry

- 91. Lawrence J. Leonardi (A)
355 S. Atlantic Ave.
Pittsburgh 6, Pa.
- 92. David J. Rosenberg (F)
6044 Baltimore Ave.,
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- 93. Vance B. Tuttle (G)
1007 E. 40th St.,
Savanah, Ga.
- 94. Franklin H. Thomson (B)
240 Fairfield Ave.,
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- 95. H. James Palmer (C)
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- 99. James F. Logue (Sv. Co.)
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308th Engineers

- 8. Ody W. Coffey (Co. B)
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- 9. Jack E. Dayhoof
1243 Holbrook Terrace, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Division Artillery

- 9. Harvey E. Davis
Box 218 Station C,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

324th F. A. Bn

- 14. Philip Rosenbloom
594 Nicholson St., N. E.
Washington, D. C.

322nd Field Artillery

- 9. George Horner (C)
1837 Rosetree Lane
Havertown, Pa.

308th Medics

- 3. Luis Rivera, Jr.
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Alexandria, Va.

Division Headquarters

- 17. General Robert Macon (Ret.)
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