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Open Letter To Ass'n. Members

As you can see by this issue of the Thunderbolt your staff is in a serious dilemma. Following the past convention in Cleveland, the members of the staff met and decided to do all in their power to publish six editions of the paper. Hopes ran high, but after publishing the first edition in the 1953-'54 fiscal year, the bottom literally fell out.

What could we do? The staff decided to revert back to the four issues a year policy. We could not keep repeating the news from one issue to the next. Various means were tried to get some information from the members, but with little or no results. At the present time the staff is in the midst of doing double duty, preparing a paper, and helping in the planning of the 1954 Pittsburgh Convention program. There is no time for searching for material to fill this issue.

After reading the above paragraphs, stop and think. Do you still want a Thunderbolt? Does the welfare of your buddies interest you? If it does, we must have the news in order to publish.

In preparing this issue, we are looking forward to publishing the final edition prior to the convention. It will be published in July. Can we have each and every member's cooperation? Drop a note to this headquarters, it only takes a little time and a three-cent stamp.

And now we must give serious thought to the coming convention. We are endeavoring to make this a grand affair, and again we ask the cooperation of all the members in regards to our program book and the beverage glasses. In an effort to gain additional advertisements in the program book, a change in the size of the ads and prices were recently instituted. They can be found in the Program Advertising Order.

Many members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter are working untiringly to make this affair one to be remembered by all who attend.

An excellent women's program is also being formulated by the wives of the men of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter. The following women: Mesdames Rita Dietrich, Frances Alicandri, Frances Coates, Dorothy Heyl and Phil Catalfamo, have taken it upon themselves to make this one of the finest women's programs yet. We urge all the men to bring their wives along to this year's reunion, as they will be assured of a grand time.

So keep in mind the dates, August 12, 13, 14 at the Hotel William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The President's Corner

By F. K. Heyl

Well here we go again with another report from the President's Corner. There are a few things which I think should be highlighted from my corner this time.

The first point which I would like to have for your consideration is to date we have had very few men forward any type of advertising orders to the Association Headquarters. May I point out as we mentioned in the last *Thunderbolt* that the money we obtain through this advertising program will be paid back to us as greater dividends to our program for our 1954 convention. All ads will be most appreciated. You may think that \$1.00 booster is not much of a push, but you magnify \$1 times our membership and that represents a nice contribution towards our program. True, we in Pittsburgh are trying to out-do all convention programs that have been given to us in various cities thusfar. We ask your support as we are all members of the *Thunderbolt* regardless of where we may reside, and it should give us just pride in saying that we have contributed to one of the most successful conventions we have ever had.

Please notice that we have cut the prices of the ads and also the size of

the program. A big selling point which can be pointed out is that contributions are deductible from the subscriber's income tax, thus as contributors to our program will not lose in the end. We have men who are owners and part-owners in businesses. We would appreciate hearing from you men, be a little generous in ads. Please do not get me wrong, we are open for all contributions large or small.

The orders for Association Beverage Glasses from what I understand are coming in very well. These glasses are a good buy and I believe that all members are interested in purchasing these glasses for souvenirs. This is another way which we are soliciting funds to increase our treasury and thus allowing us to have a better program for our convention. So keep the orders for glasses coming.

As for our convention program this year we are trying to improve it. Above all we of the Pittsburgh vicinity are looking for a record-breaking turn out.

In closing I would like to review three very important points with you men. First, we are looking for more advertising orders for a bigger convention. Second, we would like to receive more orders for Association Beverage Glasses, which will also give us a better convention program. Third, I would like to correspond with anyone who is interested in starting a local chapter in his home town. So until I write from this corner again lets make these three points our big objective.

**Remember the
Convention Dates
August 12-13-14**

The Strolling Scribbler

By Francis Beerhalter

In the last issue I reported that I was literally scrapping the bottom of the barrel for news, well I think I have hit bottom, and the only place I could get any news items was from under the barrel.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of William Weaver, formerly of Madisonville, Ky., please notify this headquarters, as one of his former buddies, Ezio Alicandri would like to know. . . . Herb Gibson (Div. Hqs.) was recently made treasurer of the Borough of Avalon, Penna. . . . Manny Epstein (331) is taking a well-deserved vacation in Bermuda and will return in good condition to attend the convention. . . . A recent letter from Col. York reveals he is still in Singapore and is doing very well. . . . Rocco Catalfamo while on a business trip spent a week end in Newark, N. J. He visited with James Lascowski, Bronx, N. Y., Robert Knab, East Orange, N. J. and Harry Lockwood of Jersey City, N. J. Harry informed Rocco he was spending two weeks in Michigan and expected to visit with some of his buddies. . . . Loretta Fasseti, the young lady who for the past two years has did quite a bit of work for the Assn. and helped at the registration desk is getting married in July. Good luck Loretta and Regis. . . . Bill Klotz was a recent dinner guest of our past president Leo Schneider and both spent an enjoyable evening. . . . The Assn. just lost another of its volunteer workers to Uncle Sam—Mary Catalfamo, sister of our Sec.-Treas. has enlisted in the Army. Thanks Mary for the typing you did.

The following Warren Chapter men

were recently blessed with sons: Harold Wetzel (A-908), Mike Skovran (Hqs.-331), Richard Kelly (Hqs.-908) and George Kilpatrick (C-330). . . . Deepest sympathy to the family of Vincent "Lefty" Cassidy (Hqs.-329) who recently passed away due to a heart attack. He resided with his wife at 536 Atlantic St., Warren, Ohio. . . . George Begall (329) is a building contractor in Salem, Ohio. . . . Charles Tomazin, the Assn's Sgt. at Arms recently opened a new super market on US 422, near Warren, Ohio. . . . The Club "83" in Warren was formally opened with a Grand Opening on Feb. 25th by owner Joe Minotti, and the men of the Warren Chapter.

Edward "Rosie" Casper (C-330) recently suffered a broken wrist. Hope it mends by August. . . . James K. Shaughnessy (329), a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, was recently released from the hospital, where he had spent three weeks. He is now recuperating at his home. . . . John L. Hewitt (330) reports that the rumor concerning the death of former 1st Sgt. Thomas E. Longshore (H-330) is unfounded. Tom is doing well and resides in Newberry, S. C.

Randolph Bratton (908) passed away recently after a short illness of Phlebitis. His home was in Columbia, S. C. Deepest sympathy to his family. . . . Elmer Mace (331) is still in the service (Air Force), and is headed for the Philippines. He regrets he will be unable to be in Pittsburgh for the convention, but plans to see us all in '55. . . . Lowell Claxton (330) of Buffalo, N. Y. spent a day in Pittsburgh recently as the guest of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

**8th Annual Reunion
August 12-13-14
Hotel William Penn
Pittsburgh, Pa.**

We Welcome the Latest Addition of Members

329th Infantry

90. Col. Jules K. French, Jr. (Hdq.)
354 Manor Rd.
Douglastown 63, L. I., N. Y.
91. George E. Graver (Mine Plt.)
19 S. West St., York, Pa.
92. Stanley Squires (C)
1215 Greeby St.
Philadelphia 11, Pa.

330th Infantry

83. Phillip Chroninger
311 S. 3rd St., Vineland, N. J.
84. John DeSimone (Co. E Medic)
Hartford Road
Hartford, New Jersey
85. George Kilpatrick (C)
1718 Vernon Ave.
Warren, Ohio

331st Infantry

101. William J. Brennan (Cannon)
1960 Ashley St.
Philadelphia 38, Pa.
102. W. Allen Fisher
411 Dutton Mill Rd.
Chester, Pa.
103. Edward J. Harmer (B)
114 Oak Lane, Aldan, Pa.

308th Engineers

10. John B. Farrell
413 Pennsylvania Ave.
Dawnington, Pa.
11. Bruce Sullivan

Box 157, Jefferson, S. C.

83rd Recon.

1. W. W. Beckett
324 W. 2nd., Cameron, Mo.

Division Headquarters

18. Edward Baechle
6420 N. 11th St.
Philadelphia 26, Pa.

Units Unknown

5. Ray C. Clemmons, Jr.
308 Gardner St.
Bellevue, Ohio
6. Paul Cavanaugh
409 W. Penn St.
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
7. John Dacey
6642 Phillips St.
Philadelphia 20, Pa.
8. William N. Hamcke
4138 Stirling St.
Philadelphia 35, Pa.
9. William L. Klotz, Jr.
1843 Huntington
Dallas, Texas
10. Harry H. Swedloff
1528 Walnut St.
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

322nd Field Artillery

10. Edward A. Paulino
76 Garfield St.
Philadelphia 34, Pa.

A Thought

Take a train or a bus or a motor car and before you know it there you are in Pittsburgh at the William Penn where you'll see your buddies once again attending a convention, the eighth one of its kind. I'll go right down the line for you. I'm sure you won't mind. First we went to Cleveland, by now most of you know, that was back in '47 just seven years ago. Then to Indianapolis in the good old Hoosier state, that was one year later in 1948.

Pittsburgh then welcomed us in 1949, we were growing slowly but surely and everything was fine. As for the next convention site what difference did it make, we decided to go to Boston and give the boys in the east a break. We were and dined and entertained, it indeed was one of the best; (that's enough said about Boston, most of you know the rest.)

Columbus, Ohio in '51 and also in '52, we had to start from scratch again, had a tremendous job to do. They rolled out the welcome mat for us and each of us did his part and along with a little help here and there we had a brand new start. Back to Cleveland in '53 with prospects so slim, we kept our heads above water, no longer sink or swim.

This year we're back in Pittsburgh, as I've already mentioned, holding, as by now you know, our Eighth Annual Convention, the last three days of the second week in August we'll be there so come by rail, come by bus, come by road or air; your means of transportation doesn't matter you can see, all that matters is for you to be in Pittsburgh on August 12th and I'm sure we'll see you then, we'll meet you in the lobby of the HOTEL WILLIAM PENN.

Harry Lockwood—329th

A Perfect Souvenir
Association Beverage Glasses

8 oz. — Heavy Construction

Attractively Engraved with Division Insignia

\$4.25 doz. — \$2.25 half doz.

Checks & Money Orders Payable to

83rd Infantry Division Association

1435 Clark St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

Postage to be Paid by Addressee

PROGRAM ADVERTISING ORDER

83RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 12-13-14, 1954

WILLIAM PENN HOTEL, PITTSBURGH, PA.

This is the order blank for the advertising program for members who wish to have an advertisement placed in our Program Book. Page size is 6"x9". Perhaps some of our members who are in business may like to place an order. Others may like to contribute \$1.00 for a booster. All ads deductible from Income Tax.

The committee welcomes all advertisements that any of our members may get from their local merchants.

The Program Book will be sent to all those who submit an advertisement and are unable to attend the convention.

Clip Copy of ad to this Blank — Check Size of ad

Name of Firm

Signature Title

Address

**Make all checks payable to: 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.,
1435 Clark St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.**

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

Full Page	\$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Tenth Page	5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Half Page	25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Booster (Name only) ..	1.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fifth Page	10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		

Ad Deadline July 1, 1954

CASH AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

83rd Infantry Division Association

Sept. 25, 1952 - April 30, 1954

CASH RECEIVED:

Collections of annual dues, Banquet, and "Thunderbolt" books at annual convention in Cleveland, Ohio

Aug. 20, 21, 22, 1953 ----- \$2685.56

Collection of annual dues during the period from Sept. 25, 1952 to April 30, 1954 ----- \$2260.00

Less refunds and overpayments ----- 297.00

1963.00

Total Cash received ----- \$4648.56

CASH PAID OUT:

Repayment of Loan ----- \$ 200.00

Purchase of Addressograph ----- 219.91

419.91

Annual convention expenses at Cleveland, Ohio Aug. 20, 21, 22, 1953 at Hollenden Hotel for Banquet—including payments for Orchestra, Talent and favors ----- \$2378.84

Other convention expenses ----- 113.79

2492.63

Expenses for publication of "Thunderbolt" newspaper:

 Publishing ----- \$ 732.65

 Postage ----- 180.00

912.65

 Lease Expense ----- 250.30

 Miscellaneous Expense ----- 347.16

Total Cash paid out ----- \$4422.65

Balance ----- \$ 225.91

Add: Cash deposited as opening cash balance Sept. 25, 1952 ----- 2368.93

Total Cash in Bank and on hand April 30, 1954 ----- \$2594.84

/s/ Albert Del Cotto,
Public Accountant

Application for Membership:

Name (please print) -----

Address -----

City or Town -----

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

I have been honorably discharged from Army Service ----- or I am still on active duty -----

Enclosed check or money order (\$4.00) payable to

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

1435 Clark St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

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