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## Golden Triangle Convention Time

By ROCCO CATALFAMO

As you read this issue of the Thunderbolt, it is the last reminder you will receive of the "Eighth Annual Reunion" to be held August 12, 13 and 14, 1954 at the William Penn Hotel, Grant Street, Pittsburgh.

This will be a return trip for a great many men, but this year we assure you of a new program and also many changes in the city itself. Again you can hear the echoes of the years past: "How have you been?" "It's good to see you." "So you finally got married?" "Come on, I'll buy you a drink."

Yes, this is where you can sit down and hash and thrash out the good times we spent in the states and overseas and the changes that have taken place in the last eight years.

Under the leadership of Rita Dietrich a wonderful program has been set forth for the women. Much time has been spent in preparing it. A very enjoyable and eventful weekend is planned for the ladies.

The Association is having growing pains, a far cry from the past few years. More and more men are joining up and more men are attending the reunions.

We now have four growing chapters and hope to have more started this year. Your editor wishes to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the Warren, Ohio; Greater Pittsburgh; Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. Chapters for their cooperation in the past year, and to all the men who have helped with news, ads, boosters and their most welcome advice. I hope they all will continue to do so the future. Thanks again, men.

As you must realize this issue of the Thunderbolt is a little late, therefore I advise all those planning to attend the convention to fill in the hotel reservation card and mail it immediately.

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## The President's Corner

By F. K. Heyl

It won't be long now until we are attending another convention and the beginning of a new year for our Division Association.

I would like at this time to thank you once again for giving me the privilege of serving you as president of our Association. Indeed, it has been a pleasure that I shall never forget.

We will shortly be closing another chapter of our year book. This I do not want to happen until I have had the chance to publicly thank each and every man who has helped this to be a successful year.

I wish to salute the officers and men of our two new chapters for doing such an outstanding job. Also, a praise to these men for a job well done. I will always maintain local chapters will be our greatest asset and truly are the fruits of success.

In writing to you from this Corner for the last time, I would like to call to your attention that we will be selecting and electing a new group of officers. If you know of any men who would be interested and are capable in serving as officers in our organization, please drop a note to the National Headquarters giving the man's name, organization and present ad-

dress and also the position which he is best suited for filling. In this way, we will be able to place his name on the list for potential candidates.

The importance of this selection should be handled with care. Our Assn. is interested in having men who are willing to work hard. We should not send in a man's name just because he is a good Joe or because he saved your life. On this basis we could all send in a man's name. We want men who are willing to work hard and free to travel to vast meetings. Please do not send in a name of a man who is not interested in running for an office, because there is a lot of work to screening each potential candidate. There is not enough time to check and see if each man is interested in running.

In closing, I once again want to thank you for the privilege of serving as President of our Association.

I will be looking forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh at the Convention on Aug. 12-13-14.

## NOTICE!

In nominating men for office, the following information is needed: Name, Home Address, Name and Address of Employment and Position held.

Nominations will be accepted for:

**President**

**1st Vice President**

**2nd Vice President**

**Chaplain**

**Sect.-Treas.**

**The Executive Board will screen  
all nominations.**

# The Strolling Scribbler

By Francis Beerhalter

As this is the final Scribbler column for the year 1953-'54, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those that sent in news items or helped in any way to make this column an interesting one throughout the year. I certainly hope that you enjoyed reading it.

George Berlet was promoted to Major last October and is now Division Headquarters Commandant, 78th Division in the New York Reserve. . . . Robert W. Rowley (H-330) of Toledo, Ohio was nominated in the Primaries as a candidate for Representative to the General Assembly of Ohio. He would like to hear from men of Co. H. . . . Lawrence A. Galimi (A-331) is now residing at 102 Brooklings St., Medford, Mass. . . . Wedding bells recently rang for Anthony Provenzano (B-330), who is now residing at 3635 Polk St., Chicago, Ill.

Merrill Plummer (Div. Hqs.) made a round trip from Delphi, Ind. to the east coast and stopped over in Erie, Pa. He contacted Bill Phero of Clarion, Pa., and then went on to New York to visit Bill Kopp. On his way back he stopped in to spend the night with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hite of Washington, D. C. Mr. Hite is Sec.-Treas. of the Washington Chapter. . . . Joseph DeSantis (B-330) has made Major and is USAR instructor at Toledo, Ohio. . . . Col. Campbell sends his regrets to the men of the 330th that due to Army duties he will be unable to attend the convention. . . . Max R. Williams (Hqs.-329), Major AGC is as Camp Carson, Col. for two weeks and then goes to Camp McCoy, Wis., where he plans to visit with

Major Arthur R. Wagner, Harry Long, both formerly of Service Co. 329th and Major Francis Schommer of 3rd Bn. 329th.

Albert H. Fowler (908 FA) is now stationed in Rio de Janiero and reports he saw Lt. K. L. Scott and Major Smith, both former 908th men. . . . William G. Reeds (M-330) is now residing at 3841 Hartman Drive, Indianapolis. . . . Ezio Alicandri (D-329) recently completed his new home. . . . It was a baby boy for the Lawrence Leonardis (331). Congratulations Larry and Sue. . . . Col. York (331) is still in Singapore and wishes to extend best wishes to all Assn. men and especially men of 331st. . . . Major Patterson (331) is working with the 3rd Div. in Korea, as was Capt. Mitchell. . . . Major Laliberti (331) is working with the ROK Army and Col. Neilson is reported to be in the same area.

Word just received from Frank Balcerzak (H-329) states he will be in for the convention and hopes that H Co. has a large turnout. I hope so too, Frank. . . . Victor E. Landis (F-329) reports that upwards of fifteen men from his company will be in for the reunion. I understand Victor has sent out a hundred post cards to his former buddies, in an effort to increase attendance. Congratulations. He also reports that Manuel Martin, Falls River, Mass., is up to his ears in politics, and that Bill and Arlene Nickell may miss their first reunion as a blessed event is expected around that time.

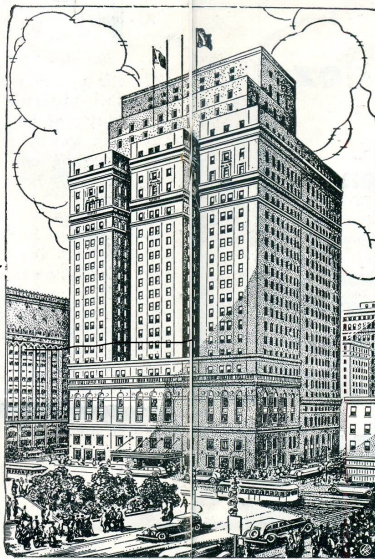
Major G. H. Trafford (K-330) is stationed in Korea. His address is Det. B. (Prov.) 8202d AV, APO 20, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. . . . Sorry to hear that Ralph Neppel will be unable to attend this year. . . . Congratulations to Greater Philadelphia Chapter for their hustle in obtaining new members. . . . So Long from the Scribbler, see you in a few weeks.

# 1954 CONVENTION TIME IS HERE !!

## MEN

- STEEL MILL TOUR
- BEER PARTY
- COCKTAIL PARTY
- BANQUET
- FLOOR SHOW
- DANCING
- Memorial Services

&  
More



## WOMEN

- OPERETTA  
(“BITTERSWEET”)
- TELEVISION SHOW  
Audience Participation
- COCKTAIL PARTY
- BANQUET
- FASHION SHOW  
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## Lots to Do for the Women of the 83rd This Year in Pgh.

By Rita Dietrich

Beginning with a Luncheon and a quick view of the latest in Electrical Kitchens, we will travel from there to one of our TV Studios, WDTV, for an audience participation show which promises to be a good time for all.

The Civic Light Opera Co. is bringing the beautiful and talented singing star Jeanette MacDonald here to appear in the popular and well-known operetta, "Bittersweet." We're sure everyone will enjoy it tremendously.

You will be entertained at an afternoon party with fun, games and gifts. You will also have an opportunity to talk with the lovely star of stage, screen and radio, that great personality, beautiful Jeanette MacDonald.

For an evening's enjoyment there will be a Cocktail Party for both men and women where you will have a chance to renew old acquaintances and make many new ones.

Saturday morning and afternoon will be left open, mostly for the ladies to get in a little shopping for themselves and the kiddies back home. It will also afford us a good chance to do any last minute primping for that big night ahead. There will be a very nice dinner, dancing, with music supplied by a very fine dance band, a most entertaining floor show and an all 'round good time for one and all.

The committee has planned a full program and it is our hope that you will come and enter wholeheartedly into the festivities and enjoy yourself to the fullest.

### Notice to Catholic Members

Due to the fact that Saturday, August 14 is the vigil of the Assumption, and therefore a day of fast, special dispensation has been granted so that meat may be eaten at the banquet.

## Bring the Ladies!



## They Will Enjoy The Ladies Activities

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*THIS IS IT—by that I mean Convention time again, time for you and me to throw away our cares and then*

*Relax awhile, join your friends an buddies and be gay, live again in retrospect the time you were away.*



*Exchange your favorite anecdotes, have a drink or two, talk about the things you did the battles you'd been through*

*Talk about the foxholes that you slept in over there, the rain, the hail, the snow, the sleet, the rubble everywhere*

*There are many things to talk about and many things to do, bring the ladies, they'll enjoy it too.*

*A program's been arranged for them, they'll also make new friends and I'm sure that you will all admit when the convention ends*

*You're glad you came, you enjoyed yourself in the time that you were here and I know you'll all look forward to convention time next year.*

*Pittsburgh acts as host this year undoubtedly you've heard, for the Annual Convention of the "Thunderbolt" 83rd.*

*For three days starting August 12th, we'll be looking for you then—We'll meet you in the lobby of the HOTEL WILLIAM PENN.*

Harry Lockwood—329th