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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By LARRY REDMOND

Hello, Buddies:

Here we are once again with the start of a new year, and we hope one of the biggest



and best years of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you the most cordial greetings for the New Year. I sincerely hope that with your continued co-operation we will be able to at least double our membership this year. We, the officers of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, have had nothing but the best of co-operation from you since we took office in August, and we hope that this co-operation will continue.

I would like to take this time to talk to you a little about a few of our major problems.

1—DUES. The problem of dues becomes our biggest problem. First of all, our success in this organization is based mainly on financial support, and your dues are our financial support. I have heard men make the remark that they paid their dues last March or April, and they are paid up until March or April. Well, fellows, this is wrong. Our dues run from August until August, and if you pay them at any time during the year, you are only paid up until August. Check your membership card, if it doesn't read 1954—1955, then you are delinquent, and should send them in at once.

2—MEMBERSHIPS. Our second biggest problem is memberships, and by this we mean the need for more members. What we need in this Association is salesmen, and you can become a salesman by contacting a former 83rd Infantry Division member and selling him a membership in our

Now is the time to make reservations!

Date—August 18, 19 and 20

Place—Ben Franklin Hotel

9th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia

Don't put it off for another second. Put in a request to your employer for your summer vacation NOW. Make it the third week of August and come to Philadelphia for the best time of your life. Bring the wife, and we will be willing to bet you that she will long remember the Thunderbolt Reunion of 1955. We have talked to wives who have attended past reunions, they insist on going again, and I still have to hear of an 83rd buddy that refused. Make your room reservations now at the Ben Franklin Hotel for August 18, 19 and 20. Our reunion committee is still hard at work lining up the very best program that Philadelphia has to offer in the way of hospitality and entertainment. Write your buddy and tell him of your plans, if he lives close by, get in the "old bus" and make the trip together. If there is a special buddy you would like to see at the reunion, and you don't know his address, write to your *Thunderbolt*, Letters to the Editor. We will print it for you. *Don't stand idly by and let time run out on you. DO IT NOW!*

great Association. We all have the name and address of at least one former buddy, and your investment of a three-cent stamp may mean the four-dollar membership of this buddy.

3—REUNIONS. This becomes another big problem each year. We try to show our members a grand time and this means a lot of hard work on the part of the Reunion Committees in order to make this possible. When you come to a reunion try to find the praise that is due these committees and not the criticisms that are so easily given.

4—SUGGESTIONS. Our great Association will never become so big that we can't

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A GAZE INTO THE FUTURE

Borrowing a phrase from one of our motor company's slogan: "There is a banner convention in your future". Yes, sir, one New Year resolution that you must keep is that important one you made to join your buddies at the 9th Annual Reunion in Philadelphia August 18, 19 and 20, 1955.

It is not too early to make your reservation now. Write or wire now. Address your communication to the Ben Franklin Hotel, 9th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., or write direct to Anthony Adelizzi, Philadelphia Chapter's hard-working convention chairman, 102 Forest Avenue, Narberth, Pa.

This will be your opportunity of a lifetime to again share with your old buddies those old precious memories that bless and burn. Historic Philadelphia will be a revelation to you. Always known as a friendly city, the city fathers have pledged to go all out to make your stay here a memorable one.

Convention Chairman Tony Adelizzi and "Little Prez" Walt Sammler have tirelessly labored to present a program for all that defies betterment. You will agree with all of the Philadelphia group that this will be the best of them all. We of the Quaker City unit want this convention to be the best and most of everything, especially in attendance.

The womenfolk were not left out in the programming of events. A gala cocktail party will inaugurate a get-together that will be talked about for years. Include your fair ladies in your plans to attend the 9th Annual Convention.

And, aside to the ladies, for the time of your life insist that your man attend Philadelphia's gala affair of the year, and above all, come with him. We want the womenfolk this year.

One prediction that I would like to make is that Fox Company, 331st Infantry, will

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stand suggestions for the benefit of the Association, so if you have any, send them to us, and we will look into the benefits that we can derive from them, and if possible, put them into use.

Well, fellows, as you read this over, give it a little thought, and try to do your part. Remember our problems, dues, memberships, reunion and suggestions.

CORRECTIONS AND NEW ADDRESSES

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OBITUARY COLUMN

We are sincerely sorry to hear of the death of Bert P. Craddock. He was Capt. Bert P. Craddock, Personnel Officer, 330th Regiment. Capt. Craddock died of a cerebral hemorrhage Christmas Eve, in Miami, Florida. His address was 3650 N. W. 18th Terrace, Miami 35, Fla., in case any of you wish to send messages of sympathy to his wife.

DON'T STAND IDLY BY . . .

GET INTO THE ACT

GET A NEW MEMBER

be the best represented. In order to make that possible I am going to "appoint" a "volunteer", Jesse Cullen, to corodinate this project to be called hereafter "Philadelphia Story".

All former Fox Company, 331st Infantry men, write to Jesse Cullen, Ridge Avenue, New Cumberland, W. Va. Tell him you will be there. Remember the date, August 18, 19, 20, 1955. The place—the Ben Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. Let's go, gang!

DAVE ROSENBERG,
Fox Company, 331st Infantry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Along with several letters to this column we received quite a few requests to reprint an article about Lt. Sam Magill and the 20,000 prisoners that the 83rd Division took in France. This article appeared in the September 12, 1954, issue of the American Weekly Magazine and is a copyrighted feature which cannot be reproduced without permission. We are trying to secure that permission now, so you fellows can look forward to it in a future issue.—(Ed.)

Received *Thunderbolt* today, great work. Am thinkin of spending part of my vacation at this year's reunion.—Thurl Henning, B-323-FA.

I shall certainly endeavor to do my utmost to attend the convention in Philly this year, and meet my buddies once again.—Jim Prentice, B-908-FA. (Ed. note) We found out that Jim was chairman of the "Postman's Walk" for the Cerebral Palsy campaign up in Hartford, Conn., last spring and they brought in over \$18,000. As a result "our Jim" was elected Vice President of the local association in Hartford and Director of the state association, and will be in charge of the drive this May. Congratulations, Jim.

I enjoy reading the *Thunderbolt* very much. Keep up the good work. Would like to know if someone has a list of former Company B, 330 men that I could beg, borrow or steal.—Ralph Hoover, B-330.

Your two new *Thunderbolts* have been most welcome. Thanks, and keep up the good work. I attended two 83rd reunions, Indianapolis and Columbus, and had wonderful times at both. It is quite a trip from here in California, but I'm planning on going to Philly this August and from there up to New England to look up some 83rd buddies.—Albert Chas. Bizzini, G-329. (Al just bought a membership gift for a buddy, Dennis Billings, F-330, who he met quite by accident out in Gustine, Calif. Thanks, Al.—Ed.)

Being one of many who were unable to attend the past reunion in Pittsburgh, when I say I missed being there, believe me. I think that anyone who has attended one of the reunions would miss being at the next one.—Lou Nolan, Div. HQ.

Maestro Editor: Hey, the first name I recognize, Alan D. Reinheimer, Serv-908 FA. Do you have any news of Clem J. Slats or Joseph Arrudo, both formerly of Serv-908. I have been out of the country since 1946, except for one short year, and would appreciate hearing from, or about, former Service Btry-908 men. Thank you.—Albert H. Fowler, T/Sgt. USAF, AF-33306175, APO 676, c/o PM New York.

I am on active duty as a Lt. Col., IG, in-

specting contract administration in eleven western states. Every once in a while someone recognizes my 83rd shoulder patch.—George W. Irvine, 324 FA Bn.

Stationed at present in Philippine Islands. Would like to hear from all my old buddies in the 83rd.—Elmer Mace, G-331. (In case you are interested in writing, A/3C Elmer Mace, AF 31199916, 6424 Maint. Grp., APO 74, Box 224, c/o PM San Francisco, California.—Ed.)

In November, after completing a month of a business trip down in Australia, I returned to Cleveland after flying the rest of the way around the world. I spent two very wonderful days in Singapore with Col. Robert H. York, former Commanding Officer of the 331st Infantry Regiment. Bob York has been in Singapore now for slightly more than two years and has another eighteen months to go. On all sides I learned that he is highly respected, and it will surprise no veteran of the 83rd Infantry Division to know that he is doing a magnificent job for the United States and our allies. Several times a month he goes out on active patrol in the jungles north of Singapore as an observer with the British troops who are trying to introduce law and order among the terrorists in this area. He has a very attractive wife and family who apparently, by their presence in Singapore, are contributing a great deal to the success of his mission. Mail will reach Bob York if addressed to him as Col. Robert York, Military Attache, United States of America, Singapore, Malaya, or at his home which is 274 Holland Road 10, Singapore.

Although Singapore is in Malaya, about 75 per cent of the inhabitants of the city are Chinese. If any of Bob York's old buddies get to Singapore, look for him in the telephone directory between Madam Yoong Me Yoong, Yoong Siew Wah, and You Poh Seng. Bob asked me to give all of your his fondest regards.

JIM HANRAHAN
83rd Div. Hq.

GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER NEWS

By HENRY HINE (M-330)

Congratulations are in order for the following newly elected officers of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Walter Poland, I-329, President; Paul B. Diethrich, Cannon 330, Vice President; Henry S. Hine, M-330, Secretary; Ezio F. Alicandri, D-329, Treasurer.

The Chapter has been fairly active since the last convention. Besides the regular business meetings, a Stag affair was held and also a Christmas Dance for the men and their wives.

Rock Catalfamo, past Secretary-Treasurer of our National Association, has been elected President and Business Manager of the Television Union in the Tri-State area.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

By LEE TITUS (G-331)

Members of the Warren Chapter, and their families, had a most enjoyable time at their annual Christmas party, which was held on December 19, 1954, at the Club 83. Our National Secretary-Treasurer again assumed the duties of Santa Claus and



passed out gifts and huge stockings filled with candy, fruits and nuts to some forty children. The children also enjoyed seeing movies of their favorite cartoon characters. Our congratulations for the fine job turned in by the entertainment committee com-



posed of John Teringo (G-331), Dick Kelly (HQ-908 FA) and Joe Nuzzi (331), also a pat on the back for George Cooley, who makes a fine Santa.

The next social event on the Chapter's calendar is our second annual anniversary dance which is tentatively scheduled to be held February 26. Joe Nuzzi is chairman of the dance committee and cordially invites all 83rd members to attend. Out of town members should make reservations with George Cooley, the National Secretary, before February 24.

This would be a fine opportunity for the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Chapters to get better acquainted with the Warren Chapter. Our dances are always informal with plenty

of food and refreshments at a nominal fee.

In the next issue of the *Thunderbolt*, a brief outline on some of the Warren Chapter will appear, also an important announcement concerning their wives.

Pictures at left are some snaps taken of our Christmas party.

MORE MEDALS AND AWARDS

In our Christmas edition of the *Thunderbolt* we made known the fact that many former 83rd Infantry Division men were eligible for the French Liberty Medal. Now, your Warren, Ohio, correspondent, Lee Titus, has found that you men are eligible for the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp.

In order to obtain the decorations and awards to which former soldiers are entitled you must submit a signed request to the Department of The Army, Office of the Adjutant General, Records Administration Center, St. Louis 20, Missouri, furnishing full name and service number.

NOTICE TO FORMER Co. E 331st MEN

Wm. G. Fowler, former Co. E Sergeant, needs verification of the fact that he was hospitalized while in service, with frost-bitten feet. Bill Fowler needs this verification before March 5th or he stands to lose his right to continue his schooling under the G. I. Bill. The V. A. has already cut his disability pay from 30 per cent to 10 percent. Bill would particularly like to get in touch with former Capt. Joseph W. Sloan. Anyone having information on this, please contact Association President Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Haverstown, Pa.

FERENBAUGH PROMOTED, TAKES KOREAN COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Claude B. Forenbaugh, former assistant 83rd Infantry Division commander, arrived in Seoul on January 2 to take over command of the 8th Army advance headquarters in Korea.

He will be deputy commander under Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, who retains command of the 8th Army in addition to his forces in the Far East. Forenbaugh went to Korea from the position of Chief of Staff of U. S. Army forces in Europe.

DUES DO COME DUE!

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards were sent to the following men since the last issue of the *Thunderbolt* was mailed out in November.

83rd Div. Hq.

Robert Hanline
7519 Rugby St., Philadelphia, Pa.
James C. Hanrahan
1816 E. 13th St., Cleveland 14, Ohio

329th Inf. Regiment

Charles J. Stahlhut, Co. C
Box 368, Crete, Nebraska
Andrew A. Zonkoski, Co. F
Box 166A, Dillonvale, Ohio
Albert Chas. Bizzini, Jr., Co. G
Rt. 1, Box 120, Gustine, Merced Co., Cal.
Ralph Nepple, Co. M
515 Archer Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa

330th Inf. Regiment

Walter Reardon, Co. B
2510 N. 8th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Stanley A. Sliski, Co. C
166 Main Street, New York Mills, N. Y.
W. J. Kiernan, Co. F
19907 Maple Hts. Blvd., Maple Hts. O.
Dennis Billings, Co. F
P. O. Box 396, Gustine, Merced Co. Cal.
Charles E. Hetterick, Co. L
R. R. 1, Moscow, Ohio
Harold L. Crawford, Co. M
Route No. 1, Wellsburg, W. Va.

331st Inf. Regiment

Stanley Bielen, Hq. 1st Bn.
266 Ave. B, Bayonne, New Jersey
Sanford B. Halperin, Hq. 1st Bn.
407 Brentwood Rd., Havertown, Pa.
Keith W. Davidson, Co. C
1539 Portland Ave., St. Paul 4E, Minn.
Fred A. Taylor, Co. C
523 Dupont St., Philadelphia 28, Pa.
Philip Apenowich, Jr., Co. D
316 E. Miller Street, Elmira, N. Y.
Charles P. Snyder, M. D., Med. Det.
634 Brush Hill Rd., Pengllyn, Irwin, Pa.

83rd Div. Artillery

Harvey E. Davis, HQ, Hq. Btry. Med. Det.
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87 Welfare Ave., Norwood 7, R. I.
John M. Myers, Btry. A, 908 Bn.
4615 Griscom St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.
James Prentice, Btry B, 908 Bn.
44 Shultas Place, Hartford 14, Conn.

83rd Qm. Company

Jack Weissner
Shoemaker R., Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
Jacob S. Levin
9713 Braddock Rd., Silver Spring, Md.
Robert Thompson, Co. D, 330
3108 E Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Joseph Zurad, Co. E, 329
5376 Charles St., Philadelphia, Pa.
William N. Hamcke, Unit Unknown
4138 Stirling St., Philadelphia 35, Pa.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER TO CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

By DAVE ROSENBERG (F-331)

Hear ye, hear ye! Be it known that whereas the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association having enjoyed a most healthy growth in its first year, a huge celebration of its first anniversary is duly in order, and whereas no true doughboy likes to celebrate by himself, all former Thunderbolts, their wives and friends are sincerely invited to join the Quaker City group at a dinner, dance and joyous celebration at the Hawaaian Cottage, Route 38, N. J., on Friday evening, February 18, 1955.

In all aspects, the Philadelphia unit has had a sensational year. The membership has grown by leaps and bounds. All members have taken an active part in its growth. All meetings have been well attended. All projects have been undertaken with a spirit that has amazed veteran organization men. Friendships that had their beginnings on the battlefields and had been allowed to lie dormant have been revived. It is this spirit of comradeship that makes your joining of the 83rd Infantry Division Association a worth-while endeavor.

This year of growth had its beginning with a select, small group who well deserve the plaudits of their buddies. Their hard work, their undivided efforts, deserve a lot of praise. To name a few, one must point to our own National Association President, Larry Redmond, whose tireless labors have borne fine fruit. Walt Sammler, the little dynamo who presides over the Philadelphia Chapter, well deserves appreciation. No project would be complete without the co-operation of the National Association First Vice President, Tony Adelizzi, Philadelphia Vice President, Paul Powell, Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Logue and John Noe, Frank McGrogan and many others who gave so willingly of their time and efforts.

The fine growth of the Philadelphia Chapter can well serve as a model for all former Thunderbolts. Organize a chapter in your own community. Publicize your intentions, write or telephone a buddy in your locality. If it is impossible to form a chapter in your location, join one near you. If you can't do that—join the National Association—have all your buddies do likewise.

For an evening of fun, frolic, and comradeship, join the Greater Philadelphia Chapter at its mammoth celebration and birthday party, Friday, February 18, 1955, at the Hawaaian Cottage, Route 38, New Jersey. For further information, contact Walt Sammler, R. D. 3, Bristol, Pa., or Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwell Drive, Havertown, Pa.

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Statement of Profit and Loss

Period Covering May 1st Through December 31, 1954

Gross Revenue Collected

Registration of Men—Convention William Penn Hotel	\$1,559.00
1953 Membership Dues	52.00
1954 Membership Dues	980.00
Registration of Women—Convention	404.00
Payment from Boston Account	70.00
Sales of Glasses and Car Plates	156.25
Advertising—Program Book	405.00
Donations	59.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$3,685.25</u>

Expenses Incurred

CONVENTION EXPENSES	
Banquet at Hotel	\$1,368.14
Orchestra and Show	370.00
Operetta Expense	55.00
Transportation	67.00
Program and Tickets	203.41
Prizes, Badges, Car Plates	139.86
Liquor and Beverages	106.29
Postage, Telephone and Tips	43.71
TOTAL CONVENTION EXPENSE	<u>\$2,353.41</u>
Membership Expense	400.00
Audit Expense	95.00
Executive Expense	447.00
Postage and Telephone	68.04
TOTAL EXPENSE FOR PERIOD	<u>3,363.45</u>
NET PROFIT FOR PERIOD	<u><u>\$ 321.80</u></u>

Reconciliation of Funds

Period Covering May 1st Through December 31, 1954

Bank Balance May 1, 1954	\$2,594.79
Petty Cash Balance	1.56
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	<u>\$2,596.35</u>
Add: Net Profit for Period	\$ 321.80
Deposit made of cash from prior audit	352.25
TOTAL CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR	<u>\$3,270.40</u>
Bank Balance December 31, 1954	\$3,266.11
Petty Cash Balance December 31, 1954	4.29
	<u><u>\$3,270.40</u></u>

Petty Cash Statement

Period Covering May 1st Through December 31, 1954

Petty Cash Balance May 1, 1954	\$ 1.56
Cash from Bank	75.00
Total Cash Available	<u>\$ 76.56</u>
Less: Expenses—Postage and Telephone	72.27
PETTY CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 1954	<u><u>\$ 4.29</u></u>

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Name (please print)

Address

City or Town State

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
1459 BEECHWOOD STREET, N. E., WARREN, OHIO

Date Signature

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

By WILL ZACK

The Cleveland Chapter has its monthly meetings the third Wednesday of every month at the V. F. W. Post 3456, at 9503 Miles Avenue, and any of the Cleveland men are welcome to attend meetings. We sure would like to see some more men interested in joining our Chapter. Next month is election of officers. We would like to see all men attend this meeting.

Albert Uridel is in business for himself. He is a barber, and from what we hear, a good one. Nothing like those in the army. Remember??

Jack Gannon is the latest father in the Chapter. It's the third for him and his lovely wife, Ann. They now have two girls and a boy.

Ben Gasiorek is in the hospital, had an operation on his knee. Pretty serious from what his wife tells us. He'll have to learn to walk all over again. Hope he will be up and around before long.

Robert Uher is the proud father of two little girls. He has an expert to look after them, for his wife, JoAnn, was a nurse before they were married.

Robert Grobelny has a son and a daughter. His daughter has beautiful long "pig-tails". They remind us so of the children in Germany. Hope she didn't have them cut since we last saw her.

Joe Bellock is very proud of his home. He is a carpenter and has been doing some of his own finishing touches. It is better known to us as Bellock's Acres. The Chapter had a steak roast there last fall, and a better host and hostess would be hard to find.

President Ray Voracek showed up late at the last meeting and feeling quite a bit steamed up about something, which turned out to be that he was steaming wallpaper off at home. Now, what does a butcher know about wallpapering? Oh, and the groans, and I might add a few adjectives which would have made some of the fair ladies' ears turn a rosy red.

George Krupica hopes to see his "buddies" at the next convention in Philadelphia. He and his pretty wife, Laura, have two children, one of each.

Kid Williams, who comes the greatest distance to meetings, boasts of two daughters, Kathy and Dagmar. Kathy is dark haired and Dagmar is blonde with blue eyes, wouldn't you know.

Charles Lysaght, formerly of 908 F. A., and a Captain, is now with Stone Buick of Cleveland. He would like to hear from any of the men who served with him. A letter to 55175 Warrensville enter Road, Bedford, Ohio, will find him waiting.

Our ladies are in the bustle of things. They are trying to get themselves organized. They had their first meeting, and due to very bad weather, there were not enough ladies present to do much, so they hope at the next meeting in February they can accomplish much more. They will elect officers and get their program under way. All women of Cleveland are invited to attend. It will be at the home of Mrs. Wilbert Zach, on February 17th.

Roland Warner is the man to beat in the father department. Rollie and his lovely wife, Millie, are the parents of three boys and a girl, that makes four and it beats any man in this Chapter.

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER NEWS

By Russ HITE (DIV. HQ)

The January meeting of the Washington Chapter was held at the home of Jack Levine, QM Co. A social evening was enjoyed, due to the wives of the members being invited—thanks to Jack and his wife.

A sincere welcome to the new members of the Chapter, Col. S. F. Silver, Div. QM Officer, now with OQMG HQ, in Washington, D. C., and Lt. Col. John D. McLaughlin, also with OQMG HQ.

Lt. Col. James C. Bagley, 329, guest speaker at the past reunion in Pittsburgh, is now stationed in the Pentagon. Hope you can join us in a meeting in the near future, Colonel.

Message to Joe Silonic: "Hi, Joe, need anything in the supply room?, from the supply sarge, 783rd Ord.

E. M. Brewer, Hq 324 FA, is reaching for his master's in accountancy at the Benjamin Franklin University. Good luck, E. M.

Congratulations to Eugene Trainor and the "lil' mother", Mrs. Trainor, on the recent birth of a baby girl. Eugene was a former "Buckshooter" (329).

Talk in Washington of the Convention in '56. Hope we can swing it, fellows.

The Washington Chapter wishes to congratulate all newly elected officers of the association and wish you a successful year.

To all Washington, D. C. area members, we are glad to receive any news items of interest for publication in the *Thunderbolt*. Get in touch with Russell Hite, telephone LUDlow 2-5377.

DUES DO COME DUE!

TO ALL THUNDERBOLTS

We have in our possession 122 copies of *Thunderbolt Across Europe* that may be purchased from your Association. These are positively the last copies of your Division's history in World War II available. Send check or money-order for \$3.50, payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association. Remember, after these are gone, "you can't hardly get them no more".

83rd Infantry Division Association metal tags for your license plates. 3½ x 10 inches, beautifully done up with gold on black background. The perfect way to advertise your Division Association. \$1.00 plus 25c to cover postage and handling.

We have several back issues of *Thunderbolt* that we would like to dispose of. Only a limited number of each of nine issues to choose from — Dec. 1951, Mar., July and Nov. 1952, Jan., July and Nov. 1953, and Nov. and Christmas 1954. Send three cents for each issue wanted to cover postage and handling.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE . . .

August 18, 19 and 20

**PLACE . . . Ben Franklin Hotel
9th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.**