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Veterans Day 1982



Sixty-four years ago this month, the war-weary Doughboys of the American Expeditionary Forces received the news that the war was ended. As the Rainbow Division paused to count its 12,617 casualties, there was no celebration. Wrote Col George E. Leach, CO, 151st FA, "The Armistice is signed and at eleven, A.M., the firing ceased. Nothing impressed me so much as the absolute silence."

Symbolic of all the American soldiers who have gone to war is Retired Master Sergeant Anthony W. Remza, 2100 Fairview Avenue, Mt. Penn, PA., who began his 34-year Army career as a private in 1917 with the 4th Pennsylvania Infantry at the age of 19. The 4th Pennsylvania became the 149th Machine Gun Battalion of the 42nd "Rainbow" Division in 1917. In WWII, he was a Master Sergeant in the Dutch West Indies, and served as a medic-corrective therapist in the Korean War.

In honor of his military service, M/Sgt Remza, at 82 years of age, was Marshall of the Armed Forces Day parade in Reading, PA, on May 15, 1982.

- Contributed by Phil and Tiny Trout.

President's Message



President Vassil "Rube" Evanoff

The 1982-83 Rainbow Year is off and running at a fast clip. The success of this Rainbow Year is directly proportional to the involvement of our members. So, please become involved; stand up and be counted.

I am making a plea for **MEMBERSHIP!** I am asking all Rainbowers who have not paid their dues to do so. Your respective Chapter secretaries and membership chairmen are hard working Rainbowers. Let's show our appreciation by making their jobs easier. How about it? Which Chapter will be the first to achieve their last year's membership total? Will some achieve it by Mid-Year?

Mid-Year - Chris Reilly is our Mid-Year Reunion Chairman (see page 3). I hope the new location will meet with the approval of the majority of our Rainbowers, and all are welcome to attend. It is important that all Executive Committeemen representing States, Units and At Large, along with all of the elected and appointed officers are in attendance, as there will be a great deal to discuss.

Our first visit was to the Michigan Chapter picnic on August 28th at the home of Lee and Marty Pawlak at Brighton, MI. Our second visit was to the South Bend Chapter picnic at the home of Nan and Herb Klindinst at Three Oaks, MI. Our National Auxiliary President, Winnie Baldock, and her husband, "Red-cap" Frank, were also in attendance. We were houseguests of the Lowell McMillens. Rainbow fellowship was in abundance at both gatherings. We will be departing this evening for Texas where we will attend the picnic at the home of Verna and Johnnie Stubbs at Fort Worth. More on this next time.

"Be a Rainbow Chaser" - beat the bushes and seek out that long lost buddy, more specifically, that fox-hole buddy who was so important to each and everyone of us in time of war. And once we find him in peace time, his Rainbow friendship will no doubt be priceless. Gentlemen, it is later than we think.

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Texas Blast-Off

Texas Chapter got off in a running start for the 1982-83 Rainbow Year with 40 present at the kickoff meeting on 25 September, hosted by PNP Johnnie Stubbs and his lovely wife Verna, at the Stubbs' ranch home located on the west side of Ft. Worth. Among the guests were National Officers, President Rube Evanoff and First Lady Myrtle, Auxiliary President Winnie Baldock and Redcap Frank, and Secretary Peg Keating.

As requested, guests arrived shortly before noon, and were greeted by Johnnie and Verna at the front veranda where a bar was set up with various thirst quenchers available. Before long, the dinner bell rang signalling dinner (Texans eat dinner at noon) was being served at tables set up on the lawn under giant oak trees. And what A DINNER! The main course was barbecued Texas beef brisket, so tender it melted in one's mouth. Then there was a hollowed-out watermelon filled and heaped with a variety of fresh fruits drenched with poppy-seed dressing, and all the trimmings that go with a barbecue, and topped off with home-made pies.

After dinner, Rainbowners and the Ladies Auxiliary held separate meetings. The men received an inspiring message from Rube and Reunion Chairman Brakebill brought us up to date on Reunion plans, urging early registrations and hotel reservations. He also solicited donations to the Reunion Fund.

Incidentally, the Reunion Fund is richer by \$57.00 as the result of a raffle held for a prize afghan made and donated by Anne Williams. Willie Baldock held the lucky number. Congratulations Winnie and thanks a million to Annie and to the ever-busy Ladies Auxiliary.

It was a grand day, weather perfect, and we thank all of you for coming. But most of all, we thank our gracious hosts, the Stubbs, for inviting us and for the delicious food and libations.

- Horace Rose Reporting

L.A. Xmas Party

The Los Angeles Chapter will sponsor a gala Christmas luncheon for all West Coast Rainbowners, including all unit and regional members, families and friends, at 12:00 noon, Saturday, December 11, at the Officers Club, Long Beach Naval Station (Terminal Island Bldg. 24). Entertainment and gifts are included.

Reservations are required at \$6.50 per person, so send your reservations and check to Donald L. Segel, 650 Jacson Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. And if you wish further information on the party or the route, call (213) 454-7015.

Prayer

Father in Heaven, God of power and God of mercy, on the occasion of Veterans Day, 1982, as we prepare to commemorate our brave comrades who gave their lives for their country — and all those gallant soldiers who have joined them through the years — we thank You for Your ever-watchful providence over our beloved land. May we never forget that our freedom was won only through the shedding of many tears and much blood. Keep us aware of the price that our friends and fellow-citizens paid to win for us the privileges we enjoy. Open our hearts to all men and women of good will so that we all may live in peace and mutual regard for others' rights. In Your name we pray.

- Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., National Chaplain

Rainbow Historian

Michael Kaehler, PO Box 83, Milaca, MN 56353, is a World War I historian and researcher who is very interested in the WW I Rainbow. He has tape recorded interviews with over ninety WW I veterans of various units, and is corresponding with approximately seventy-five others across the United States.

He is striving to collect enough detailed information on World War I to write a book on the war and the AEF, and is depending primarily on his interviews and correspondence with WW I veterans.

Kaehler would like to correspond with any WW I Rainbow veteran or his widow regarding service in France during that War, and would personally interview any WW I Rainbowner living in Minnesota or within reasonable traveling distance.

He has been most helpful during the Editors research on the Rainbow Flags, providing photos and detailed information on command personnel and actions. Any assistance you can provide Mr. Kaehler would be greatly appreciated by the Editor.

In a letter just received, Kaehler writes that he has recently acquired a three-volume photo album containing over 300 Official and Signal Corps photos of World War I Rainbow from its arrival at St. Nazaire to the occupation of Germany. He has found photos of yet other Rainbow Flags in these albums:

Signal Corps #156532 pictures the division headquarters at Ahrweiler, with the Chief of Staff, Col. Wm. N. Hughes, and a different Rainbow Flag. This one is dark blue with yellow fringe border, and a yellow "42" below a yellow-bordered Rainbow. The picture is dated February 28, 1919.

Signal Corps #156516 pictures General Pershing reviewing the Rainbow on March 16, 1919. The Rainbow Flag in the photo is different from the one at Rolampont.

Mid-Year 1983

After seven consecutive years of Mid-Year Meetings in the Tampa-Clearwater area of Florida, President "Rube" Evanoff has heeded the numerous calls to move it to a new area and give the attendees something more than two days of hotel activities.

President Evanoff has announced that the 1983 Mid-Year Meeting of the National Executive Committee, RDVA, will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26, at the Chamberlin Hotel on Chesapeake Bay at historic Fort Monroe, Hampton, Virginia.

Hosted by the 222d Infantry Chapter, with assistance from the District of Columbia Chapter, the mini-reunion will include an Early Bird get-together on Friday evening and a variety of activities over the weekend.

Arrangements are being planned, with the assistance of the MacArthur Memorial Museum in Norfolk, for a group visit, and possibly a memorial ceremony, at the Memorial, about 30 minutes away.

A complete agenda, including a luncheon and banquet, will be published in the January Issue of REVEILLE.

The Chamberlin is offering Rainbowers a special rate of \$29 single and \$34 double, plus 8% tax. Those planning to attend must make their reservations direct to The Chamberlin, Hampton, VA 23651-0007. A check covering the first night's lodging should be included and mailed before January 25, 1983. The rates will also apply for those arriving before February 25, or staying later than February 26 - providing you indicate you are participating in the RDVA Mid-Year Meeting.

Hotel personnel will assist in planning tours to nearby Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, The Old Country at Busch Gardens and other places of interest.

All Rainbowers and Auxiliary are encouraged to attend what promises to be a most rewarding event. A registration fee of \$25 per person, covering costs of official events, should be forwarded as soon as possible to Chris Reilly, 1136 Court Revere, Odenton, MD 2113.

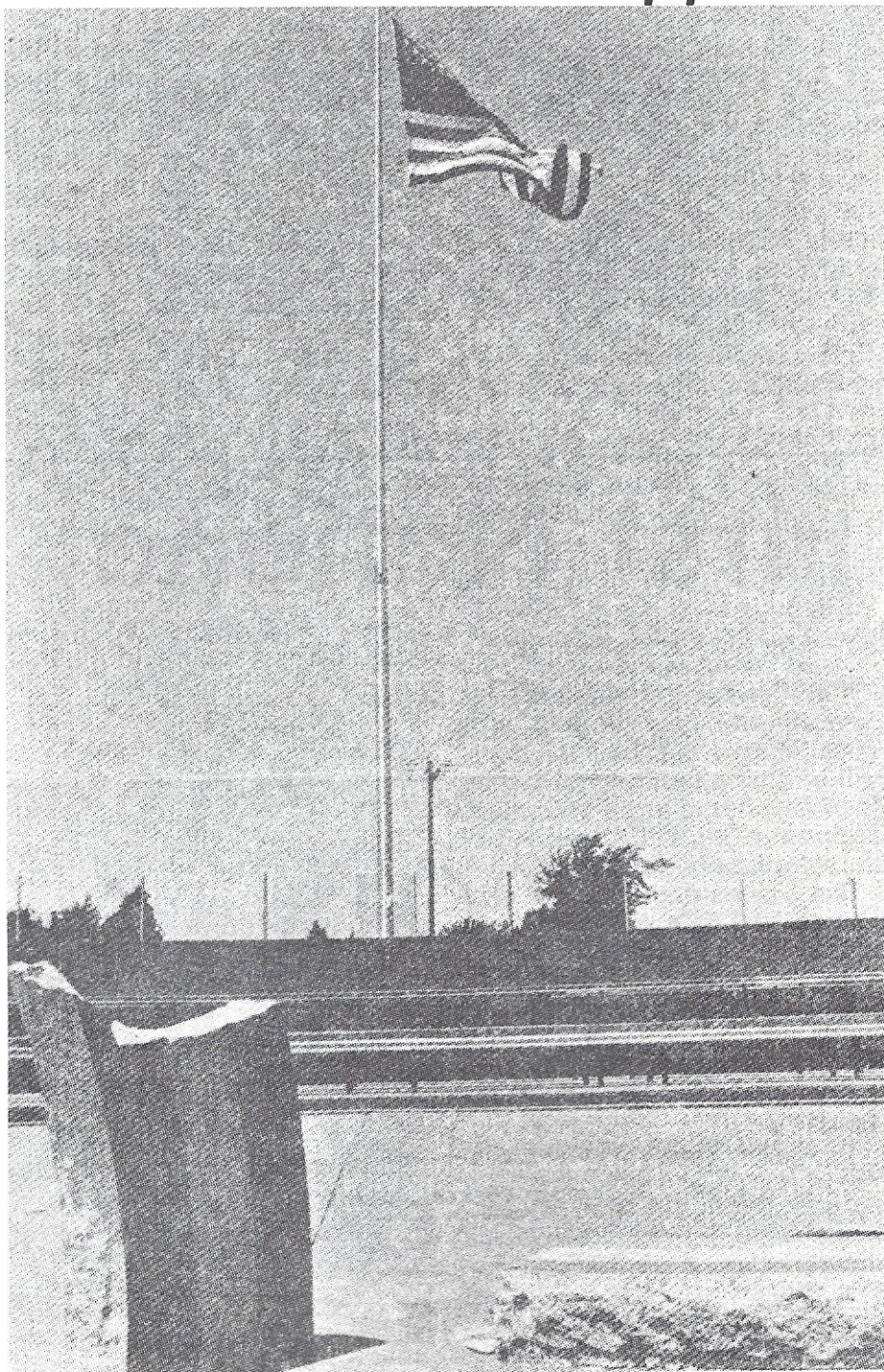
The MP's Brag!

You really can't blame Walter Duhacsek, Secretary of the MP Chapter, for bragging about the Chapter's turnout at the Tulsa Reunion last July.

With a total Chapter membership of 39, exactly 39 members and wives were at the Reunion! Twenty members, seventeen wives and two widows.

And no unit seems to have more fun or enjoy each others company more than the Military Police Chapter. Walt ponders what would happen if every chapter could have a Reunion turnout of 50%. What a blast that would be!

Rainbow Arch Topples



The 1,600-pound granite Rainbow, which was an important part of the Rainbow Muskogee Memorial, crashed to the ground in pieces during the night or early afternoon of Tuesday, August 3. The \$3,500 structure, shown in the photo on page 3 of the September, 1982, Issue of REVEILLE, was totally destroyed.

The question now is, "Why did it fall?"

The city of Muskogee says it was caused by faulty construction and installation; the construction company that built and installed it claims it must have been vandalism, although a guard is posted on the site every night; this writer will reserve judgment until further word from the Memorial Foundation.

This is only the latest of many problems that has befallen the monument since the Rainbow Memorial Association began the project over six years ago. The total cost of the memorial amounted to over \$100,000. Contributed by Al Cahoon.

Those Rainbow Flags!

Over the past two years, the Editor, ably assisted by many others, has tried to unravel the numerous conflicting photographs of Rainbow Flags, written reports and remembrances somewhat dimmed by the passing years, and the result is that we have more Rainbow Flags than we know what to do with and the true identity of some of them is in serious doubt.

The first Rainbow Flag was presented to Douglas MacArthur by Mrs. William Cummings, a personal friend of his mother, at Camp Mills, NY, in September, 1917. The source of that flag and the presentation is substantiated by many reports.

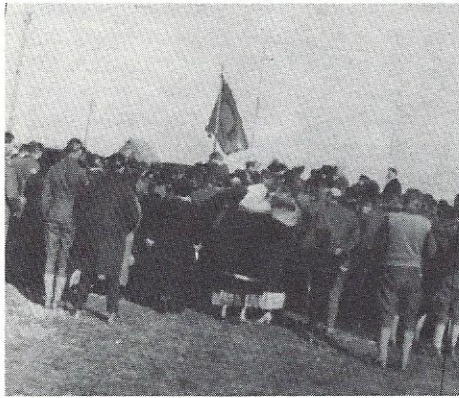
Then, Michael Kaehler, a military researcher, purchased an old suitcase containing uniforms and a photograph album that belonged to Sgt. William Sheehan, 166th Infantry Supply Company. In the album, which contained photos covering all phases of Sheehan's service with the Rainbow in WWI, was a photo of a Rainbow Flag; on the back of the photo was written, "October, 1917 - The Rainbow Division Flag at Camp Mills." See the photo at top center.

In a reproduction of that photo, it is apparent that the flag is white with dark lettering. Kaehler wrote that it is obviously the same flag that was pictured in the November, 1981, and March, 1982, Issues of REVEILLE. See photo bottom left.

Following the publication of those photos, David H. Brown, B-149th MG Battalion, wrote saying he recalls seeing the white Rainbow Flag at General Pershing's farewell address to the Rainbow Division in March, 1919, along the Rhine River east of the Remagen Bridge. Later, he saw the same flag in a newsreel of WW I events. It was his opinion that when the division was deactivated at Camp Dix in May, 1919, Maj Gen Clement A. F. Flagler, then commanding, took the division flags with him.



Romanpont, France, 1918



Camp Mills, 1917

However, a letter from General MacArthur in 1924 states that he took the Rainbow Flag to West Point when he was assigned as Superintendent in 1919, claiming that the flag was presented to the Division and "did not belong to either the Federal or any State Government."

When Gen. MacArthur was relieved of duties at West Point and assigned to duty in the Philippines in 1922, he had his personal belongings crated (including the flag) and stored in New York. And when, in 1924, National President J. Monroe Johnson invited MacArthur to attend the 1924 National Reunion at Columbia, SC, MacArthur wrote declining the invitation and stating that he would return to the US in 1925 and would ship the flag to the Headquarters of the Association at that time.

Finally, through the efforts of National Secretary Cortez Souter, the MacArthur Flag was received by the Association in December, 1926, and was carried in the parade at the 1927 National Rainbow Reunion in Des Moines, IA. At least one WW I veteran who marched in that parade, PNP Homer Gardner, remembers that it was a white flag, the same as the ones pictured in the REVEILLE.

Then, there is a break in the history from 1926 to 1939, when, at the National Reunion in Oklahoma City, OK, a new Rainbow Flag was presented to the Association by Mrs. Minnie M. Glossbrenner in memory of her late husband, Alfred D. Glossbrenner. The flag was dark blue with white lettering, and was used at every National Reunion until 1943.

Upon activation of World War II Rainbow Division on July 14, 1943, the Glossbrenner Flag was presented to General Collins and carried to Europe by the Division. There are written reports that the MacArthur (white) Flag was used to open the ceremony, but was then replaced by the Glossbrenner Flag. However, in all the Signal Corps photos of the ceremony we have access to, only the Glossbrenner Flag is shown.

At an Executive Committee Meeting on September 29, 1944, a new Rainbow Flag, also blue with white lettering, was presented to the Association by the Florida State Association. Presumably, this is the Rainbow Flag we have saluted at all National Reunions and Mid-Year Meetings since that date.

When the WWII Rainbow Division was deactivated on July 14, 1946, at the National Reunion in French Lick, IN, General Collins returned the Glossbrenner Flag to the Association. Also at that Reunion, the MacArthur Flag was brought out "and it was handled most gently and reverently as time had taken its toll of the beautiful colors and the heavy silk was breaking."

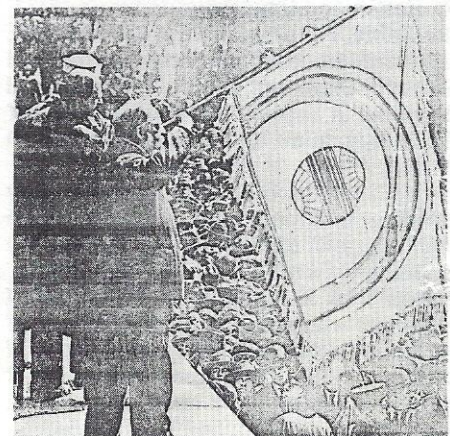
Two Rainbow Flags, one, the Glossbrenner Flag representing World War II, and another Rainbow Flag, dark blue with gold letters, representing WW I, was presented to the Liberty Memorial Museum in Kansas City during the Mid-Year Meeting on February 21 and 22, 1947.

In a letter to Dixon Rogers by Curator Mark Beveridge of the Kansas City Memorial, he states, "I have had lingering doubts concerning the actual age of the flag identified as being from WW I. No history of the two divisional flags was given to the museum when they were originally transferred here in 1947."

And there the matter will stand until someone comes forward with what remains of the fragile MacArthur Flag, if it exists at all.

But, there are more Rainbow Flags: Slim Sutherland has one in the historical files of the Division, apparently never used; there are several unidentified flags that were used at Reunions from 1919 to 1926 and while the MacArthur Flag was in New York for repairs; another flag used until the Glossbrenner Flag was presented in 1937. In the MacArthur Museum in Norfolk is yet another one that is half red and half blue, with the Rainbow quadrant in the center.

AND, then there is this thing, the subject of a newspaper photo dated April, 1918, and titled, "The Rainbow Division Flag at Sub-Treasury, NY City."



1983 Reunion Site



WHEN? July 11 thru 14, 1983

WHERE? Northpark Inn, 9300 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231

Telephone (214) 363-2431

It is located on 23 beautifully landscaped acres, has its own heliport, 1,500 parking spaces, 2 swimming pools, 2 tennis courts, luxury accommodations (350 rooms), and excellent food and drink available with full hotel services. In addition, there are 26 meeting/banquet rooms, 2 ballrooms; 40,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and 8,500 sq. ft. Exhibit Hall.

Direct airport transport is available (fare \$6.00 one way).

We repeat our recommendation that you make early hotel reservations and Reunion registration.

All hotel rooms have two beds; the flat rate is \$48.00 per day. Write directly to the hotel, stating arrival and departure dates, whether WWI or WWII, your Unit, your home address, and that you are a member of RDVA.

Please send your Registration Fee of \$25.00 per person to Registrar Horace Rose, 9706 Forestridge Drive, Dallas, TX 75238, as soon as possible to help defray early expenses for Reunion preparation. Along with the Fee, please furnish the full name of each person being registered and indicate your Unit.

Unit Chapter specific requests for meeting rooms, special functions, etc., should be sent to Reunion Chairman Clovis Brakebill, 3342 Dartmoor Drive, Dallas, TX 75229.

More Reunion details in future issues of the REVEILLE.

Battles of Hatten

Following queries at the Tulsa Reunion, we have found that there are still a few copies of the excellent book, "The Battles of Hatten and Hagenau: January, 1945," available. The book, first published in 1978, examines in detail the actions of the 242d Infantry Regiment and the 14th Armored Division in repulsing the final thrust of Hitler's armies in the Battle of NORD WIND.

Copies of the book may be obtained by sending \$2.00 per copy, plus 37 cents, to Don Segel, 650 Jacon Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

This book is a MUST for World War II veterans who really want to understand what happened in those vicious battles of January, 1945, and for World War I veterans who want to learn of the trials and battles their Rainbow heirs fought.

Tulsa Chapter News

The Tulsa Chapter held its annual reunion and business meeting on Saturday, June 5 at the Club House of the Natchez Apartments. The Rainbow Ladies furnished a delicious luncheon, and we had a very good attendance of 34 members, wives and guests, including out-of-towners Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCabe, Dell City, OK, and Mrs. Ida Gruenberg, Chelsea, OK.

At the business meeting, the following officers were elected for 1982-83: Fred H. Miller, President; Robert V. Wilkins, Vice President; Robert D. Neese, Secretary-Treasurer. The meeting adjourned after lots of good food, drinks and Rainbow Fellowship.

As of this report, Tulsa Chapter has 29 paid members for the year.

—Robert D. "Pete" Neese, Sec/Treas

AMTRAK to Dallas

Leon Schenck of Michigan is planning in advance for the 1983 Reunion in Dallas, and has enlisted the aid of AMTRAK in finding a less expensive way of crossing the country in comfort. This is what he found:

The cost of AMTRAK from Detroit to Dallas and return is \$295 per person. The rate for 15 or more traveling as a group is \$222, based on these provisions: reservations must be made six months in advance, 10% deposit must be paid for the group 45 days in advance, and the balance must be paid at least fifteen days before departure.

The regular round trip rate from Chicago to Dallas and return is \$220, and the group rate is \$165. All these quoted rates are due to be increased approximately six percent soon.

The schedule is: leave Detroit at 8:30 a.m., arriving in Chicago at 1:05 p.m., where you change trains, and depart Chicago at 5:20 p.m., arriving in Dallas the next day at 1:30 p.m.

Leon is hoping that many of the Michigan people will pitch in to make this a good trip, and that more of the Midwest people around Chicago will join them there.

For more information, write Leon Schenck, 2726 Glenview Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Auxiliary President



New Rainbow Auxiliary President Winnie Baldock, expressed her thanks and introduced her officers during the Banquet at the Tulsa Reunion.

Real People

Don't forget that the "Real People" TV Program is scheduled to show some of the events of the Tulsa Reunion on their show of November 10. Check your local TV schedule for the correct time of the show in your area.

Chapter Totals

		'82	'83
ALABAMA	Birmingham	—	3
	Huntsville	45	11
	Mobile	—	—
	Montgomery	22	19
ARIZONA	Phoenix	16	12
CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	50	55
	San Diego	8	9
District of Columbia		15	15
FLORIDA	Clearwater	35	25
	Miami	30	15
	Orlando	24	18
	Pompano Beach	11	—
GEORGIA	Atlanta	9	9
	Macon	—	—
ILLINOIS	Chicago	70	60
	Danville	10	8
INDIANA	Bloomington	4	4
	Indianapolis	19	11
	South Bend	26	—
IOWA	State Assn.	100	90
KANSAS	Chanute	—	10
	Dodge City-Pratt	10	7
MARYLAND	Baltimore	14	11
MICHIGAN	Detroit	100	50
MINNESOTA	Mpls.-St. Paul	86	56
MISSOURI	Mo-Kan	36	32
	St. Louis	—	15
NEBRASKA	Lincoln	12	9
NEW JERSEY	Red Bank	5	5
NEW YORK	Father Duffy	100	50
OHIO	State Assn	126	116
	Muskogee	13	14
OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma City	—	—
	Tulsa	41	29
PENNSYLVANIA	Behlehem	—	—
	Easton	—	14
	Lancaster	24	—
	Philadelphia	—	—
	Reading	35	28
S. CAROLINA	Charleston	2	—
TENNESSEE	Memphis	18	16
TEXAS	Dallas	71	51
VIRGINIA	Richmond	6	3
	Roanoke	—	—
WISCONSIN	Appleton	17	11
	Fond du Lac	—	1
	Oshkosh	—	—
222d Infantry		268	260
M-222 (YANKE)		28	17
232d Infantry		4	5
1st Bn, 232d Inf		37	75
2nd Bn, 232d Inf		14	39
3rd Bn, 232d Inf		24	11
242d Infantry		100	124
Rainbow Artillery		52	51
122d Med. Bn.		45	50
Med Det Sp Trps		10	10
142d Combat Engrs		22	23
42d M. P. Pltn		27	25
42d Recon Trp		—	—
Division Band		—	—
National At Large		42	34
TOTAL Membership		1,722	1,622

Gift to Museum



The above photo, taken by Charles E. O'Shields, shows a stack of books and other Rainbow memorabilia, amounting to about 70 pounds, that PNP Homer Gardner sent to O'Shields for delivery to the MacArthur Memorial Museum. The collection not only included books on the Rainbow Division, but much material concerning past National Reunions.

The Museum management was delighted with the gifts and the City of Norfolk wrote Homer a beautiful letter of thanks.

Anyone considering making a gift of Rainbow material or equipment to the Museum may write O'Shields at 6 Afton Parkway, Portsmouth, VA 23702, to determine whether the Museum can use your gift.

K.C. Memorial Service

The Mo-Kan Chapter will have a Memorial Service on 11 November, Armistice Day, at 10:30 a.m. at Rockhurst College, 530 South Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. The Memorial Service will be conducted by our National Chaplain, Father Robert Weiss, S.J., and will include the traditional minute of silence at 11:00 a.m. After the Memorial Service, there will be a dinner and program. If you desire to come on 10 November, or to make reservations for the dinner and program, call or write George Rhodes, 1009 W. Maple, Lees Summit, MO 64063. Phone (816) 524-2388.

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Membership

Now is the time to send your 1982-83 Rainbow Division Veterans Association dues to your chapter secretary. Prompt payment of dues helps to reduce costs and maintain our dues at the same low level.

There was a sad story on the local radio this morning. One of the World War I Machine Gun Battalions had their last formal reunion in Springfield, Missouri. The group was so small that it must continue comradeship by the mails. There are two important lessons for Rainbowners: first, share your addresses of buddies with us so we can try to enroll them as members. It is especially important in our World War II units. Second, mail and newsletters are important ways to keep us in touch with each other.

To each chapter secretary, - and to all others who are interested, if you will write and tell me the geographic area you want to check, I can give our Publishing Editor, PNP Hugo Grimm, the information necessary to get you a list of Rainbowners who live in that area who have been members in the last two years. The Rainbow spirit you show when you make these contacts can be the most satisfying thing you can do.

- Dixon C. Rogers, Membership Chairman.

Mo-Kan Meeting

The Mo-Kan Chapter, RDVA, met for dinner at the home of Dixon and Tommie Rogers in Fayette, Missouri, on 25 September. The day was spent in visiting and Rainbow Fellowship. Attending were Earl and Edna Teagarden from Manhattan, KS, George and Louise Rhodes, Tom Padilla, Dick and Stella McCray, Harold and Margaret Cullum, Herb and Lora Butt, Woody Dutton and Bill and Esther Hamm, all from the Kansas City Area. The Rogers also had as guests their son Dixon and his wife Patty from Fayette, Tommie's brother Ed and his wife Alice Sanford from California, and Boyd and Leona Applegate from Brunswick, Missouri.

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