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## March 1945 - Remember?

The month of March has a special meaning to the men of WW II Rainbow. It was that month, in 1945, that the Infantry had an opportunity to test its attack capabilities after months in defensive positions as Task Force Linden. During that time, the Task Force had taken everything the German Army could throw at it - and it held. It held at Haguenau - it held at Neubourg, at Schweinhausen, at Kaltenhouse and a dozen other villages as the German Army tried to break through, and failed. It was the dying gasp of the mighty German war machine, which was never able to mount another major attack in the west.

But now, the Division was intact. On February 6, Task Force Linden was dissolved, and on February 14, the Division received orders to move into the front lines and relieve the 45th Division on a line through Winnemau and Wingen in the Hardt Mountains northwest of Haguenau. On February 18, the 42nd Division began its first day of combat as a complete division.

Even then plans were under way in higher headquarters for a major breakout in March to bring the war to an early end. By the end of April, the Allies in the north had started their attack and the Germans were giving ground. The first week of March saw the Third Army begin its attack, and the Seventh Army was gearing up to smash enemy lines in the south.

The 42nd Division, deep in the Hardt Mountains, faced many problems in the forthcoming attack. The infantry would attack across mountains where vehicles and supplies could not follow, and the terrain over which the Division would attack was probably the most rugged on the entire 7th Army front.

At 0645 hours on March 15, 1945, the Division attacked with the 222d Infantry on the right and the 242d Infantry on the left. 2,000 yards from the Line of Departure, the 222d Infantry ran into fierce resistance that took five hours of fighting and maneuvering to overcome. The 242d Regiment advanced steadily against small arms fire and mortars, but through extensive mine fields. Both Regiments ad-

vanced 6,000 yards by nightfall, and the 232d Infantry, which had manned the Line of Resistance, had begun their attack between the two leading Regiments and had advanced into the mountains. The 117th Cavalry, charged with protecting the Division's left flank, had encountered mine fields and road blocks, and had advanced only 1,000 yards.

Once on the Attack, the Rainbow continued to advance some 5,000 yards each day, taking assigned objectives one after another. On March 18, the Regiments jumped off at 0500 hours, clawing their way over yet more mountains, and before the day was over scored two firsts: they were the first units of the VI Corps to cross into Germany and the first units of the Corps to reach the Siegfried Line.

Here, the attack was halted, temporarily, while Seventh Army and VI Corps made preparations for the assault on the Siegfried Line, considered by many as impregnable.

On March 21, close support aircraft bombed and strafed the Siegfried Line, and at 1945 hours, the 222d Infantry moved to the attack in the vicinity of Ludwigswinkle. The 242d Infantry was to attack at 0430 hours the next morning in what was supposed to be a weak area to the west of Ludwigswinkle, then swing around behind the fortifications in front of the 222d if they needed help in breaking through the Line.

However, under cover of total darkness, the 222d Infantry moved through the dreaded Siegfried Line, encountering only sporadic resistance and captured their first objective, four hills overlooking the Saarbach River shortly after midnight, then continued on through the night into the secondary defense line of the Siegfried.

The 242d Infantry jumped off at 0430 hours as scheduled and by 1045 had also reached the secondary defense line. Now, the German Army was on the run, unable to gather their troops to put up an adequate defense against the determined advance of the Americans. They either surrendered or were mowed down by machine guns, artillery or fighter planes screaming overhead.

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## President's Message



(Vintage 9 Mar 45 - Paris, France)

V. J. "Rube" Evanoff  
National President

**President Vassil "Rube" Evanoff**

Our next big event is our 65th Annual Rainbow Reunion in Dallas, Texas, July 11-14, 1983. Have you sent in your advance registration? If not, do so now. Reunion Chairman, Clovis Brakebill and his Committee have made great plans for our enjoyment. Bill Hanna has been working with the Air Lines for some attractive air line rates for travel to the Dallas Reunion. More details in later issues of the REVEILLE.

**MEMBERSHIP**—there is evidence that a letter-writing campaign to newspaper editors in 22 plus states seeking out Rainbowners works! Bill Hanna initiated this campaign, followed up by Jim Pointer, and they have had great success locating Rainbowners, resulting in potential and actual members for the following units: 242d Infantry, 232d Infantry, 222d Infantry, Rainbow Artillery, MP Platoon, Combat Engineers, Father Duffy Chapter, Memphis Chapter and Charleston, SC Chapter. Dixon Rogers, National Membership Chairman, has been in receipt of names and addresses as a result of this campaign and has taken appropriate steps to bring them back into the Rainbow ranks. Gentlemen, the letter writing to the editors does work!

A sample copy of the letter to the editor was included in my mailing on 10/29/82 to all National Officers, PNP's, and Executive Committeemen. If each and everyone of you saw fit to send copies to all editors in your state or locale, just think of the coverage we would receive. The end result would be a fantastic membership campaign. Won't you do your part? Let me know what efforts you have contributed to the program. "Be a RAINBOW CHASER!"

I sent a letter to "Real People" in care of Slater Productions in Hollywood, CA, on December 14, 1982, requesting information as to when or if the Rainbow segment would be shown on TV. I requested that I have the information by the 1st of February, 1983, but as of this writing in late January, I have had no response.



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## In Memoriam



Lt Col Chris Reilly

Lieutenant Colonel Chris Reilly, AUS-  
Ret, passed Over the Rainbow at Walter  
Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., on  
Saturday, January 28, 1983, after a short  
illness.

A dedicated Rainbower and Reunion  
attendee, Chris was President-Elect of the  
222d Infantry Chapter. He was involved as  
Chairman in preparation for the 1983  
Rainbow Mid Year Executive Meeting in  
Hampton, Virginia, at the time of his  
death.

Funeral services were held at the Post  
Chapel, Fort Meade, Maryland, with in-  
terment at Arlington National Cemetery,  
Arlington, Virginia, with full military  
honors on Thursday, February 3, 1983.

Col. Reilly is survived by his wife, Irene,  
of Odenton, Maryland, and their five  
children.

## March 1945

(continued from page 1)

In just 24 hours after the Rainbow broke  
through the Siegfried Line, it took 2,000  
prisoners and culminated a drive of 15  
miles through the rugged Hardt Mountains  
to capture the strategic city of Dahn.

Yes, March is a month to be remem-  
bered by the men of the World War II  
Rainbow Division. Although the Rainbow  
fought decisive battles thereafter,  
primarily for key cities on the way to  
Munich-Wurzburg, Schweinfurt and  
Nurnburg-the defeat of Hitler's Armies in  
the Hardt Mountains and the rupture of the  
Siegfried Line spelled doom to the German  
dream of world domination.

## Prayer

## Let Us Pray.

Father in Heaven, as we look toward  
another spring with its new life and  
beauty, we ask You to guide the course of  
world events so that all people everywhere  
may enjoy the freedom and happiness that  
are our most cherished possessions. Make  
it possible for everyone to serve You in  
freedom. May we be messengers of Your  
love in this world of fragil peace and  
broken promises. Touch the hearts of all  
men with Your love so that they in turn  
may come to love one another. As new life  
breaks forth in our gardens and fields,  
may new determination spring up in our  
hearts to make life better for those around  
us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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

## Rainbow U

We are in receipt of the third Issue of  
**Pad and Pencil**, the weekly newspaper  
edited by students of Rainbow University,  
Zell am See, Austria, in 1945. The copies  
were provided by James Roman, listed as  
Associate Editor, of Indianapolis, Indiana,  
and a former member of the 42nd Recon  
Troop.

One is impressed with the range of  
studies offered by Rainbow U., and the  
many field trips affording practical ex-  
perience in such things as beef production  
and experiments on glacial measurement.  
Studies offered by the University ranged  
from logic to biology, Shakespeare,  
economics, geography, advertising, ad-  
vanced accounting, English Lit,  
psychology, geology and on down to  
football. Yes, Rainbow U had a football  
team, and notable among the stalwarts  
was one Pfc. Phil Trout, also of the 42nd  
Recon Troop.

It is a relief to read, however, that all  
was not cram and grind. There was time to  
appraise the salutary effects of the Red  
Cross Girls who were an integral part of  
campus life, the Sunday night dances with  
Austrian maidens determined to teach the  
Americans the Viennese Waltz, and an-  
nouncement of the grand opening of a Post  
Exchange.

Life was also made easier by the  
Saturday evening appearances of Austrian  
classical musicians, and on one occasion,  
the Rainbow Division Band.

But perhaps of greater importance is the  
fact that the Rainbow University was fully  
accredited and credits earned there were  
transferrable to colleges and universities  
throughout the United States.

Obviously, only serious students bent on  
making up their lost years in the Army  
would voluntarily assume the academic  
burden imposed on them at Rainbow U,  
and many of them no doubt went on to  
further their education when they were  
discharged.



# Chapter Newsbriefs

## Muskogee Memorial Chapter

At our October 5th Meeting, the dates of laying the wreath at the Rainbow Memorial were changed. The new dates for placing the wreath are Memorial Day and Veterans Day only.

The Chapter is proud to say that we now have 22 members and 26 contributing members. We put out a fairly good newsletter, which even "Slim" Sutherland thought was very good. Some of you Rainbow men are missing the boat.

—Leo M. Elsky, Sec/Treas.

## Ohio Association

The 1983 Ohio State Reunion will be held at the Howard Johnson's North, Columbus, Ohio, on June 11, 12 and 13. The Ohio Reunion can no longer be held in downtown Columbus because the hotels where the Reunion was previously held have either gone out of business or have been torn down. The prices at the remaining downtown hotels are prohibitive.

A block of thirty rooms has been reserved for the State Reunion.

—Norm McClelland, Editor

## Michigan Chapter

The Hilton International Hotel, site of the '84 Rainbow Reunion in Windsor, is under construction and work is proceeding rapidly. It is located on Riverside Drive, adjacent to Cleary Auditorium. The Holiday Inn is across the street on Riverside Drive, and just one block away.

All Reunion Committees have been formed and are functioning. They're bracing for a record attendance, possibly as many as 700 to 800, because of the large number of Rainbowmen in the North Central States.

—Leon Schenck, Chairman, Reunion Committee.

## South Carolina Chapter

We met jointly with the Auxiliary for our Annual Affair at The Ramada Inn, West Columbia, SC, at noon on November 14th. We were honored to have our National President, Vassil Evanoff, Mrs. Evanoff, National Sergeant-at-Arms Charles Ferranti, Mrs. Ferranti, National Auxiliary President Winnie Baldock and Mr. Baldock join with us on this occasion. This was the largest meeting we have had in some years. There were sixteen others in attendance.

We had a social period, a short business meeting and lunch, followed by short talks by our visiting Presidents. We elected our

officers, Cornelius A. Dufford, Sr., President; Willis S. Gardner, Vice-President; and W. W. Muckenfuss, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

—W. W. Muckenfuss, Sec/Treas

## Michigan Chapter

The trip to the Dallas Reunion by AM-TRAK is now assured with 15 reservations in, to depart Dearborn on July 10, change trains in Chicago and arrive in Dallas at 1:15 p.m. on July 11. The return trip leaves Dallas on July 15 and arrives in Dearborn at 11:19 p.m. on July 16. Between Chicago and Dallas, full dinner service will be offered with a wide range of entrees from spaghetti and meatballs for \$2.75 to prime ribs for \$10.95. Full details concerning baggage, seat and dinner reservations and fare may be obtained by writing to Leon Schenck not later than June 1, the date of reservation cut-off.

## Ohio Association

Ohio has been losing members who have "Passed Over the Rainbow" and there are no new members coming in or being reinstated. The big problem in bringing in WW II Rainbowers is a most difficult task as most are joining National Unit Chapters, a trend that is hurting State Associations. The only Unit Chapter which has continued to be part of a State Association is the 132nd Signal Company of Youngstown.

—Norm McClelland, Editor

## Tulsa Chapter

The Tulsa World War I Last Man's Club is now down to three members, Paul Havenstrite, Arthur F. Brock and Amos V. Todd. The famous bottle of wine was purchased by Rainbow veteran Ross Warner 25 years ago, and the club has decided that the last two men will drink it together. At 88, Havenstrite is the oldest member of the Tulsa Rainbow Chapter, and he said the others tease that he won't be the one lifting his glass. But Havenstrite has other plans. "I'll take two weeks to drink it, I guess," he said.

## Des Moines

And in Des Moines, yet another of the Company "E" Last Man's Club has passed Over the Rainbow. George Johnson died at the age of 89 years. He was in Shenendoah's Company "E" of the Iowa National Guard when it was called to duty with the Rainbow Division in 1917, and he was seriously wounded in the Battle of the Marne in 1918.

## The First Reunion

In the January, 1981, Issue of REVEILLE, we showed you page one of Vol. I, No. 1, of the Rainbow REVEILLE, published in September, 1920, by A. G. Brown of Columbus, Ohio.

We have wanted to bring you more of our historic documents, and with the dearth of material this month, this is a good time to do it.

Reproduced on the facing page is page 3 of that first REVEILLE. It describes in some detail the events of the first Rainbow Reunion on July 13-15, 1920, in Birmingham, Alabama, and includes a tribute to Col. Benson W. Hough, former commander of the 166th Infantry Regiment.

Why don't we have a watermelon feast at one of our Reunions some year?

## Battery "D" 151st F.A.

Speaking of "Last Man's Clubs," as we were in the adjacent column, perhaps the largest and most impressive such club is part of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter. It is Battery "D", 151st Field Artillery Last Man's Club, and is so well organized that it even has its own Coat of Arms. The Editor of the Minnesota News wrote:

"It is a pleasure to have the opportunity and honor to express to each member of 'D' Battery Last Man's Club our sincere and happy congratulations for his loyalty in perpetuating the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of the RDVA.

"Each of us is proud to have had the privilege of knowing you, and we salute you for the many years of service you have given and the responsibilities you have taken for the finest Veteran's Organization in our land."

Battery "D" served on the Mexican Border from June 30, 1916, to February 28, 1917, and participated in the Luneville, Baccarat, Souain-Champagne, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Essey-Pannes, Argonne-Meuse campaigns, and the Army of Occupation.

For the current Membership Year, sixteen members of Battery "D" are members of the Chapter, the largest of any unit in the Chapter. They are:

Ben Bory  
Bert Chreiman  
Rollo D. Grover  
Harold LeJeunesse  
Arthur H. Morshare  
Alfred B. Mueller  
John J. Murray  
Hugo W. Neumuth  
Clarence E. Ohman  
Thomas S. Page  
Einar T. Pettersen  
Carl A. Robohm  
Richard H. Romadke  
Russell W. Sargent  
Keith H. South  
Robert G. Stebbins



## THE RAINBOW REVEILLE

### RAINBOW DIVISION HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL REUNION

More than three thousand veterans of the Rainbow Division gathered at Birmingham, Alabama, July 13-15, for the First Annual Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association. Men were present from nearly every state in the Union, from the Pacific Coast to far New England, and from Canada to the Mexican border, and from General to Buck, they were "buddies" again for the first time since the return of the Division from the battlefields of the Great War.

Alabama (167th Infantry) played hosts to the entire division, and the boys of that famous regiment know how to entertain just as well as they knew how to fight. If there was anything lacking in the true southern hospitality that the Rainbow Veterans experienced while south of the Mason and Dixon Line, the writer has not been able to find it.

The Second Annual Reunion will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, July 14-16, 1921. Ohio furnished the 166th Infantry Regiment of the Rainbow Division. Colonel Benson W. Hough, the first President of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, was commander of this regiment throughout the war.

Among the noted men to address the Convention were Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, U. S. Senator from Alabama; Lieut. Gov. Miller of Alabama, Commissioner Hornady of the city of Birmingham; Lieut. Vincent de Wierzebicki, French High Commission; Dr. A. O. Browne, President of the Gold Star League of America; Father Francis P. Duffy, Chaplain of the Rainbow Division Veterans; Benson W. Hough, President of the Rainbow Division Veterans; Col. George E. Leach, Treasurer of the Rainbow Division Veterans; Col. Wm. P. Screws, former commander 167th Infantry and President Alabama Rainbow Veterans.

One of the most attractive features of the occasion was the boxing bout staged by the Birmingham Athletic Association. This fistic exhibition was put on at Rickwood Park before about five thousand fans, the majority of whom were Rainbow men. All participants were ex-service men who had been induced to come to Birmingham to give the boys another glimpse of this popular army pastime. We were told boxing is prohibited in Alabama and that the event would not be permitted, but it was. Germany said that the Argonne was impregnable too, and it was until the American doughboy hit it.

On the last day of the Convention, the veterans marched in review before the citizens of Birmingham. And how different it seemed in contrast with the parade of just one year before when the 167th Infantry had marched through the streets of that same city, still under orders and at attention. The parade was formed by Chapters, while the wounded soldiers, and those otherwise unable to make the hike, were carried in automobiles. Passing over the Rainbow

Viaduct, the parade broke up in Capital Park where the entertainment committee had provided several car loads of iced watermelon. Talk about a melon contest, well, you never saw one unless you were fortunate enough to be at this one.

The business session of the Convention extended over the three days. Adjournment was had on Wednesday, after election of officers for the coming year: Mat. A. Tinley, (Iowa), President; Wm. P. Screws, (Alabama), Hon. President; W. E. Talbot, (Texas), 1st V. President; R. A. Mead, (Illinois), 2nd V. President; John Wirsching, (California), 3rd V. President; Geo. E. Leach, (Minn.), Treasurer; A. G. Brown, (Ohio), Secretary; Father F. P. Duffy, (N. Y.), Chaplain; Walter B. Wolf, (Illinois), Historian.

Important measures considered and passed upon by the convention are dealt with elsewhere in this issue under the following captions:

Rainbow Memorial, Changes in Constitution, Eligibility, Auxiliaries, Divisional Magazine, Dues, Resolutions.



Benson W. Hough

### A TRIBUTE

It is with a great deal of respect and admiration for our able leader of the past year, Col. Benson W. Hough, Delaware, Ohio, former commander of the 166th Infantry Regiment, that the editor calls your attention to what has been accomplished by the Rainbow Division Veterans in its first year. Sailing was not always smooth and an occasional sub-marine was encountered but nothing could shatter or weaken the faith of our experienced commander whose dominant aim was to carry on and cement the comradeship that grew out of nearly two years' service in the front line. The Association has organized in each of the twenty-seven states with a membership of 12,571 to July 1st, 1920. Sub-chapter organizations have been effected in more than fifty cities where companies or batteries were originally recruited, and a number of auxiliaries formed. Taken as a whole, and in the light of our scattered membership, the first year has been one of remarkable growth. To launch the Association and make it seaworthy was no small task and our success in this direction is evidence of a trust well placed.

The Editor.



## President's Travels

Continuing with the President's travels: We attended the Florida State Chapter Meeting and Christmas Party at Clearwater on December 4, 1982, and on December 2, we attended the Orlando Chapter Christmas Party. We enjoyed great Rainbow fellowship at both of these meetings. The Evanoffs were house guests of Andree and Joe Rosalia at Orlando.

On December 19, we attended the Tulsa Chapter Christmas Party at the home of Ed and Vi Neese. Auxiliary President Winnie Baldock and her Red-cap Frank were also in attendance. More good Rainbow fellowship was enjoyed by all who were there. The evening was climaxed by attending the presentation of the "Living Christmas Tree" at the First Baptist Church of Tulsa. A very befitting and enjoyable way to celebrate the Holiday Season. We were house guests of Bea and Fred Miller while we were in Tulsa.

We have enjoyed all our Rainbow travels and the great Rainbow fellowship so far and we are looking forward to our travels in 1983.

**Be sure to make your plans for Dallas!!**

### You Gotta Find 'Em!

One has to wonder if we all are doing everything we can to locate ex-Rainbow soldiers and bring them into the Association. Most of us give lip service to the exhortations of the Membership Chairman and others to beat the bushes and find them. Well, some people are doing something about it.

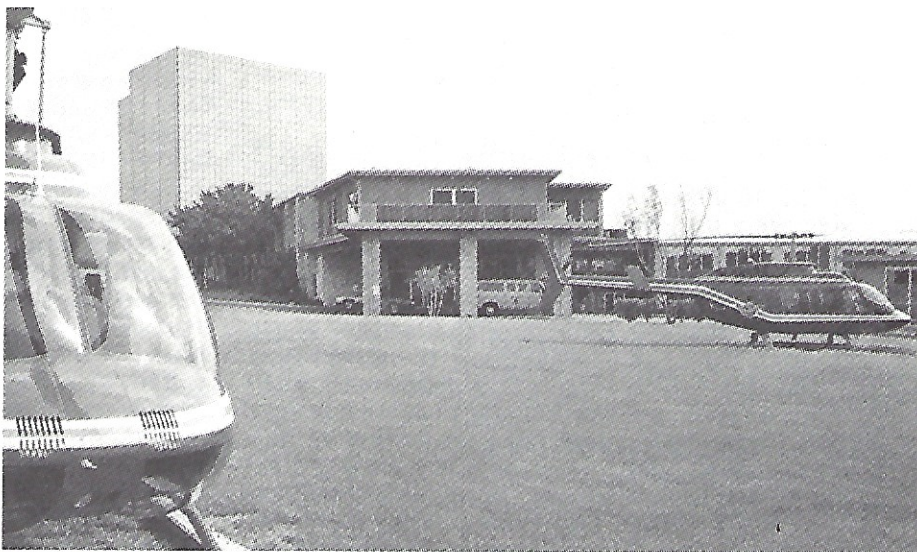
Secretary Peg Keating ran a small article in the San Antonio *Light* in January 23, telling about the Dallas Reunion and inviting former members of Rainbow to contact her. One man, who has never been in the Association, called her and they had a long conversation. Then she sent him copies of the REVEILLE, a Rainbow decal and the addresses of the Sec/Treas of the 1st Bn, 232d Infantry Chapter. It turned out that he lived only five minutes from her home!

Phil Oberkiser wrote a letter to the editor of the Fort Wayne *News-Sentinel* of January 12, asking for assistance in locating Rainbow veterans of either war. He expounded on the joys and benefits of belonging to the Association and asking that Rainbow veterans write to Rube Evanoff or James Pointer. It's too early to know whether his letter resulted in locating any stray lambs, but at least he tried.

This is an effort that costs nothing, except the energy to write a letter or article. Why not try it in your area. You might be surprised with the results.

And please let the Membership Chairman and the Editor know what technique you used and how well it worked.

## Big "D" in '83 - Be There!



The above photo shows the front entrance of the North Park Inn, site of the 1983 Rainbow Reunion in Dallas, Texas. The bright red helicopters (believe me!) parked on the hotel helipad are an everyday sight in Dallas as businessmen rush to meetings, to catch flights and to keep appointments on a busy day. However, the choppers are available for private flights over the city if you want a real thrill and have never flown in one of the things before. It is an entirely different experience from flying in jumbo jets - a more personal thing. Perhaps we'll get a chance to try them out. Are you game?

"Big D in '83" should be the No. 1 priority of every Rainbower. If you have not already done so, please make your hotel reservations and Reunion Pre-Registration now, TODAY.

Requests for hotel reservations should be sent direct to North Park Inn, 9300 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231. Tel. (214) 363-2431. Be sure to mention RDVA Reunion; state arrival and departure dates; whether WW 1 or WW2; your Service Unit and your home address. All rooms have two beds; flat rate of \$48.00. IMPORTANT - Reservations must be made NO LATER than 27 June.

A limited supply of pre-printed reservation postcards is available for distribution to chapter secretaries if requested. Requests for the desired number of cards may be sent to Reunion Chairman Clovis Brakebill, 3342 Dartmoor Drive, Dallas, TX 75229, or to Registrar Horace Rose.

Send Registration Fee of \$25.00 per person to Registrar Horace Rose, 9706 Forestridge Drive, Dallas, TX 75238, and furnish full name of each person being registered, indicating Service Unit, if any. This also is a "do it now." Remember those long registration lines at Tulsa? Do yourself a favor by pre-registering and avoid a repetition of the same in Dallas.

As of 19 January, North Park Inn reports the receipt of 46 room reservations and Registrar Rose has received 57 pre-registrations.

In answer to inquiries concerning facilities at North Park to accommodate Motor Homes or RV's - parking of such vehicles will be permitted but there are no hook-up facilities and no RV Parks in the vicinity.

Reunion plans are progressing on schedule and we believe that you will like what is being planned for your enjoyment. So, let's get with it and submit reservation requests and pre-registrations pronto, and permit us to report a better count along with more detailed plans in the next Issue.

- Horace Rose, Scribe

## Chapter Secretaries

Please send name, unit and date of death of all members who have died this year to the National Secretary. She MUST have your list by March 15 for them to appear in the Memorial File in the May REVEILLE. If you have already sent your list in, please don't repeat it.

## Wanted!

Chapter news, articles and photographs of national interest. REVEILLE Editors files of background material being depleted by lack of new material. Would much prefer to stop re-fighting the wars and get on with events of the present. HELP!



## Chapter Totals

ALABAMA	Birmingham	5	5
	Huntsville	69	42
	Montgomery	22	19
ARIZONA	Phoenix	25	22
CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	56	55
	San Diego	9	9
District of Columbia		20	18
FLORIDA	Clearwater	45	35
	Miami	20	15
	Orlando	24	18
	Pompano Beach	11	18
GEORGIA	Atlanta	11	11
	Macon	10	11
ILLINOIS	Chicago	70	60
	Danville	10	8
INDIANA	Bloomington	4	4
	Indianapolis	20	11
	South Bend	28	23
IOWA	State Assn.	110	95
KANSAS	Chanute	13	11
	Dodge City-Pratt	10	7
MARYLAND	Baltimore	18	17
MICHIGAN	Detroit	65	80
MINNESOTA	Mnpls-St. Paul	97	84
MISSOURI	MO-KAN	38	35
	St. Louis	18	15
NEBRASKA	Lincoln	14	14
NEW JERSEY	Red Bank	8	5
NEW YORK	Father Duffy	125	100
OHIO	Ohio Association	172	116
OKLAHOMA	Muskogee	9	21
	Oklahoma City	13	8
	Tulsa	42	30
PENNSYLVANIA	Easton	4	14
	Lancaster	29	26
	Philadelphia	22	20
	Reading	35	32
S. CAROLINA	Charleston	14	13
TENNESSEE	Memphis	18	16
TEXAS	Dallas	114	93
VIRGINIA	Richmond	7	6
	Roanoke	9	00
WISCONSIN	Appleton	17	12
	Fond Du Lac	1	1
National-At-Large		65	45
UNIT CHAPTERS:			
222d Infantry		490	371
M-222d Inf, YANKE		42	35
Hdqrs, 232d Infantry		25	8
1st Bn, 232d Infantry		90	100
2nd Bn, 232d Infantry		60	65
3rd Bn, 232d Infantry		60	25
242d Infantry		175	157
Rainbow Artillery		112	129
122nd Medical Battalion		51	50
Med. Det. Spec. Tps		10	10
142nd Combat Engineers		29	29
42nd M. P. Platoon		39	34
42nd Recon Troop		13	13
Division Band		29	16
TOTALS		2,771	2,332

## The War Bonnet

Jack R. Hildreth

A few weeks ago I went to Arlington National Cemetery and obtained the enclosed information in answer to Mrs. Ada Hutto's request in the March, 1982 Issue of REVEILLE.

Incidentally, the day I was at the cemetery, one of the WW II Divisions, 103rd, I think, was having a wreath laying ceremony at the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers. I was wondering if the Rainbow has ever done this. If not, and if the Association would be interested, I would be happy to make all the necessary contacts and arrangements.

During the entombment of the Unknown Soldier of World War I at the Memorial Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery, on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, Chief Plenty Coups of the Crow Nation was present wearing a feathered headdress and bearing his coup sticks. He briefly placed the war bonnet and coup sticks on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in tribute from all American Indians.

Chief Plenty Coups was the last of the great chiefs of the Crow Nation in Montana. Early in 1920, the US Army Signal Corps gave Chief Plenty Coups his personal flag, but misspelled his name "Coos." During the 1921 entombment ceremony, the official program showed his name misspelled. (Coups is French meaning blows. Coup sticks are symbols of having dealt the enemy decisive blows.)

During a ceremony on October 16, 1974, in the office of Secretary of the Interior Rogers Morton, Vincent Goes Ahead, hereditary guardian of Chief Plenty Coups flag, returned the flag to Colonel Eugene R. Bruer, representing the Military District of Washington.

The flag coup sticks and feathered headdress are now on display in Wall Cabinet #1, first floor, Arlington Memorial Amphitheater Trophy Room, about fifty feet from the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers.

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## Membership

The January REVEILLE showed membership in November '82 to be about 300 behind the membership in November '81. If we take into account those who have passed over the Rainbow, we are still below where we should be by 100 members.

It is interesting to compare the November '81 totals with the November '82 totals. In November '81, the members were distributed as follows: 58% belonged to local geographical chapters, 40% belonged to WW II unit chapters and 2% belonged to National At Large. One year later, membership distribution was 53% local chapters, 45% unit chapters and 2% National At Large. Viewed from this prospective, we see that although we are losing members in the total sense, the unit chapters are gaining proportionately. In fact, the numbers show these chapters are increasing their membership at a rate which exceeds their loss rate.

The immediate problem to be faced is that of the relationship of chapters. A lot of input is needed in order that our constitution and by-laws can be amended in a way that preserves the best of both types of chapter.

An equally pressing problem is also posed by looking at the figures: 2,330 total members in '81 and 2,041 in '82. This problem is one of succession. There is nothing to suggest that the options posed by the Membership Committee in Tulsa are not still valid. These options were: (1) do nothing; (2) allow members or former members of the 42d National Guard Division to become members; or (3) permit associate members to become full members, thus making the association hereditary.

There is one final problem: members mean finances. At the present rate of \$6.00 annual dues, our treasury was about \$12,000 in November '82 compared to about \$13,800 in November '81. If membership continues to decline, we will continually face the problem of increasing dues to meet expenses.

If we use our Rainbow Spirit and ingenuity, we can solve our problems before they get out of hand.

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