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See You in French Lick

Many of the letters I am receiving conclude with the above phrase and this indicates to me that great numbers will again resume their annual trek to the National Reunion which was interrupted by the war.

The Reunion this year will be one of the most significant in the annals of Rainbow History for here Veterans from the new Division will join in Reunion with the Veterans of the old Division for the first time, thus concluding the process of uniting the Rainbow Family.

French Lick is a most unusual site for our Reunion and while postwar conditions and circumstances, plus opportunity, largely brought about its selection there probably could be no more appropriate or delightful place for this particular Reunion.

Here we will be able to enjoy the company of one another to a greater extent than is usually possible and that is so important, so much to be desired, at this time, when we will have so many old friendships to renew and so many, many new ones to make.

See you in French Lick — July 12, 13 and 14.

Bob Hayward
National President.

Rainbow Division Veterans



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IS THE RAINBOW TO BE RELIEVED?

On March 22, the Associated Press reported, "The Rainbow (42d) Division will be relieved of its occupation duties in Austria next month, General Joseph T. McNarney, U. S. Army Commander in Europe, said today."

This report was checked with the War Department in Washington on April 2. The War Department's statement follows: "There is no order in the Department as of this date to the effect that the Division has been alerted to return home. However, the decision is one for the theater commander."

forgotten, study the emblem at the top of the front page. Lapel buttons and decals can be obtained from your Chapter Secretary, or if he's sold out, send your request and dough to R. Allen Gibbons, P.O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va. Allen has a nice fresh supply on hand. Make it easy for the War II Rainbowmen, when they return, to recognize you. Wear your button in your lapel and the decals in your car.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

COLLINS ZONE COMMANDER

In addition to his other duties, Major General Harry J. Collins, Commanding General, 42d Infantry (Rainbow) Division, has been announced as Commanding General, Zone Command, Austria. This command has jurisdiction over all U.S. troop units and personnel in the U.S. zone of Austria, except those under the direct jurisdiction of Hq. USFA. Congratulations, General Collins!

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CORRECTION

Excerpt from Chapter Chatter in the February, 1946, RAINBOW REVEILLE: "On July 14, 1943, the Rainbow Division was reborn with one of the most beautiful and impressive reactivation ceremonies ever held. Many Rainbowers throughout the country may have wondered why (?), as the months passed, the Division remained at Camp Gruber (July, 1943 to November, 1944) instead of being in active service."

"Now that the war is over the reason is beginning to leak out. Scallions to all concerned, whoever they may be, for using the Rainbow as a training and replacement outfit. Not for that did we unfurl our Hallowed Colors!"

It can be stated on the highest authority that while it is true that the Rainbow Division contributed heavily to the replacement program, this was brought about by military

PROUD THAT YOU'RE A RAINBOWER?

Of course you are! Who wouldn't be? Frankly, we don't know. Open-minded as we are on the subject, we still have the feeling that all the veterans of all the other divisions would have preferred to belong to the 42nd. If you haven't taken the three easy steps to be an all-out Rainbower, do so at once. This is all you have to do. (1) Pay your dues to your local chapter or to the National Secretary. (2) Buy and wear a lapel button for a buck. (3) Buy and display in your car one or a pair of Rainbow decals. Two of these cost only two bits. You know what they look like, but if you've

necessity. During the Division's training, the situation in Europe and the Pacific looked pretty dark and trained personnel were not available. Every division in training in the United States was tapped for men, which, while unfortunate, was necessary.

The Rainbow was not or was never intended to be a replacement outfit. The REVELLE regrets the confusion caused by the February statement and publishes this correction to clear up any possible misgivings.

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BIBLES SENT TO AUSTRIA

The results of four months of effort were realized in March when 2,000 Bibles and 20,000 New Testaments in the German language were delivered to the Lutheran and Methodist Churches of Austria by Chaplain Merlin C. Probst, of the 242d Infantry.

Arriving just as Chaplain Probst was leaving for the States, the Bibles and Testaments marked the end of a long and complicated correspondence with the American Bible Society in New York and the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

It was last September that Chaplain Probst was introduced to Dr. Heinrich Liptak, President of the Reformed Churches of Austria, and Dr. Gerhard May, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Austria. Aware of the many problems facing the church in re-establishing itself, the Chaplain offered his assistance to the two clergymen and found their most dire need to be religious literature. The correspondence with the Bible societies ensued, and last month the first shipment arrived in Vienna.

The volumes are being distributed to several denominations throughout Austria.

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AWARDS MADE TO RIFLE CHAMPS

On the afternoon of March 1, Gen. Collins presented to the men of the 42d Div. Rifle team their well earned rewards for their performance at the European Theater Shooting Championship. They earned their laurels at Marseille, France, on Nov. 8, 9, and 10, 1945.

The Rainbow nimrods won two team awards and two individual awards. Their efforts enabled the USFA team to finish third in a field of seven. Although matched against experienced marksmen of the Camp Perry caliber, the amateur Dan'l Boone's did themselves proud.

The team of T-5 Richard D. Shunk, 542d FA Bn., T-4 Roy H. Henneman, 132d Sig. Co., Cpl. Floyd R. Bates, 542d FA Bn., and Cpl. Billy R. Henderson, 392d FA Bn., won first place in the carbine cal. 30 (adjustable sight) shoot.

The team of Lt. Col. J. D. Tanner, Hq., 42d Inf. Div., S-Sgt. Henry Hersh, 232d

Inf. Regt., Cpl. Floyd Bates, 542d FA Bn., and Pfc. Harold Winemiller, 222d Inf. Regt., won second place in the Rifle cal. 30 '03 shoot.

The winners of the two individual awards were T-4 Henneman who was second high in the theater, scoring 362 with the carbine cal. 30 (adjustable sight) and Pfc. Winemiller who was third high in the theater, scoring 352 with the M-1 Rifle. These men received their awards from Brig. Gen. John Ratay, C.G., Delta Base Section.

The 42d Division furnished twenty of the twenty-two members of the USFA team. Gen. Clark sent his congratulations to the members of the team and expressed his thanks to the marksmen for so ably representing the U.S. forces in Austria in the Theater Championship matches.

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MEDICS START ZELL LIBRARY

The 122d Medical Bn. at Zell am See has set up a U.S. Army Library for the use of all troops in and around Zell. The spacious attractive room in which the library is located has been furnished by Co. D of the medics.

It has a fine collection of over 2000 books on all subjects—popular fiction, non-fiction, and technical books. All kinds of books from Forever Amber to Anna Karenina, Brothers Karamazov to Radio Engineers Handbook, Music For The Millions to Up Front With Mauldin.

The magazine corner has its share of attention, and oddly enough the magazines Glamour, Mademoiselle and Harper's Bazaar, although women's magazines, are most popular with the men. Records and Hit Kits are also available.

The Medics Library is also the headquarters for the 42d Inf. Division Bookmobile sponsored by USFA Special Service and under the direction of the Division I & E. The Bookmobile collection consists of over 3,000 books, all types of magazines, records, both classical and popular, and Hit Kits.

The Bookmobile has become a familiar sight on the highways and byways (mostly byways) cruising daily over the mountains and into the valleys of southern Austria. Through all kinds of weather, ice or snow, this two and a half ton truck plows its way to its destination. Since October it has served the 742d Ordnance, 122d Medical Bn., 242d Regt., and 232d Regt. The bookmobile visits certain units on the same day each week. The isolated units have small deposit collections which are changed every few weeks while in the towns where there is a concentration of troops, a static library has been set up. All of these libraries are served from the Bookmobile.

Lady With Troubles

Miss Elvira Beltramo, Army Librarian from

Cheltenham, Pa., attached to the 42d Inf. Div., supervises the Bookmobile and all its services. "It's rough in the ETO," says Miss Beltramo. She just about has her personnel trained and they go home on points; a scheduled route is planned, everything is under control and suddenly the troops move out; a static library is set up after weeks of work and a few weeks later the unit moves to another place. But nothing daunts her, she smiles, says it is rough in the ETO and starts from scratch again.

One night on the way back from Hallein the radiator refused to hold water and the motor kept heating up. Most of the way

the motor was considerate and became hot only where water ran down the mountain. But once—and that is all it took to make the day complete—it got hot in a waterless zone. Snow lay everywhere but not a drop of water. So for an hour in the pitch dark on a mountain road Miss Beltramo stood on the bank making small snowballs and handing them to Jim Nichols, driver of the Bookmobile, who dropped them carefully into the radiator. Drop, drop, drop, one snowball after another until the motor cooled enough to go on. "Field expedient" they call it. Yes, it is rough in the ETO—but quite satisfying to bring books to our troops.

242d REPORTERS SPEND A DAY WITH AN AVERAGE FRENCH GI

By LARRY BERLIN AND BILL OLDHAM

"Not so bad," said Corporal Aime Guillot, as he sipped lightly on his cognac.

He was referring to life in the French army of occupation, for, unlike the American GI, the typical French soldier is not too anxious to return to his native land. The food in the army is good and the wine is strong, but at home the case is usually different. And yet there is much the same longing for the old life, for the Frenchman loves his freedom every bit as much as the American.

Corporal Guillot is the French equivalent of our supply sergeant in his battalion of the 80th Regiment of Infantry, which represents the First Moroccan Division in Vienna. His entire battalion is billeted in what was probably once a schoolhouse, and there the men know none of the comparative luxury of the requisitioned private homes of the American zone.

When we arrived for our visit, some of the men were busily scrubbing the floors, while others were doing their laundry, for the French employ few civilians to help them with their menial tasks. On the other hand, they now have plenty of valid currency in the form of cigarettes, since an Austrian tobacco firm in lower Austria is currently producing for the French army.

The 80th Regiment is an old Maquis outfit, although most of the original men have been replaced by new recruits. The rookies are called "blues" by the veterans, and there is little fraternization between the two groups. If they're old enough for the army now, say the vets, they were old enough for the Maquis during the Nazi occupation.

The French soldier stands a tour of guard similar to our own, except that the relief is formal and the men carry their bedding and equipment to the guard rooms in regulation full field packs. Reveille is very early in the morning, and after cleaning up their barracks, the men either stand their 24-hour tour of guard or are off for the day. Their squad-rooms are reminiscent of our basic training days in the States, with crude, wooden, double-deckers for the privates and only cots for the officers and non-coms. Many men are crowded into each room.

All of this may convey the impression that life in the French army is not as rosy as Corporal Guillot contended in the first paragraph. The fact is, however, that the Frenchman expects discipline and a certain amount of hardship in the army, and feels that the guarantee of good food and plenty of wine and cognac is adequate compensation.

There are three separate messes, one each for the officers, non-coms, and soldiers. The food is excellent in all three; in the French army the cooks are usually men who were experienced hotel cooks before the war.

As for clubs, the 80th Regiment of Infantry has three, again one for each grade. There is also their equivalent of our Red Cross Club, with perhaps one great difference. Instead of coffee and doughnuts, they serve hot chocolate and chocolate-covered dates, and after 16 months in the ETO with the eternal doughnut, we feel that's a decided improvement. You guessed it; the French are tired of the date and much prefer our doughnut.



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MAJOR GENERAL BILL DONOVAN

ALL ROADS LEAD TO FRENCH LICK

By the time this appears in REVEILLE, July 12-13-14 will be just around the corner—and if you haven't made your reservations with the hotel you had better get busy. A letter just received from the French Lick Springs Hotel informs us that reservations are coming in by every mail, which proves that the smart boys are not going to be disappointed in regard to accommodations—so, chum, if you haven't already done so, sit down right now, write to the French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick, Indiana, and make your reservations for July 12-13-14.

DON'T MISS THIS REUNION. We shouldn't have to pound that into your thick skull, soldier. It's time you had some fun—and that's what these three days are going to be for you—Fun—Entertainment—Relaxation. Three whole days and nights of it. You can't expect us to tell you all the things we have planned for you during those three days—we want to surprise you a little, pal. But—the entertainment will be TOPS and there will be THREE nights of it. For those of you who like golf there are two superb 18-hole courses—the Valley Course and the sporty Hill Course. In addition, there is a "pitch and putt" course of 9 holes, complete with hazards. You don't care for golf? All right, how about a canter over the miles of trails, or a try at skeet or trap shooting, or a plunge in the cool fresh spring water in the indoor pool? Then in the evening after a delicious dinner, there is dancing, music and entertainment. Add this all together, multiply by three and You have Three Days of the finest Rainbow Reunion you ever attended. Mark those three days down right now as a MUST—July 12-13-14. We'll see you in French Lick in July. But, pal—you better write for those reservations today.

H. W. YOUNG.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM GOURAUD

The March REVEILLE carried the translation of a letter written by our beloved General Gouraud to Colonel J. Monroe Johnson. Here, in more detail, is another letter from the General; this one was addressed to the Pittsburgh Chapter members. The General seems to be in much better health lately, his signature is firmer, the tone of his letters more cheerful.

Our sincerest wishes, General, for your continued good health.

Le General GOURAUD

90 BIS rue de Varenne

Paris 7° Paris, le 25 janvier 1946

My dear Comrades of the War:

I am late in replying to your friendly letter of good wishes which took almost a month to reach me. I thank you none the less for your greeting, and ask you to accept the same equally sincere sent from me.

Your letter evokes many moments which shall never leave my memory, because they deal with the great Champagne Battle which we won together. And today it is the Junior Rainbow Division which has covered itself with glory just like the oldsters of 1918.

To receive news from my American friends always brings me many pleasant emotions as I recall the heroic days of July, 1918. My faithful memory often returns toward the brave Americans who fought under my orders in the Champagne region, in the ranks of the 4th Army. In courage, they were rivals of the French Divisions, and thus they broke the last attack of the Barbarians. This, alas, did not prevent the latter from beginning again twenty years later.

I cannot forget my three trips to the United States in response to the invitation of the Rainbow Division and of the American Legion at its convention in 1930. I do not forget the beautiful day which I spent in Pittsburgh on July 10, 1923—the smoky city. I recall also my visit to the steel plants in Homestead and Bessemer, followed by visits to Carnegie Institute and the Allegheny Country Club.

I love to revive today these old memories, now that the wounds of the war condemn me to almost complete rest in my Parisian apartment.

I was not able to return to it until six months ago, after having lived almost five years in a health home in Auvergne.

May this word tell you of the sincere wishes which an old friend of your dear and great country forms for you and for all our comrades and their families. Please accept the expression of my very cordial and devoted sentiments.

GOURAUD

CALIFORNIA—Do you like mystery stories?

If you do, and most everyone does, just invite a Special Agent from your local FBI

office to give a talk to your chapter on some of the cases they have solved and you will get some very interesting information on the workings of the greatest investigative force in the world.

Mr. Harold Skelly, Special Agent of the local FBI office, was the guest of the Los Angeles Chapter at the March meeting. He addressed the members on some of the cases to which he had been assigned. He spoke for an hour and a half and when he was through the gang asked for more.

We repeat, we are proud of this organization and its record for law enforcement. Incidentally, the number of convictions secured by the FBI in cases it has brought to trial is better than 98 per cent. Quite a record in any league.

During the regular meeting there were some lively dis-"cuss"-ions between some of the boys.

Several former members of the World's "Windiest" Chapter made some remarks about how a certain chapter bordered by the North and East rivers recruited some members in trying to catch up to Chicago. This charge was promptly refuted by several from the chapter, so dear to Mr. James Aloysius Mason's heart.

Truly, there is never a dull moment when the boys get their vocal chords wound up. However, it is all a part of the old Army game and is given and taken in the right spirit.

While Chicago and New York argue as to which is the world's largest Rainbow Chapter, Los Angeles modestly (!) steps forth and asserts it is the largest Rainbow Chapter in the Orange Empire! And, FLASH! A prominent gentleman from San Francisco made the statement at a meeting in St. Louis today (March 20th), that in the not too distant future the City of Los Angeles would be the largest city in the world. That statement made by a San Franciscan concerning Los Angeles rates headlines.

Now to report in a more serious vein. Our thanks to the National Broadcasting Company and the local NBC outlet, KFI, for the annual Rainbow broadcast on Washington's Birthday. KFI was unable to broadcast the program at the original time but gave us a re-broadcast by transcription later in the evening, otherwise we would have missed it.

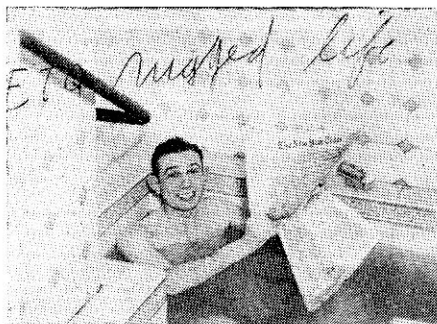
We believe this to have been the best program to date. We were especially happy to hear General Collins speak from Vienna. It brought back memories of the reactivation ceremonies at Camp Gruber in 1943. We sincerely hope that by next year the press of official duties will have lightened for Gen-

eral MacArthur so that he will be able to speak to us on our annual broadcast.

WARNER H. GRASSELL.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

FLORIDA — Orlando — News and notes of "the Biggest Little Chapter in the World" — General Charles P. Summerall Chapter, covering all of central Florida from coast to coast. Rainbower Dave Wiley, Chief State's Veteran Service Officer, doing a wonderful job for all veterans at headquarters at Bay Pines Facility. After many delays, the Vets regional office going ahead full blast under the able management of Rainbower George A. Schleunes, Jr. George has done more in four weeks than was accomplished in the six months before his taking over. Johnny Gardiner saying 'goodbye' to his son who joined the Navy on 20 March on his 18th birthday. Summerall's good friend, Rainbower Harold A. Stein, removing from Orlando to Miami Beach to live. Our chapter meets regularly every third Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Angebilt Hotel. Meetings conspicuous by the absence of War I moss-backs and pepped up by the good fellowship of the War II veterans. Hurshell Hasty, War II Rainbower and Contact Officer, going after the new men and if some of the old gang would only come to a meeting now and then they'd get back a little of the famous Rainbow spirit they formerly had. Hotel and housing situation in Florida still crowded but will ease by May 1 when all interested in that long intended trip to the Land of Sunshine can come and find a hearty welcome. Major Jimmy Horrell back from service in the Military Government Division with General Collins' Hq. and now candidate for State Assembly, attending the meetings regularly. Getting ready for the State Reunion at West Palm Beach, May 15 to 18, same dates as the Legion State Con-



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Bob Hunter, the Engineer (the man hired to build up Burr-hed Lewis), was with us again that night, which just goes to show that Bob knows a good bunch when he sees them. Mervil Alexander, Old Faithful from Franklin, was on hand as usual; Claybourne Blue showed up after several months' absence; Herb Strong, after being AWOL last month, reported in; and the bar was represented by barristers Caylor, Summers and Sid Miller.

We were awfully glad to see two of our new members that night: Geo. Kinz, formerly of Co. F, 232d Inf., and Al Strickland, ex-132d Signal Co. We only hope you two fellows enjoyed being with our bunch of old goats as much as we enjoyed having you; and my private opinion is that you fellows and the rest of your buddies are just what the doctor ordered for the Rainbow Veterans. We know we speak the same language, for when our guest speaker, the ex-Col., suggested that Al tell us what the boys thought of the officers in this war, Al convinced everyone that he belonged to the inner circle when he said, "Colonel, if I started talking about the officers I would be here all night so I had better sit down." Hot-damn, another man with no inhibitions. A man after my own heart.

Another new member who couldn't make the meeting but did get in to visit us one day recently, is Ed Wildman of Mecca, Indiana, formerly Co. A, 222d Inf. After visiting with Ed for a while we both decided there isn't a hell of a lot of differences in wars at all. That very likely the boys of '76 and the boys who wore the Blue and the Gray, griped about the same things we did in 1918 and that Ed and Al and George and their buddies did in this last brawl. Ed went on an extended tour of the Maginot line with a couple of his buddies and although he didn't say so I got the impression they were on a souvenir hunt—even as you and I in 1918. Anyway, after going down 17 levels they found a tunnel and followed it for a couple of miles, coming out finally in the basement of the courthouse of a little French village. Unfortunately, the courthouse was being used as a Regimental P.C. and Ed and his pals bumped into the Colonel the first thing. However, all was forgiven when they showed him what they had discovered.

Going back to the meeting for a moment, or I should say, just after the meeting, our Pride and Joy, Skinny Allen, learned that Three Aces can be expensive at times, espe-

vention? Write to State Secretary-Treasurer Jim Barney for details. His address: RFD No. 3, Box 192-C, Miami. And while we're on the subject of Jim Barney, here's congratulations to you, Jim. Almost single-handed you've fought a most successful fight in securing housing for a group of War II Vets who were sleeping on park benches or any other place they could find. You had to go all the way to Washington, D.C. to get bedding, linens and trailers released but you put a roof over the heads of a lot of folks who would still be without homes but for you. Here's hoping we'll be seeing you at the Rainbow Breakfast at West Palm Beach.

JIM ROLFE.

Miami—Well, we had a party the 22nd of February. If it had not been for some new members, we could have met in a telephone booth. What it takes to get you guys out, we do not have. Some of you had better go to the blood bank and get some new blood.

Speaking of the blood bank, any you birds who want some Nylons for the boss, stop by and leave a pint and they will give you a pair, or without Nylons, will credit Rainbow Veterans' account with same. So, if any of you ever need it, we will have some on credit.

Am not sure if we will need Legion Hall for a meeting place or not, but will try it once more, and if no attendance, we will make arrangements for that telephone booth.

Bill Swabey is back with a report on everything in the north, and looking for you guys who promised him some gas coupons. Bring them out with you.

What do you know, we have a transfer from Orlando, Harold Stein. I knew he would move to Florida sooner or later, also Ben Criswell and William Taylor, who were young enough to get in this war. Sure glad to have you boys with us and keep on coming. We also have another artillery man from Indiana, Leslie Rushton.

Our state meeting will be in West Palm Beach, May 15-18, with breakfast and Rainbow meeting to be announced later. Doc Brinklow, Harvey Bldg., will make your reservations for you. I understand he will have a big time planned for you.

JIM BARNEY.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

INDIANA—Indianapolis—The March meeting proved beyond all doubt that a good many of the boys still don't have enough "points" to get out one Friday night a month. Of course, it may be that it isn't "points" they need at all—just a case of lead in the pants. However, the meetings

go regularly and merrily on each month just the same. The guest speaker for this meeting was, of all things, a Marine, a buck in 1918 in the 6th Marines and now ex-Lt. Colonel Asa J. Smith just returned from long service in practically every theater of war—the Aleutians, the Pacific, Africa and Europe.

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cially when you bet 'em into a one card draw and then raise and THEN have Engineer Lewis lay down the 2-3-4-5 and 6 of clubs. Who says it can't happen here? And a one card draw in the interior, too!

Indianapolis now has a total of 283 Paid Up members, a little more than 125% of last year's total. We promised Bob Hayward last fall we would give him at least 300 members this year—so, Bob, we'll make you another promise now, you'll have those additional 17 members by June 1, even if we have to read the past, present and future of a lot of these Hoosier Rainbowers. Hell, we'll learn to cuss 'em in Chinese if necessary.

And now one last word; by the time you read this the Rainbow Reunion will be only a few short months away. Indiana Rainbowers are going to do everything in their power to give you one of the best Reunions you ever attended. We know that you and your wife will enjoy every minute of the entire three days and we know that all you old-timers will be there—but we want to urge you fellows who haven't attended a reunion in years to make every effort to be in French Lick in July. You will meet the finest bunch of folks you ever saw, get acquainted with a lot of swell fellows from the New Rainbow—and—have the time of your life. So—make your reservations with the French Lick Hotel today—and we'll see you in July in French Lick.

HOOK YOUNG.

Martinsville—The spring Reunion of the Martinsville Chapter (Medics) was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Roy Wright, Terre Haute, Ind., on the Banks of the Wabash, Sunday, March 17, with eighteen present.

A turkey dinner was much enjoyed at noon with Past President, Russ Peterson, as Master of Ceremonies.

During the business session, presided over by President Everett (Hobby) Shireman, officers were elected as follows:

Honorary President, Dr. R. B. Whitsell, Lafayette, Ind.; President, Tron M. Isenhower, Martinsville; Vice-President, Dale R. Davee, Indianapolis; Secretary - Treasurer, Floyd L. Harper, Martinsville.

Plans for attending the National Rainbow Reunion were discussed.

The remainder of the day was spent socially. While the Vets enjoyed Flinch, Starved Dog, and soft drinks, the Vetesses quarreled over bridge.

FLOYD L. HARPER.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

IOWA—Yes, it all happened in the worst snow storm of an Iowa winter, but inside of

Hotel Ft. Des Moines the old Rainbow as usual blazed forth in all of its brilliancy, even brighter than in the days of 1917-19. Over the icebound and snowbound highways they came, many of them landed in ditches on the way, but they did come. Bob Taylor dashed in from Tulsa; Bill Williams, first World War I Rainbower in the Rainbow II, slashed his way in from Denver; and John Wintrobe, also of both Rainbow Divisions, skidded along from Florida; Walt Wicklund, president of Minneapolis Chapter, and Frank Horton, past president, sledged down from Minneapolis; Silas Teig and Bill Siegel found their way in from Chicago too; and so on down the list.

Well, the whole affair started off on Friday night (March 8th) with the Bennett Chapter holding open house. And it was in room 320, a room that will live long in the memory of many (including Wicklund and Horton of Minnesota). And how Hook Young and his battling HEAVIES would like to have been in that room. On the morning of the 9th, Mick Twining and his registration gang took over and they did a superb job of it. All day long, battles of many kinds raged throughout the hotel and one of the most popular guys to be seen was "Dad" Strouse, old regimental sergeant-major. What a time he had and it was his first reunion too! The annual Rainbow banquet with "Cap" Holden as master of ceremonies lived up to all expectations, highlighted by a well-timed talk by Chaplain DeLoss Marken, famous chaplain of the equally famous 34th (Red Bull) Division and a whale of a floor show sponsored by the Bennett Chapter. Veterans of Rainbow Division, World War II, in addition to Williams and Wintrobe, were Ray V. Vashy, 132d Signal Co., and Henry B. DeJarnett, Co. A, 222d Infantry Regiment.

It was good to welcome them and done nicely by General Charles H. Grahl. Governor Blue of Iowa and Mayor MacVicar of Des Moines gave their blessings on the reunion which were ably accepted by State President Homer Gardner.

The business session on the 10th went right along in good old Rainbow style and that didn't take long (a lot of the guys wanted to get back to room 320). Since the state executive committee had approved extending an invitation to the National Association to meet in Des Moines in July, 1947, and since the Col. Bennett Chapter had also approved it, the state association proceeded also to adopt the resolution. President Gardner was authorized to appoint a pre-convention committee to lay plans for presenting the invitation to the National Association at French Lick. Constitution and by-laws were changed to conform to those of the National Association relative to Rainbow Veterans of World War II. And the election found Bert Boots of the Bennett Chapter

as president; Cecil Clarke, L. E. Brooks, Lyle Walsh, Harvey Staton as vice-presidents; Lloyd Evans, Ralph Heasty, Wm. B. Price, Anton Nordquist as executive committee members; Mick Twining, secretary; Ralph Butler, treasurer, and Col. Claude Stanley, chaplain, were re-elected. July 15th will find Gardner stepping down from the state president's rostrum, but Mrs. Gardner will be stepping up as president of the Iowa Auxiliary. At 2:00 p.m. we all gathered in the south ballroom for that sacred hour of Rainbow, the memorial service. Chaplain Stanley was in charge and as usual it was one of those occasions which draw men of the Rainbow closer together. And once again as a Rainbow Reunion drew to a close, we returned to our homes with a feeling that we had "kept sacred the memory of our departed comrades." Yes, they were there with us, every last man of them!

HOMER.

RAINBOW II in Iowa — "Dubuqueland

Chapter," the first Rainbow Chapter in the USA to be organized by the Rainbow Veterans of World War II. Some months ago one Howard J. Parker, 232d Infantry, paid his dues and inquired from Allen Gibbons as to forming a Rainbow Chapter at Dubuque, Iowa. Information came to State President Gardner who immediately forwarded all the names in that territory to Parker. Since that time, Howard has been at work with Tom Carlin, one of the old-time Rainbows who had moved to Dubuque with the Veterans' Administration. It is just another one of those distinctive things that so often comes out of Iowa. We admit that the 168th Infantry was the best of the lot, we admit that we put on a Reunion in 1927 that they still talk about (and which was known as the 8 oz. bottle-to-each-man-reunion)—and now Iowa comes up with the first Rainbow Chapter under the leadership of a World War II Rainbow Vet. And it is Iowa's thirteenth chapter, too! World War II boys making up this chapter are: Howard J. Parker, acting chairman; Donald Keck, Carl Baumgartner, Wm. J. Martens, Bob Cassidy, Milton Tangman and Herbert Keegan. World War I Rainbows are Tom Carlin (Hq.), Geo. Beaves (A), Ambrose Graver (A), Leo Sadler (A), Harry E. Lewis (A), Al Wise (G), Glenn Corbett (Sup), Florenz Hemmer (Sup), Kester J. Reuter (Hq). It will be a proud moment when the National Association approves the charter and the presentation is made. Our hats are off to these Rainbow lads who have become so filled with Rainbow that upon their return from foreign fields their first thoughts are to set up a Rainbow chapter so that they too can gather round and cherish the fine things of Rainbow together.

H. W. GARDNER.

MICHIGAN—"THE" Chapter—Michigan

Chapter meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Veterans' Bldg. The Ladies' Auxiliary meets the same night, same building, different room. Seems that since the ladies have been meeting the same night as the men, our attendance has perked up quite a bit . . . possibly because the guys say to their Mrs.'s, "Come on, let's go. It's Rainbow night tonight," and vice versa.

Right about here it seems a good time to mention Harry Clough and his spouse. Harry is a World War II Rainbower and very active in all the Chapter's functions as is Mrs. Clough. Last meeting Harry and his Mrs. prepared the refreshments and put out a delicious chop suey dinner, complete with rice, cakes, desserts and coffee, and liquid refreshments of a more potent content. Everyone was pleased and ate heartily. The Cloughs were commended highly for their work in preparing same. If Harry is an example of what we are to expect from all War II Vets, we can look forward to the most LIVEWIRE Chapter in the near future.

We are planning to send the Observation Post to 350 War II Rainbrowsers for six months. The list of names was just recently compiled and we intend to extend these men a most hearty welcome to our Chapter through the medium of the O.P.

Walt Michel recently visited a bunch of the gang at Ed Courey's Rainbow Inn on Harper Ave. near Gratiot in good ol' Detroit and kept the guys up 'til 2 A.M. with no end of his "See what I mean" stories.

Michigan Chapter is planning a good attendance at the National Reunion this summer with eight for sure reservations already in. So, let's see you all at FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, IND. If you're there, you'll sure see us.

BILL HEMME.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

MINNESOTA—The two-day reunion held and the celebration of our entry into the lines on February 22nd, proved to be one of the largest gatherings in Minnesota in many a day. In the absence of our much esteemed State President Bodine, President-elect Maj. Joseph Connolly, carried on in his usual masterful style.

Minneapolis chapter, under President Wicklund and his officers, has had quite a year. They have had some very fine parties topped off at their last meeting by being hosts to all of our old officers. A goodly number of them were there. Gen. Leach still insists we won the war for him. After a few remarks by all of the officers present, we don't know who won the war but we'll take Leach's word for it.

St. Paul Chapter, under the guidance of

President Kennedy, is having a very fine year and they want you boys to know you are all welcome to meet with them the first Monday of each month at the Veterans' Hall. They were hosts to the State Reunion on February 22nd which was a howling success.

Our Rainbow paper is once again being published and edited by our good friend Otto Martin. Keep up the good work, Otto.

Harvey Thompson, Minneapolis Chapter Dues Chairman, says this year is headed for the greatest year in Rainbow history. We have some twenty World War II veterans registered with us and we want to assure them that we welcome them with open arms. Those who have attended the meetings have shown themselves to be good old soldiers with Rainbow spirit.

Minneapolis Chapter has decided to purchase club rooms and are working very earnestly to find a good location for the chapter.

All of Joe Justad's friends throughout the country will be saddened to learn that Joe's father passed away last month.

FRANK WEST.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

NEW YORK—Begorra the boys did a fine job for themselves on St. Paddy's Day. Either the weather or rejuvenation brought out the largest bunch to parade up Fifth Avenue in years. Led by Yidda Smith, President of the Father Duffy Chapter, the boys marched from the Armory on 26th Street to 96th Street and nary a one dropped out.

With this loosening up exercise the boys should be in great shape to trip the light fantastic at the Father Duffy Victory Ball to be held at the Commodore Hotel on the night of April 26.

The committee who have been working so diligently are most optimistic about having the largest attendance in years. Everyone attending will be well rewarded for they shall see a show of the usual high caliber and who knows but what they might be the lucky winner of the Chevrolet to be raffled off that night.

If you have not seen some of your buddies in a long time this is your opportunity. This is the first time in five years that the ball is being held in the city proper, and many who did not attend at the Lost Battalion Hall will be there.

Our Colonel Donovan, now Major General, will be there to greet his boys and

many others from out-of-town have promised to be present.

At each succeeding meeting of the Father Duffy Chapter more and more of the new Rainbowers are attending and before long it is expected that through the contacts they are making there will be a large representation at each meeting. At any rate, those who have attended have expressed a great deal of enthusiasm over the opportunity afforded them to become Father Duffy Chapter members. At the last meeting Colonel Murphy, Personnel Officer of the division, addressed the meeting, and we also had the privilege of having with us Capt. Bob Erickson from the 242d.

GEORGE.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

OKLAHOMA—On March 2, Tulsa Chapter held a joint meeting, with the ladies serving a pot-luck dinner. About forty were present. Dinner was followed by a short business meeting, and the remainder of the evening devoted to Bingo. Ed Smith, our President, was confined to his home by illness, but contributed a quart as a special Bingo prize. It was a quart of furniture polish.

Present, as guests of the old members, were several War II Rainbowers and the wives of several others who are still in Austria with the Rainbow.

It was hoped that Lt. Col. Garrett Olds would be our guest also, but he left Camp Gruber on February 28 for Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Lawrence Wood of Oklahoma City and Bob Taylor of "everywhere" have been recent visitors to Tulsa. Bob and Frode Andersen attended the Iowa State Reunion at Des Moines, where they saw our old Camp Gruber friend, 1st Sgt. John Wintrode, of the new and old Rainbow. The Sergeant is with the Air Corps in Florida now.

Several Tulsa members are making plans to go to French Lick in July. Be seeing you there.

BILL BUTTS.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

TEXAS—Dallas—At the annual American Legion Dinner here, your correspondent, who is also ye chapter historian, was bemoaning to one Col. B. F. McLain, first W W 1st Division officer, our sorrow at not possessing a Rainbow Division History. The good colonel informed us that in checking the official divisional summaries of operation prepared by the American Battle Monuments Commission and published by the U. S. Government Printing Office at Washington, he had found that the 42d was the only

other division which had so expansive an official battle record as his own First Division; therefore, he would be most happy to provide our needs—which he did, forthwith. So now we have that which can end all arguments when Sgt. Doe of the 117th would argue with Cpl. Roe of the 149th: "I say we went through Exermont on blank day of blank month (belated and ill-advised security measure) . . ." as, not only do we have 117 pages (coincidental, er what?) of official documentation of the Rainbow's activities, but in a pocket which is a part of the binding we find six battle maps, with unit boundary markings, dates and other useful and interesting data contained thereon. While we heartily recommend our method of gaining possession of one of these divisional histories to fellow chapter historians (and other interested Rainbowners), we cannot guarantee sympathetic 1st Divisional colonels to all applicants. However, your Uncle, in Washington will be glad to provide your needs—at so much per provide.

At our regular monthly meeting on March 20th we had the pleasure of welcoming a very recently returned W W II Rainbowner, Captain Strange, company commander of "K" of the 242d Inf. Captain Strange had been with the division since it began at Gruber, in Oklahoma, until he so recently left it in Germany. So impressed were we with the handsome Captain's tales that we have prevailed upon him to be the principal speaker at our next regular meeting in April. (Come up and see us at that time!) If in town on April 17th you also may listen. VFW Hall at 7:30.

The final Taps have been sounded for our buddy Claude Dixon, who departed this life on February 19. Claude was out of "A" Company, 117th Supply Bn; one of the original members of that unit.

There is little doubt but that all Rainbowners were thrilled by General McNarney's recent statement that the W W II Rainbow Division will be sent home in April. Not the least important result of their homecoming will be the demobilization of the Division and the return to their individual homes of the men that they may become active and participating members of their local Rainbow chapters. We shall welcome with open arms those who live in and around Dallas.

Not-too-faint in conclusion: "DALLAS IN '48!"

EVERETTE HALE.

EASTON FIRST PENNA. CHAPTER TO BREAK ONE HUNDRED MEMBERSHIP

It happened Sunday, April 7. In as enthusiastic a Rainbow meeting as it has ever been your editor's privilege to attend, the Easton Chapter went over the top with a membership on that day of 120.

Considering that a bare three months ago, Easton, with one paid-up member, was among the inactive chapters, this is a remarkable proof that Rainbowners can evidence their interest in the Association if someone will merely remind them of their Rainbow privilege.

To you, President Francis H. Lehr, and all the officers and members of Easton Chapter—a 21-gun salute!

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

HEADQUARTERS 42d (RAINBOW) INFANTRY DIVISION

Office of the Commanding General
APO 411, U.S. Army
14 January, 1946

Subject: Publication of Division Combat History

To: Present and Former Members of the
42d Infantry (Rainbow) Division

1. Authority has been granted the Army and Navy Publishing Co., of Baton Rouge, La., to publish a history of the 42d Infantry Division. This history will consist of a 30,000-word story of the Division in combat and occupation and will be published in a book which will contain more than 300 pictures, the majority of them action photos taken during combat. The book will also contain nine maps in full color showing the progress of the Division and its method of attack and capture of its major objectives. It will consist of approximately 170 pages, each page 9" by 12½".

2. The price of the history will be five (5) dollars per copy.

3. By agreement with the publishers, orders for the books will be accepted up to the date of publication, as only a sufficient number of copies will be printed to take care of the orders on hand when the books are ready for the press.

4. This letter is being written in order to assure you that the history is being prepared and distributed with the consent and official supervision of this command.

signed HARRY J. COLLINS,
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

(Don't wait until the supply of this valuable History is exhausted before you decide you want one. Reserve your copy now. Don't send money. Just send a note or card to Treasurer George E. Seaman, Room 833, 60 E. 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. and tell George to reserve you one of these very desirable histories. Ed.)

Chapter	Last Year's Record	1945-46 To Mar. 20
Alabama State Association ...	4	0
Crawford Z. Ables	28	12
Major John W. Carroll	46	* 51
Mortimer H. Jordan	95	* 102
William M. Peters	34	* 37
Dallas B. Smith	1	0
Julien M. Strassberger	99	* 105
Durward Crowder	16	15
ALABAMA TOTAL	323	322
Los Angeles	178	168
San Francisco	102	* 152
Joyce Kilmer	20	14
James Daugherty	4	2
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	304	* 336
Pueblo	3	1
Denver	44	35
COLORADO TOTAL	47	36
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	91	* 91
Florida State Association	0	0
Jacksonville	26	2
Miami	23	* 25
Pensacola	4	4
St. Petersburg	0	* 15
Gen. Charles P. Summerall	101	40
FLORIDA TOTAL	154	84
Georgia Chapter	28	13
Frank Joerg	1	1
Cooper D. Winn	42	41
GEORGIA TOTAL	71	55
Illinois	820	634
Danville	47	* 59
ILLINOIS TOTAL	867	693
Indiana State (Indianapolis)...	226	* 281
Bloomington	66	* 76
Fort Wayne	8	* 47
LaFayette	29	17
Martinsville	22	* 27
South Bend	18	9
INDIANA TOTAL	369	* 457
Iowa State Association	0	25
Col. E. R. Bennett	220	172
Cedar Rapids	42	25
Oskaloosa	46	* 50
Creston	55	31
Lee County	20	12
Fort Dodge	7	6
Mason City (North Iowa)	34	28
Mathew A. Tinley	58	52
Cedar Valley	36	* 44
Ortumwa	16	* 39
Southwest Iowa	24	10
Northwest Iowa	32	* 40
IOWA TOTAL	590	534
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	25	20
MARYLAND	76	* 86
MASSACHUSETTS	45	37
MICHIGAN	187	139
Minnesota State Association ..	2	3
Minneapolis	169	161
St. Paul	33	32
MINNESOTA TOTAL	204	196

Chapter	Last Year's Record	1945-46 To Mar. 20
Missouri-Kansas	155	142
St. Louis	5	3
MISSOURI-KANSAS TOTAL	160	* 145
NEBRASKA	38	* 38
New Jersey	109	102
Gen. Charles T. Menoher	25	23
NEW JERSEY TOTAL	134	125
Father Duffy Chapter of N.Y.	701	527
Long Island	35	* 37
Westchester	31	18
NEW YORK TOTAL	767	582
Ohio State Association	36	* 36
Ralph Berger	44	33
Cincinnati	109	69
Columbus	128	117
Newark	50	49
Luther Swigart	19	* 19
Akron	37	33
Dyer J. Bird	34	31
Paul Hume	4	5
Sedan	13	5
Edison H. Miller	16	* 48
Lancaster	54	* 59
Cleveland	39	* 41
Springfield	24	19
Vets of Co. G, 166th Inf.	111	* 142
OHIO TOTAL	718	704
Oklahoma State Association ..	2	1
Oklahoma City	24	* 27
Tulsa	63	* 77
OKLAHOMA TOTAL	89	* 105
OREGON	7	* 12
Pennsylvania State Association..	1	0
Easton	1	* 63
Pittsburgh	98	90
Bethlehem	53	51
Lancaster	63	47
Reading	27	16
Philadelphia	48	33
PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	291	* 300
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	* 27
TENNESSEE	1	5
TEXAS	110	61
Virginia State Chapter	116	100
Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	34	* 48
VIRGINIA TOTAL	150	148
WASHINGTON STATE		
(Seattle)	26	22
Wisconsin State Association ..	8	6
Appleton	48	32
Gen. Douglas MacArthur	26	* 30
Fond du Lac	28	* 35
Oshkosh	42	32
WISCONSIN TOTAL	152	135
NATIONAL CHAPTER AT		
LARGE (War I)	19	11
NATIONAL CHAPTER AT		
LARGE (War II)	0	10,957
GRAND TOTALS	6,042	16,463

(* Indicates those active chapters which have equaled and exceeded last year's membership.)

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