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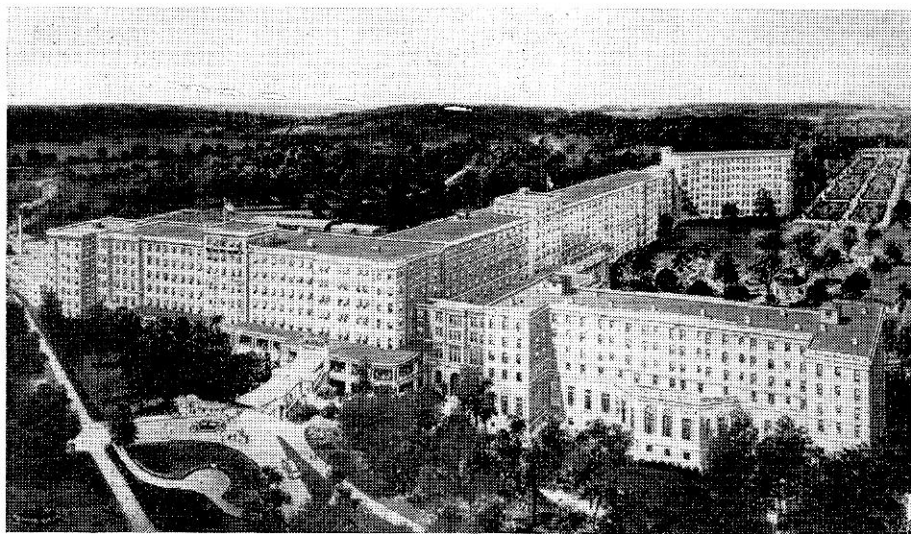
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French Lick Springs Hotel —

Home of Your Rainbow Reunion

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Tucked away in the foothills of Indiana, fortified against the noise of cities, carefree and untouched by the pressure of the business world, is French Lick—the modern man's castle—the site of your Rainbow Reunion—a retreat fashioned for rest and pleasure and generously endowed by nature with some of the most famous health-giving, rejuvenating mineral waters in the world.

FRENCH LICK IS A REUNION PARADISE

(By JOE ADAMS, Reprinted from The Indianapolis Star, February 15, 1946)

Stanley B. Campbell, resident manager of the French Lick Springs Hotel, had a little time to talk with me the day I was there, for it was a seasonal interlude and there were only around 60 guests in the 600 rooms. That would give each 10 rooms to relax in, which, since the rooms are spacious, would almost be enough even for Man Mountain Dean.

However, all is not space. There are 15 painters and plasterers at work and you know how those guys like room for their scaffolding and such. And it won't be long before the influx begins. Around 300 are

due February 25 and from the middle of March until the first of July the hotel will be well filled. French Lick is only 58 miles from Louisville, Ky., and there are usually 1,000 persons in the hotel on the eve of the Derby.

"There may even be more this year," said Mr. Campbell, "for reservations are heavier than they have been since the roaring '20's."

Although this Spa is famous throughout the world there are always visitors, like myself, who want to know something about its history. Mr. Campbell set aside his aromatic pipeloid of Bond Street to furnish information to the effect that a French trading post was established there nearly 200 years ago and that for 500 years before that it had been the hunting grounds of the Indians. They discovered that deer, bear and even the wily fox came to the springs to lick the water and the wet rocks, the minerals acting as a natural tonic.

Pathways from every direction led to the springs, and one of the early white pioneers aptly named it, "The Lick." A movement to establish the first permanent white colony there in 1811 was led by Joel Charles. A fort was built for protection against the Indians and the name, French Lick, came into being. A civil form of government was created in 1817, when there were 24 men of voting age in the colony, and Charles was elected first justice.

The white man heard rumors among the Indians that silver and lead were to be found in the caves and mines but, due to constant friction between the races, the redskins fled westward, taking their secret with them. In 1850 two strangers arrived from Canada with information they had secured from an old squaw who had lived at French Lick and who gave directions for finding silver and lead in a cave three miles from the colony. All inhabitants joined in the search. It was of no avail, but even to this day reports of the existence of the metals crop up and the search is renewed.

Dr. William H. Bowles, however, had foreseen another treasure at French Lick—the mineral water—and had purchased the great tract of land around the springs in 1832, erecting the first hotel there eight years later. People came in covered wagons and buckboards and even on horseback and took away the water, which had been boiled down, in jugs and other containers.

Dr. Bowles died in 1873, after 41 years at the spa, and in 1891 the property was taken over by Senator Thomas D. Taggart. The

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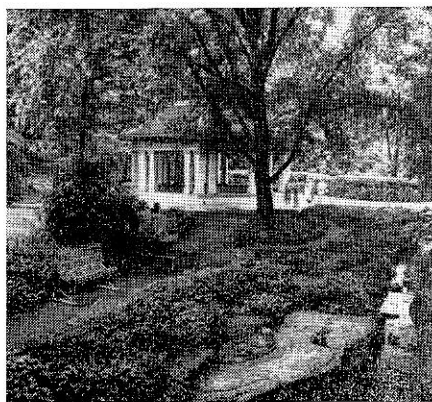
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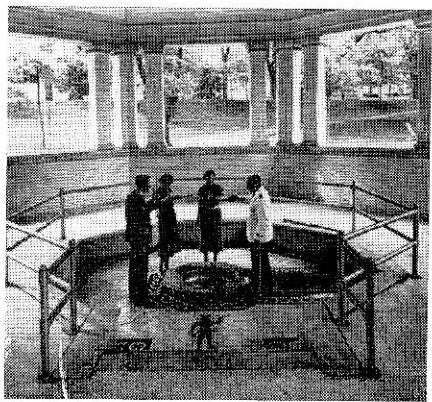
Golf? Why there are TWO of the swell-est courses in America reserved for the French Lick Reunioner . . . the Hill Course, with its swanky Club House and the sporty Lower Course, headquarters for informal social activities. French Lick is a golfer's paradise, nature-made and man-refined. And in true Rainbow tradition, every golfer will shoot in the low sixties.



The thrill of "taking" the majestic hills and sweeps of the countryside over swift trails and meandering paths with an amiable thoroughbred for a mount, is an indescribable joy reserved for French Lick Reunioners. You can ride in parties, in couples, or alone—in the blue twilight or the gleaming dawn—and you'll remember it as the richest time you've ever had.



Pluto Spring, source of the most famous of French Lick's natural waters, is just north of the hotel in a beautiful white shrine.



Interior of Pluto Springs—you may quaff the stimulating water of Pluto right at the spring. An attendant is always on hand.

REUNION PARADISE

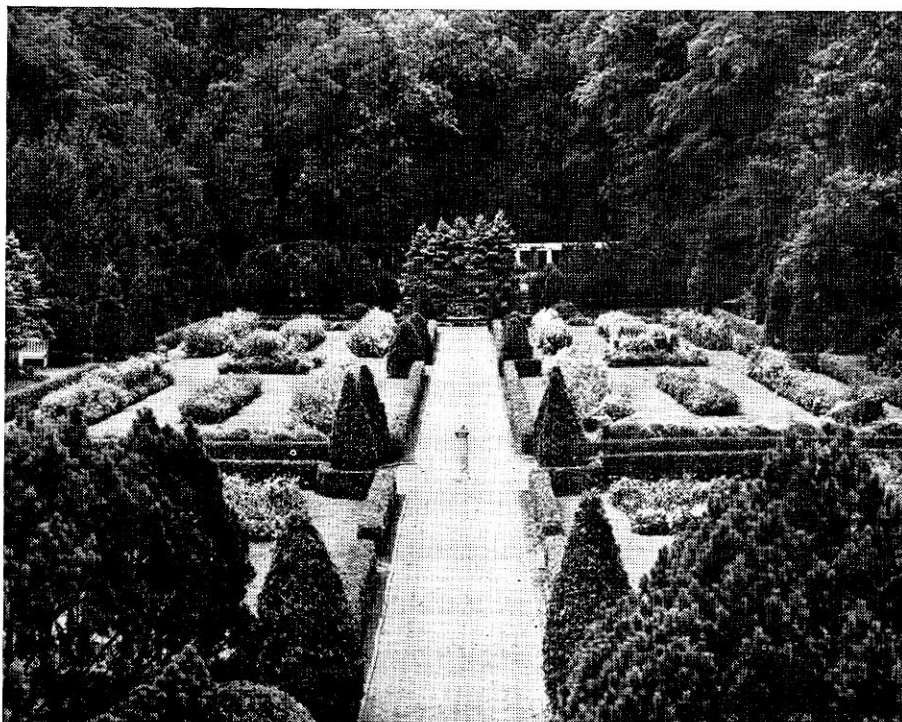
present hotel, which is a city in itself, was built. It has its own water and power plants and a laundry capable of serving a town of 20,000. Other features are a stable of three- and five-gaited horses, two golf courses, a dairy, tennis and badminton courts, skeet club and airport, besides the bath house, two

swimming pools and a modern gymnasium.

The Hill Golf and Country Club, which has been closed, will open around the middle of April, Mr. Campbell said. But, regardless of the war's restrictions, the famed springs to the north have kept producing thousands of gallons a day.

FLASH: Frank Lehr, President, Easton Chapter, was elected Pennsylvania State President. R.D.V. at the annual meeting in April.

THE FORMAL GARDENS AT FRENCH LICK



Rest and relax on the shaded verandas or in the sun-lit gardens. Take a stroll through any section of French Lick's beautiful, inspiring, hospitable estate where birds and squirrels frolic. Whatever your choice, you will be rewarded with pleasures that your memory will treasure always.

DRIVING TO FRENCH LICK?

If you are driving to the Reunion at French Lick in July and your route takes you through Indianapolis, call on Carlos Morris, Chairman of the Reunion Information Committee, at the American Legion Headquarters, 777 N. Meridian Street, for any information you may desire. Incidentally you will also find at the same place two more good Rainbowers, Glenn Crawford, National Comptroller of the Legion and Ray Fields, National Publicity manager of the Legion. These men will be delighted to be of service to you in any way possible.

HOTEL RATES

In order that there may be no misunderstanding and also because of the possibility that some of you may not have received earlier copies of the REVELLE, we are publishing again the Hotel Rates which will be in effect for Rainbowers at the French Lick Hotel.

Room with bath, twin beds and two in the room—\$11.00 per day per person, including all meals. Room for single occu-

pancy—\$13.00 per day, including all meals. When writing for reservations to the hotel, please give them the names of all members of the party for whom you are making reservations and the approximate time of arrival and departure.

Rates at the West Baden Springs Hotel. This is a small modern hotel in West Baden, Indiana, just one mile from the French Lick Springs Hotel. There are only 120 rooms in this hotel and as mineral baths are operated in connection with the hotel, only a few of the rooms have baths. Rates are as follows: Room with hot and cold running water, \$1.50 single and \$2.50 double, twin beds \$3.00. Room with private toilet, \$2.00 single and \$3.50 double. Room with bath, \$2.50 single and \$4.00 and \$5.00 double. Write direct to the West Baden Springs Hotel, West Baden, Indiana. These rates are without meals. The hotel operates a dining room and the meals are excellent and the prices reasonable.

The French Lick Springs Hotel reports heavy advance reservations so it would be wise to make yours at once.

TRANSPORTATION

If you are coming to the Reunion by train, please notify the hotel in advance exactly when you will arrive and how many in your party, in order that the hotel may have transportation for you to the hotel. This is important so please do not fail to give this information.

SPORTS

If you are a golf hound, a tennis fiend or an Old Time horseback rider, don't leave your golf clubs, rackets or riding clothes at home. You will have miles of trails to cover by horseback, plenty of tennis courts and two golf courses that will gladden the heart of the most blasé golfer.

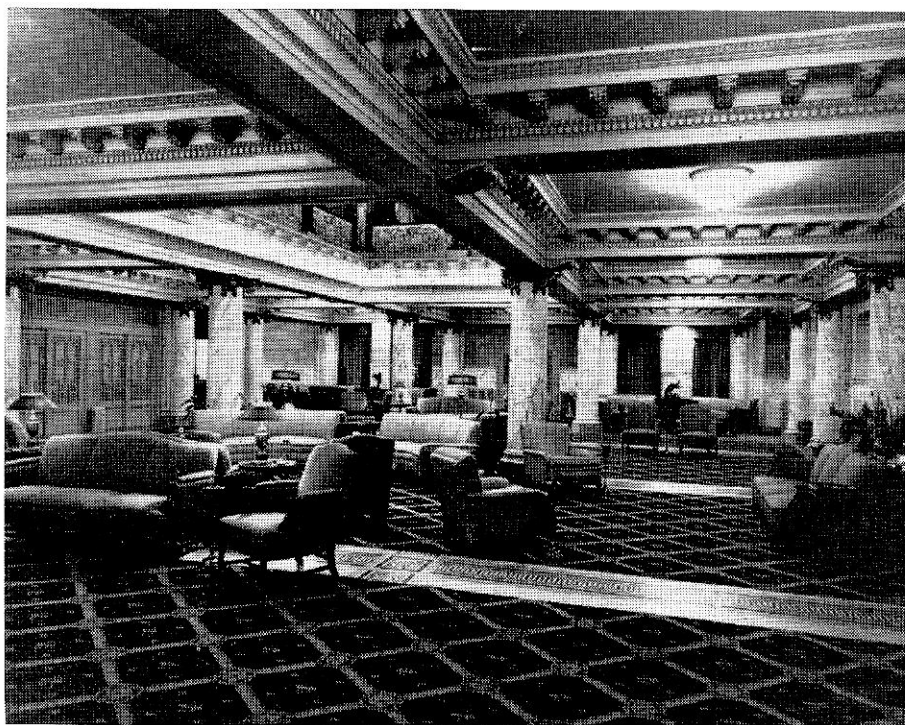
HOSPITALITY—FRIENDLINESS INFORMALITY

Hoosier hospitality, friendliness and informality will be the theme songs of the Twenty-eighth Annual Reunion of the Rainbow Veterans. The men working on this Reunion have done and will continue to do everything in their power to make this Reunion one that you will enjoy to the utmost. All they ask in return and the only thing all Hoosier Rainbow Veterans ask, is that

YOU come to the Reunion and enjoy yourself.

The Reunion this year is being held in an entirely different setting from all previous Reunions. A fine, modern hotel; a resort hotel known from coast to coast as one of the finest Spas in the country. Here in a setting hidden away in the hills of southern Indiana, Rainbow Veterans and their wives will gather for three days—July 12-13-14. All under one roof; a spacious lobby, cool shaded verandas and beautiful grounds and gardens. A more delightful spot for a Reunion could not be found. This will be one Reunion where you will have an opportunity to relax and really visit with your old friends and buddies. There will be some of the finest of entertainment and lots of it—in fact, some have told us, "You have too much entertainment, we won't have time to visit." There will be dancing every night, but on Saturday night we are really going to give you the "works." Feeling that many of you and especially the new Rainbowers will not be able to get away in time to arrive Friday, we have concentrated on Saturday night. You can dance

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You don't have to elbow your way in French Lick's spacious lobby . . . in the luxuriously appointed cocktail lounge . . . in the beautiful main dining room (supplemented by an enclosed porch) . . . in the many rooms reserved for committee meetings. French Lick will be the Reunion forever to be remembered! *Don't miss it!*

RAINBOW REUNION PROGRAM**Thursday, July 11th**

8:30 P. M.—Early Bird Reception—
Informal Dancing.

Friday, July 12th

9:00 to 5:00—Registration.

2:00 P. M.—Opening Assembly (Ladies' Auxiliary Invited).

4:00 P. M.—Executive Committee Meeting.

8:30 P. M.—Keeno and Informal Dancing.

Saturday, July 13th

9:00 to 6:00—Registration.

8:00 A. M.—Trip to Spring Mill State Park.

2:00 P. M.—2nd Business Session.

8:30 P. M.—Rainbow Night, Dancing and Entertainment.

Sunday, July 14th

9:00 A. M.—Registration.

11:00 A. M.—Church Services.

2:00 P. M.—3rd Business Session.

7:00 P. M.—Banquet, Entertainment.

11:45 P. M.—Champagne Hour.

AUXILIARY PROGRAM**Thursday, July 11th**

8:30 P. M.—Early Bird Reception—
Informal Dancing.

Friday, July 12th

9:00 to 5:00—Registration.

2:00 P. M.—Joint Meeting.

3:00 P. M.—Opening Business Session.

8:30 P. M.—Keeno and Informal Dancing.

Saturday, July 13th

9:00 to 6:00—Registration.

8:00 A. M.—Trip to Spring Mill State Park.

2:00 P. M.—Final Business Session.

8:30 P. M.—Rainbow Night, Dancing and Entertainment.

Sunday, July 14th

9:00 A. M.—Registration.

11:00 A. M.—Church Services.

4:00 P. M.—Garden Party.

7:00 P. M.—Banquet, Entertainment.

11:45 P. M.—Champagne Hour.

RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you are coming to the French Lick Springs Reunion **BY TRAIN** be sure to **WRITE** or **WIRE** the French Lick Springs Hotel the time of your arrival and your destination—Mitchell or Orleans, Indiana.

This is necessary in order that the hotel may have proper transportation meet the trains to bring you to the hotel.

You can even wire from the train if this information is not available before starting your trip.

There are bus connections also, for these trains, to take you to French Lick.

There is **NO DIRECT TRAIN** from Indianapolis into French Lick—Mitchell-Orleans.

Public service hearings are in progress now and it may be that the Monon Railroad will re-establish its train service directly to French Lick from Chicago and Louisville by Reunion dates. Be sure to make inquiry about this proposed service when making **TRAIN** reservations.

If you are **DRIVING** by **AUTOMOBILE** and **RESERVATIONS** have been made in advance with the hotel the Reunion committee will mail a State Highway Map of Indiana to you.

PRESENT RAILROAD SCHEDULES TO REUNION

BY WAY OF CHICAGO—LOUISVILLE—CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS MONON RAILROAD—One Train Each Day Central Standard Time

Leave Chicago	8:00 A. M.	Arrive Orleans, Indiana	3:55 P. M.
Leave Louisville	10:15 A. M.	Arrive Orleans, Indiana	12:00 Noon

It is hoped Monon Railroad will re-establish its train running through French Lick from Chicago and Louisville by the dates of the reunion. Check this.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD: Daily Central Standard Time

Leave Cincinnati	9:10 A. M.	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	11:07 A. M.
Leave Cincinnati	12:10 midnight	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	2:22 A. M.
Leave Cincinnati	7:30 A. M.	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	9:04 A. M.
Leave Cincinnati	5:30 P. M.	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	8:25 P. M.
Leave St. Louis	9:40 A. M.	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	1:56 P. M.
Leave St. Louis	1:25 P. M.	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	5:36 P. M.
Leave St. Louis	9:30 P. M.	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	3:28 A. M.
Leave St. Louis	11:15 P. M.	Arrive Mitchell, Indiana	3:48 A. M.

NO DIRECT TRAIN FROM INDIANAPOLIS INTO FRENCH LICK
ORLEANS OR MITCHELL



Through this lovely entrance you'll find the registration desk for the happiest Rainbow Reunion to warm your memories for years to come.

REUNION INFORMATION

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to your heart's content, listen to good music and enjoy one act after another of the finest floor show you have seen in years. But don't get the idea that we have nothing planned for you on Friday or on Sunday. We have plenty for you on those two days. And on Sunday night, the 14th, there will be the banquet and the Champagne Hour. So whatever time you arrive you will walk right into a whirl of activity.

You will find a spirit of friendliness that is entirely lacking in the big city hotel. Here at French Lick courtesy and hospitality are as much a part of the setting as the very hills themselves. And you will also find every Hoosier Rainbower honestly and sincerely glad to see you and eager to do everything possible to make sure you enjoy the Reunion.

Informality is not a rule but is a Must at this Reunion and a way of life. If you ladies want to wear an evening gown, fine—if you want to wear your ordinary "dress up" clothes, it is just as fine. In other words, dress as you want to dress. The important thing is to Be Present.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

CALIFORNIA—The quiet before the storm or were the boys just saving up for that much publicized June meeting? Or was it because Slim Sutherland was absent and Bill Williamson couldn't very well argue with himself? At any rate the May meeting was held with more decorum than usual.

Chief order of business of the evening was nomination of officers for the new year. The election and installation of the new officers will take place at the June meeting. This, along with the super entertainment promised, should make the next meeting a very lively one.

New Rainbowers present for the first time and signing up were: Pfc. W. R. Anning, Co. H, 232nd Infantry; T/5 Harold W. Connor, Cn. Co., 232nd Infantry and Pfc. David D. Olson, Bat. A, 232nd Field Artillery.

Welcome men. This is your Chapter, so don't hesitate to make any suggestions you feel might be for the good of the cause.

On May 30, the Los Angeles Chapter held its annual Memorial Day service in Rainbow Memorial Grove, Exposition Park. It was beautiful and impressive in its simplicity. Thus to our absent comrades did we pay a sincere tribute.

This is the final installment of Chapter Chatter from Los Angeles for the current

Rainbow year and at this time we wish to extend to all of the National officers a large bouquet of Orchids for the splendid job they have done during the year. Rainbowers everywhere may well be proud of each and every one for his unselfish work in behalf of the Association.

Thursday, May 16, we received a letter from General Collins dated Salzburg, Austria, 6 May 1946, and we wish to quote a paragraph from it: "Will look forward to seeing you at the Reunion on the 14th. I hope to fly back with a representative group of officers and men who have been with the Division since the activation—there are few left."

If General Collins and his men are able to be at French Lick on July 14, would any Rainbower want to miss being there? No!

And so, until the September issue of the REVELLE your scribe from the Orange Empire bids you Adios. In the meantime pack your tooth brush and razor and start the trek for the Reunion of Reunions!

WARNER.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

FLORIDA — Annual election of Miami Chapter held at Legion home, April 29, 1946, and elected following officers for 1946-1947:

President—Lt. Col. Ben Criswell (New 42nd)

1st Vice-President—E. M. Grant

2nd Vice-President—C. C. Brown

Ex.-Comm.—J. K. Eaton, Paul Haley

Chaplain—1st Lt. Wm. Franklin (New 42nd)

Sgt.-at-Arms—Paul Robinson

J. A.—Park Campbell

Sec.-Treasurer—Jim Barney, re-appointed
Delegates, State Convention—W. Palm Beach, May 17, 1946

J. K. Eaton, Paul Haley, Bill Rheney, Wm. Franklin

Ben Criswell was one of the original members of the new Rainbow, and was present at the activation.

R. C. Christianson, retired as president of Miami Chapter, but is still state president. Chris presided at the convention and Jim Barney, state secretary-treasurer, was also present.

Dr. Howard "Chic" Brinklow was chairman of the state convention committee in West Palm Beach, and arranged a fine program, starting with breakfast in the Rainbow room at the Penn Hotel.

It looks like Miami will now be well represented at the National. We will notify

E. P. Cook as soon as state convention is over. A couple of old Hoosiers hope to be there, J. K. Eaton and Old Man Barney. We are still hoping Bill Rheney will be along with those good old times of his.

Any of you fellows want a summer vacation? Come on down. I have plenty of room for you. Good old Army style. Yea, I can take in the families, too. Prices reasonable with PX, cafeteria, laundry. Better hold or the hotel commission will be after me.

Best wishes from all of us to all of you.

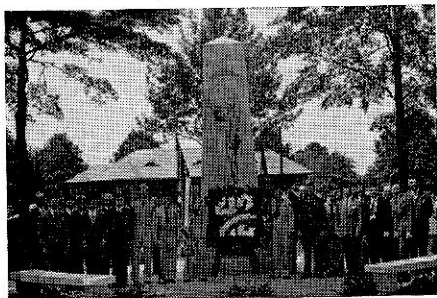
JIM.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

NEW YORK—April 26, 1946, will long be remembered by over 1800 Rainbowers and their friends who attended the very successful Victory Ball sponsored by the Father Duffy Chapter at the Commodore Hotel. All events proceeded smoothly and everyone had a very good time.

The guests of honor were our National Rainbow President Robert J. Hayward and the 165th War Time Commander, General William J. Donovan. A scroll was presented to General Donovan by the Father Duffy Chapter commending him for his intelligent supervision of the O.S.S., which had so much to do with the victorious ending of the late World War II.

Among the box occupants were Past National President General John Mangan, General Lawrence, Colonel Cavanaugh and his staff from the 69th, Father Duffy Chapter Chaplain Father Murray, National Secretary R. Allen Gibbons, National Treasurer G. E. Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smock and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barrow, both of Red Bank, New Jersey.



After an excellent show was enjoyed, those of us who were able, danced the "light fantastic," while others visited from table to table in true Rainbow fashion. Our new members were out in full force and had a great time.

At the midnight drawing for the prize Chevrolet, Mike Brady, of New York City, a true son of Erin, took possession of the new car. President John Smith expressed the thanks of the Father Duffy Chapter to

all who helped make possible this most successful affair.

On Sunday, May 26, Rainbowers from New York and Long Island decorated the graves of over 200 of their buddies buried in the National Cemetery at Pine Lawn, Long Island. Afterwards, a Memorial Service was attended.

Memorial Day, May 30, was a busy one for the boys as they placed a wreath on Father Duffy's Monument at 8 A. M. and then marched up Riverside Drive in the Annual Memorial Parade. At 2 P. M. Long Island Chapter held its Annual Ceremonies at the Rainbow Division Veterans' Monument at Camp Mills, Garden City. The National Association wreath, in memory of all our departed comrades, was placed at the foot of the Monument while all attending stood at attention to the sounding of Taps and the three volleys from the firing squad.

GEORGE.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

TEXAS—Dallas — It is pleasantly surprising how interesting our monthly travelogue is proving. Last month's talk by Captain Strange was so well received that we immediately arranged for Major William J. Rochelle, Jr., to carry on in the same vein this month. Upon his turning up AWOL we reached deep down into the bag and with but a matter of minutes for preparation threw a "chronic" Rainbower into the breach.

There are few Rainbow regulars who do not know Garrett W. Olds. When we called upon him he was still in the service, Lt. Col. A.G.D., with the Eighth Service Command right here in Dallas. In addition to almost perpetual office in the Indiana state Rainbow he held the post of National Treasurer for the two consecutive years of 1938-39 and for the past ten years or so has been on the National Executive Committee.

At the end of W. W. I, during which the Colonel served with the 150th F.A., thus earning his right to so "proudly wear your Rainbow button" (see interliners all issues of Rainbow REVEILLE), he became quite active in the National Guard, finally working himself up into Divisional A.G. of the 38th Division, which had absorbed the reorganized 150th F.A.

After being federalized and called out the division spent a couple of years at Camp Shelby, during which time it underwent the transition from the old "square" division to the new streamlined "triangle" division. Ultimately—to be exact: on January 1, 1944—it left the good old U.S.A. for Hawaii, being the only full U. S. Army Division to sail en toto from the port of New Orleans.

Its next move brought it to New Guinea, where it wallowed in the desola-

tion left behind the herioc 32nd Division, although it arrived too late to participate therein; its subsequent combat mission at Leyte being its "baptism of fire." A little later, being the only American division on the west of Luzon, it earned for itself the moniker of "The Avengers of Bataan" and was credited with more "nips" (ya can't spell *that* word with a capital "n"!) killed and captured than any other division on Luzon. (Editor's Note: The Colonel heartily disapproved of the captured nips.)

Four days after the paratroopers' initial—and unsuccessful—attack on Corregidor, the 38th moved in and was credited with the actual reduction of "The Rock."

The division was finally returned to the U. S. and inactivated in November, 1945, having, the Colonel feels certain, acquitted itself favorably in this war as did the Rainbow with which he served in the last war. (For the luvva Pete, is dis guy a Rainbower or is he writin' the history of the *resta* the Army?—O.K., so I'm thru!)

Our next meeting, 8 P. M., June 19, will bring forth the final program for the annual barbecue to be held Saturday night, July 13; it is also bringing up the annual election of officers, so if you never attend but one meeting a year be certain that this will be the one you attend. And may we take this opportunity to invite all visiting Rainbowers to be present—and hear more about: DALLAS, Rainbow's host in '48.

EVERETTE.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

WYOMING—First of all I wish to report that I have just learned that Rainbower Norman J. Fetzer, Pfc., Co. E, 242nd Inf., was found burned to death in his car on April 12, near his hometown of Bowell, Wyoming, two days after he had returned from overseas.

Contacts with the twenty-seven Rainbowers in Wyoming have been made by letter, by card, with returned card attached and in the case of those located in Cheyenne by phone or personal visit. Ten have given a favorable reply: One from Casper, one from Cody, one from La Grange and the seven located in Cheyenne. The other seventeen have not as yet given any evidence of interest.

Rainbower William H. Bond, P. O. Box 541, Casper, Wyoming, has been trying to line up the gang in Casper but due to the fact that his eyes are in very bad shape, he hasn't had much success. Bill, whom War I Rainbowers may remember as a Sgt., Co. E, 117th Am. Train., is night desk-man in the Sheriff's office at Casper. I am sure that he would enjoy hearing from any of his old outfit.

I am sending out another batch of cards, in the hope of being able to arrange a

meeting, elect officers and apply for our Charter before the close of the Reunion at French Lick. The wide open spaces of Wyoming are our biggest handicap. The nearest group of Rainbowers is at Laramie which is 53 miles from Cheyenne.

Hoping to be able to report to the Reunion that we have reached our objective: A Chapter of "Rainbow" in Wyoming in 1946, I am,

JOE.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

RAINBOW RECORDING

Yes! The record is now available of "There Is A Rainbow In The Army" (with Field Artillery Chorus) plus bagpipe selections and "Mountain Dew." The original recording was made while the Division was in training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, shortly before going overseas.

This 12" record is flexible, non-warpage and made by RCA-Victor. Price — \$2.00 postpaid.

Print your name and address, please, and send order with your remittance to Rainbow Division Veterans Association, in care of R. Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

COLLINS TO BE PRESENT

If plans work out as expected, General Collins, with a group of his officers and Rainbowmen (now on duty in Austria) will attend the 28th annual Reunion in French Lick.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

COMBAT HISTORY OF THE RAINBOW DIVISION

Word has been received from the publishing company that they are unable to forecast a definite delivery date of the 42nd Division Review because of a critical shortage of cover material with which to bind the books. Their best guess right now is that the book will not be available for distribution before the end of August or the beginning of September.

We will continue to accept orders for this history until we receive definite word from the publishers of their deadline. Only enough histories will be published to cover the orders received, therefore, if you have not placed your order at the time the book goes to press you will never have another opportunity of obtaining one of these histories. At the present time this may not mean much to you but you may regret it many times in the future if you have not obtained a copy of the history.

Send your reservation today, with \$5, to National Treasurer George E. Seaman, Room 833, 60 E. 42nd Street, New York 17.

WITH THE RAINBOW IN AUSTRIA

V-E Day Anniversary Story

Moving ahead all the way from the breakthrough of the Siegfried Line in March, the first week in May found the 42d Infantry "Rainbow" Division in the Bavaria sector of Germany with its advance elements in Austria. The Division was prepared to move into the Austrian Alps, where Hitler was determined to make his "last-ditch" stand.

The path of the "Rainbow" thus far was marked through Wurzburg, Schweinfurt and Furth, often over the vain threats and fanatic premises of the no-longer-dreaded SS Troopers.

As the German Army disintegrated and the war came closer to an end the prisoners taken totaled approximately 51,000.

When the actual surrender of the German Army Group "G" to the Sixth Army Group came on May 7, 1945, there was little celebration in the hearts of the Rainbowmen. Instead there were religious services of thanksgiving. Too many of their buddies had died to make this a victory in the true sense of the word. For two months these men had been marching and slugging so that they could keep on marching, and now the only personal pleasure they had was that at last they could sleep, eat hot food, clean up and go back to sleep again.

Shortly after V-E Day the Division moved into Austria to round up the remaining enemy forces and to begin training for combat against the Japanese. The men found that Austria, a quaint and beautiful land, was a perfect haven in which to rest and train themselves for the probable meeting with their new enemy.

The fighting merit of the men was not lost as patrols moved deep into the mountains and brought back such prizes as SS General Von Oberg, the ill-famed "Butcher of Paris" and General Schoerner, Commander of all Nazi forces in Czechoslovakia, wanted by the Russians as a war criminal.

With the sudden end of the war in the Pacific, Rainbowmen felt just as did all other men who had lived by the sword, "It's all over and I lived through it." Hoping that soon everyone who deserved the voyage would be on his way home was a common feeling among the troops. Victory also brought about something for which the "Rainbow" Division would be remembered in peace as well as in war.

At the small resort of Zell am See, Austria, the Division had initiated a Rainbow Leaders' School to train combat leaders in Japanese tactics. With the fullest co-operation of everyone from the Commanding General to the jeep drivers who traveled to Vienna for training equipment, the Division converted its Combat Leaders' School into

"The Rainbow University," the first institution of its kind in the European Theater.

Books from the Rainbow Veterans' Association, accredited instructors from the ranks of the Division, equipment from every corner of Europe, all resulted in a school whose credits were recognized by leading American colleges. Until it was forced to close by a shortage of personnel caused by redeployment and occupational requirements, Rainbow University was the talk of the European Theater, the subject of great interest to the War Department, and the pride of the Division.

Then came the point system, and older members of the Division returned to the States for discharge. In October, 1945, approximately 5,000 low-pointers from the 66th Infantry Division arrived as reinforcements. Proud as these men were of their "Black Panther" Division, they were soon equally as proud of the "Rainbow."

Men have continued to depart, taking with them their pride in a fighting outfit and leaving behind them the tradition of the American soldiers as well as that of the Rainbow, a heritage of courage and determination and knowledge that the souls of free people cannot be conquered.

Now, a year after the end of the war in Europe, most of the men who fought with the Rainbow have returned to America, while the Division continues working to win the peace. With renewed vigor the Rainbow is removing the strong-holds of Nazism imbedded in the teutonic mind, destroying the roots of Fascism as surely as it smashed the German War Machine. The occupational forces must keep in mind the men to whom Victory Day is consecrated—to America and those who fought for liberty—to Rainbowmen who lie forever on the battlefields of Europe.

CARTOGRAPHIS

General Collins has sent to the United States some 12,000 Cartographs for distribution to former Rainbowmen now returned to the States. These Cartographs depict the combat history of the Rainbow from the "jump-off" at Wimmenau and Wingen, France, on 15 March 1945 to the crossing of the Austrian border on 8 May 1945. They are printed in color in four sections: (1) The Hardt Mountains, from 15 March to 31 March; (2) from Miltenberg to Furth, Germany, 31 March to 20 April; (3) from Furth to the crossing of the Danube, 20 April to 26 April; (4) from the Danube to Austria, 26 April to 8 May.

These Cartographs will be mailed as soon as possible after arrival in New York.

Chapter	Last Year's 1945-46		Chapter	Last Year's 1945-46	
	Record	To May 20		Record	To May 20
Alabama State Association	4	0	Missouri-Kansas	155	149
Crawford Z. Ables	28	20	St. Louis	5	4
Major John W. Carroll	46	* 51	MISSOURI-KANSAS TOTAL	160	153
Mortimer H. Jordan	95	*102	NEBRASKA	38	* 38
William M. Peters	34	* 37	New Jersey	109	102
Dallas B. Smith	1	0	Gen. Charles T. Menoher	25	23
Julien M. Strassberger	99	*105	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	134	125
Durward Crowder	16	* 20	Father Duffy Chapter of N. Y.	701	637
ALABAMA TOTAL	323	*335	Long Island	35	* 38
Los Angeles	178	177	Westchester	31	22
San Francisco	102	*153	NEW YORK TOTAL	767	697
Joyce Kilmer	20	15	Ohio State Association	36	* 38
James Daugherty	4	2	Ralph Berger	44	33
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	304	*347	Cincinnati	109	70
Pueblo	3	1	Columbus	128	120
Denver	44	35	Newark	50	* 50
COLORADO TOTAL	47	36	Luther Swigart	19	* 19
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	91	*108	Akron	37	33
Florida State Association	0	0	Dyer J. Bird	34	31
Jacksonville	26	2	Paul Hume	4	3
Miami	23	* 25	Sedan	13	5
Pensacola	4	4	Edison H. Miller	16	* 48
St. Petersburg	0	* 15	Lancaster	54	* 59
Gen. Charles P. Summerall	101	41	Cleveland	39	* 45
FLORIDA TOTAL	154	87	Springfield	24	19
Georgia Chapter	28	13	Vets of Co. G, 166th Inf.	111	*143
Frank Joerg	1	1	OHIO TOTAL	718	716
Cooper D. Winn	42	41	Oklahoma State Association	2	1
GEORGIA TOTAL	71	55	Oklahoma City	24	* 28
Illinois Chapter	820	720	Tulsa	63	* 78
Danville	47	* 59	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	89	*107
ILLINOIS TOTAL	867	779	OREGON	7	12
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	226	*301	Pennsylvania State Association	1	0
Bloomington	66	* 77	Easton	1	*130
Fort Wayne	8	* 50	Pittsburgh	98	96
LaFayette	29	18	Bethlehem	53	* 55
Martinsville	22	* 27	Lancaster	63	48
South Bend	18	* 20	Reading	27	16
INDIANA TOTAL	369	*493	Philadelphia	48	33
Iowa State Association	0	0	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	291	*378
Col. E. R. Bennett	220	193	SOUTH CAROLINA	27	* 31
Cedar Rapids	42	31	TENNESSEE	1	5
Oskaloosa	46	* 50	TEXAS	110	68
Creston	55	41	Virginia State Chapter	116	103
Lee County	20	17	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	34	* 48
Fort Dodge	7	7	VIRGINIA TOTAL	150	*151
Mason City (North Iowa)	34	28	WASHINGTON STATE		
Mathew A. Tinley	58	53	(Seattle)	26	22
Cedar Valley	36	* 44	Wisconsin State Association	8	6
Ottumwa	16	* 40	Appleton	48	* 60
Southwest Iowa	24	14	Gen. Douglas MacArthur	26	* 30
Northwest Iowa	32	* 52	Fond du Lac	28	* 35
IOWA TOTAL	590	570	Oshkosh	42	* 42
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	25	20	WISCONSIN TOTAL	152	*173
MARYLAND	76	* 88	NATIONAL CHAPTER AT		
MASSACHUSETTS	45	* 48	LARGE (War I)	19	17
MICHIGAN	187	154	NATIONAL CHAPTER AT		
Minnesota Association	2	3	LARGE (War II)	0	11,761
Minneapolis	169	*180	GRAND TOTALS	6,042	17,791
St. Paul	33	* 34			
MINNESOTA TOTAL	204	*217			

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

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