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IOWA'S STATE CAPITOL

The gold of its dome reflects the wealth of her harvest and the richness of her welcome to all visitors who come within Iowa's borders. All Rainbow Veterans and their families will find a wholesome welcome at the Annual Reunion in Des Moines, July 12, 13, 14, 1947.

Rainbow Division Veterans



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Ohio To Dedicate Rainbow Memorial Highway

At the Reunion in June 1946 it was decided to approach the State Highway Department with the idea of getting Route 42 through Ohio designated as the Rainbow Memorial Highway. State President S. J. Neiburg appointed the following members to confer with the Highway Department: Sam Lichtenstein, George Ward, Jack Henry and Bill Johnson.

They found the officials very receptive to the plan and the first question was an appropriate marker. A sample was submitted by the Highway Department at the State Trustees meeting in September. With a few minor adjustments made the next question was colors.

The Department made only two color signs: black and white. After several meetings with the Highway officials and some suggestions from Major General Robert S. Beightler, a former Highway Director, a grade of luminous paint was decided on with the Rainbow in color that would reflect at night in the glow of the headlights.

Two hundred and fifty markers will be spaced at five-mile intervals along Route 42 with inter-sections marked along the route.

After the State Trustees meeting in January 1947, the design was okayed and Delaware being centrally located and the home of Company K, 166th Infantry, it was designated as the city for the dedication. The time was set May 25 (Sunday), the original committee to function with a Dedication and Pilgrimage Committee to be selected from Delaware and surrounding cities.

This committee is headed by Major General Robert S. Beightler as honorary chairman; Captain James Samson, former C.O. of Company K, chairman, and Colonel D. R. Smith as co-chairman. The Pilgrimage Committee is planning a pilgrimage to the final resting place of Colonel Benson W. Hough, the Beloved Commander of the 166th Infantry; it is just seven miles west of Delaware. Immediately following the dedication ceremony, the Rainbowners will drive to Berkshire Cemetery where Memorial Services will be held. It is hoped all 166th men will be there for this service.

The thought behind this is well expressed by Clyde Moore who writes for the Ohio State Journal:

RAINBOW TRAIL

There are many ways of perpetuating the memory of individuals and organizations. One of the most practical is through what has become known as "living memorials" which are of benefit to the public.

An example of this is the designation of U.S. Highway 42 from Cleveland to Cincinnati as "42nd Division Memorial Highway." The dedication will take place in Delaware in May.

When the markers are installed all who travel this route will be reminded of the historic division which was composed of National Guard units selected from throughout the nation, of which Ohio's glorious 166th Regiment was a part.

It is hoped that the Ohio Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association which is sponsoring this dedication, will see to it that appropriate roadside markers giving a thumbnail history of the Division are placed in several spots along the highway for the information of tourists.

The time—Sunday, May 5, 1947

The place—Delaware, Ohio, Armory

Where the Rainbow Trail joins

Memory Lane for you and I of the Rainbow.

CARL S. THIMMES

On to Des Moines



In all that is good, Iowa affords the best. Our National Association by holding its reunions in various parts of the country, affords our membership an opportunity to really see America. Reunions have been held in all parts of our nation except the far Northeast, the far great Northwest and the interesting Southwest. But no matter where you go, there is nothing like the great Middlewest, especially Iowa. Des Moines is the capital of the food world; Iowa leads the country in so many firsts that we don't need to name them as everyone already knows that. Have you ever heard corn actually grow? You do here in Iowa. Have you ever seen the great corn fields, the great soy bean fields, the rolling prairies of new-mown hay, and have you traveled the great ribbons of concrete highways? You find them all in Iowa.

Our great cities do offer much for the visitors who come into their midst but to the large city folks, to get out into the open spaces and rolling fields is something different. We're not crowded in among the subways, we're not bounced around by steamboat whistles but we have room to stretch and have a big shindig.

Have you ever gone out into the great open spaces and attended a really immense barbecue, out under the fading light of day, in the shadow of the richest of sunsets? The delicious odor of charcoal sizzling as the beef drippings hits the hot coals and faintly mixed in with the evening air your nostrils pick up the scent of well spiced barbecue sauce. And the next thing you know someone shoves an immense dripping barbecued sandwich and a bottle of beer into your hands and the night really begins! Those who attended the now famous barbecue of 1927 at Camp Dodge just north of Des Moines well recall that night and those of you who come again this July will have your opportunity to talk about the most outstanding event in your life. So from the East, the West, the North and the South, Rainbowers plan to see America this year by making the trip to Des Moines, July 12, 13, 14. Des Moines, the convention city of the United States, the food capital of the world; the great insurance center; right out where corn, oats, wheat, soybeans, pigs and cattle are grown right at the cities very doorstep (no space is wasted), that is the place for all Rainbow Veterans to find their way. We'll be waiting and watching for you.

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Possibly you have forgotten this song, but in the years to come, it may revive many memories, therefore you should secure a recording of it.

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One side of the record contains "There's a Rainbow in the Army," played by the 42nd Division (Rainbow) Band with the Artillery Chorus, and the other side "Mountain Dew" played by the Bagpipers.

The National Secretary will be happy to mail you one of these records upon receipt of \$2.

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALABAMA—In Birmingham at the March meeting of Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter, there was much ado concerning the future of our cherished organization. "How do we go from here" rather than "where do we go from here" was the burning question.

A quick glance at the membership statistics on the last page of the Reveille for March followed by a little analysis seemed to carry the answer. Yes, the WW II boys must do it and they will if given the opportunity along with a little encouragement.

We found that out of 26 states, 17 of them, or 70 percent, did not go over last year's membership. And taken by individual chapters out of 97 there were 55, or 55 percent, in the same boat. Our chapter is also in this boat and we don't feel at all happy about having so much company. And this with nearly 12,000 that actually joined while still in Europe in 1945 but did not renew for this year.

By simple subtraction in round numbers we come uu with 6,000 actual WW I members and 12,000 potential from WW II, as of now. If that proves anything, then we are on the right track.

Our chapter appointed a committee, 100 percent from WW II, to plan, make all arrangements and carry out all on their own, a grand party for all Alabama Rainbowners with their wives and families or sweethearts. And all to be financed out of chapter treasury. I am told that they have set May 3 at the Roebuck Country Club in Birmingham. I haven't heard all the other details yet but understand there will be fanfare, a variety of refreshments, dancing and possibly golf ahead of the festivities.

We have high hopes for this party, especially the WW II interest that should develop, and we know for sure that we will have a grand get-together, even if it breaks the bank.

We see that Illinois Chapter (incidentally from whence I came to Alabama) has arranged for WW II members to take over their May meeting and that is good, yes a very good move in the right direction. In fact it is the only direction that all chapters will pursue sooner or later—and right now we say "the sooner the quicker."

You will hear more from us on this, possibly in the way of a challenge to both Illinois and Ohio on their plan to be "The World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter" by way of different standard of measure for this distinction.

—LINDSAY COX

CALIFORNIA—Well, folks, the Rainbow Hi-Jinks is over, the Santa Anita Handicap has been run and the Chapter's treasury has a tidy sum for its efforts. Congratulations to all who helped make the post-war renewal of this affair a success.

Once again, or should we say as usual, Rainbow hit the bull's-eye. The annual Washing-

ton's Birthday broadcast was most impressive. While listening to the broadcast we visualized a certain July day at Camp Gruber when the Colors were presented to the reactivated 42nd Division.

It is most fitting that our Colors and battle trophies have been enshrined in the "Heart of America." Colonel Ruby Garrett must feel mighty proud that his home city was chosen for this honor. As we are a native Missourian, we too are proud that the old home state will have the shrine of Rainbow within its borders.

The Los Angeles Chapter extends its sincere thanks to the National Broadcasting Company and to our local station KFI for again releasing this program which means so much to all Rainbowners.

At the March meeting of the Chapter the speaker of the evening was Lt. Col. Fernwall of the 160th Inf., 40th Division, who gave a talk on the new National Guard setup. California is to have two Guard Divisions: the 40th, which was known as the Sunshine Division in World War I and which gave an excellent account of itself in the Pacific Theater in World War II, and a new division to be activated and designated as the 52nd Division.

The 40th, which contains the 160th Inf. (Los Angeles' own) has been assigned to Southern California and the new 52nd to Northern California.

Lt. Col. Fernwall was accompanied by a former Rainbow officer, Lt. Col. Niblock, who served with the 22nd Inf. of the 42nd. Now that Col. Niblock has established contact, we hope to see him at our future meetings.

We were happy to greet an out-of-town guest at the meeting, that good old Rainbowner from Detroit, Tom Hanson. It seems Walt Michel had talked so much about Los Angeles on his visits to Detroit that Tom had to come out and see what it was all about. The weather man has been on his good behavior since Tom has been here. There has been lots of sunshine and the temperature has been in the 80s all week. I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't have another convert.

The Los Angeles Chapter passed a resolution endorsing the bill to have the Rainbow Division Veterans Association incorporated by an Act of Congress which was presented to the 80th Congress by Representative Paul Cunningham of Iowa. A copy of this resolution was forwarded to the Hon. Earl C. Michener, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary, U. S. House of Representatives.

Col. Wm. B. Zeller who served as a Lt. Col. in the 232nd Inf., 42nd Div., is now in command of the 223rd Inf., 40th Div., California National Guard, with headquarters in Pasadena.

The April meeting is to be in charge of the younger Rainbowners. They say they have lined up some very special entertainment. Let us have a big turnout on April 10 and show these boys our appreciation for their efforts.

It is with deep regret we announce the passing of Chapter President Harold Browere's

mother. To Harold we all extend our sincere sympathy.

When loved ones are called away, it is as though they have gone down the highway to a turn in the road. We cannot see beyond the bend, but we know that they are there.

WARNER H. GRASSELL

DIST. OF COL.—March 21 was not just the first day of Spring here in Washington, but also the day for our monthly dinner meeting which was held at the Continental Hotel. Being the first day of Spring, the Chapter blossomed and we had one of the finest meetings of the year. Although our attendance wasn't as great in number as in the past, it didn't hinder us in having a great evening which can be added to the memories of Rainbow.

To keep in step with the season, Vince Pizzi, World War II man, brought the Colors to the meeting which in the past had been neglected and missed. This act by Vince completed the wonderful atmosphere, and as Chaplain Smith once said, "We should have the Colors at all our meetings," so I think Vince has just gotten himself a job.

We were also privileged to have present with us Doctor Robert C. Cook (168th F.H.) who has just transferred to our Chapter from Father Duffy's Chapter. It was great that he could attend and we hope to see him at all our future meetings.

We also understand that our Comrade Logan J. Purcell is ill and is at Mt. Alto Hospital. We were grieved to hear of this and all of us wish him a quick recovery.

As usual we had regular men present such as Bill Kay, Walker Colston, Robert H. Ellicott, Harold Rodier, Emory McIntosh, Bernie Rhodes, Merritt Everhart, John DuBey, Francis Somers, John Shile, Elmer Martino and Frank Hill.

The Rainbow year is almost at an end, and our treasurer, Irvin (Ziggie) Silverberg, is still trying to secure more membership for this Chapter. He is doing a great job and his work is recognized and appreciated.

Time marches on, and we are now looking forward to our next meeting. Our President Marshall Andrews is making arrangements to have a distinguished speaker with us—so until then, "FAGGIE"

ILLINOIS—The May meeting of the Illinois Chapter at the Swedish Club will be World War II Rainbows' Night, and the program of the evening will be theirs to celebrate in their own way the Second Anniversary of VE-Day. Rainbows of World War I will be looking on as the "youngsters" do their stuff—each remembering, no doubt, that day in May twenty-eight years ago when they, too, were at the point of reconversion to civilian status.

Details of the program are "top secret" with the World War II boys, but this reporter learns from a usually reliable source that the dignity and seriousness that is traditional with the World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter will be upheld in

every way. Even the cocktail hour which will open the affair will be marked by the serious business of partaking of favorite beverages in the most dignified manner.

And now, with the membership of A THOUSAND PAID MEMBERS in the bag, the World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter declines to set another goal—there is simply no basis on which to hazard a guess as to the heights to which the membership may climb.

Finally, for the nonce, the WORLD'S GREATEST RAINBOW CHAPTER, with its thousand paid members, offers its most hearty congratulations to the World's Greatest Little Rainbow Chapter of 132 members out in Ohio from whence come good Golden Delicious apples that are good to eat whether they be raw, baked, fried or just plain sauce.

Fear not, Ohio! Even as we of the 149th F.A. responded to your calls for help on the field of battle, so are we now ready, willing, and able to bat down any and all—except us—who would presume to prevent your advance toward a bigger and better objective. Just send up a rocket, little brother. The artillery's guns are ready to fire on whatever part of the sector.

What! No Bjork? Not a thing. A call to this usually effervescent fountain of information about the goings and comings of all drew, of all things, a total blank—a complete vacuum—a dud!

KEN HATHAWAY

INDIANA—The March meeting was really a revelation. Just when we are ready to call in the undertaker, the jerks get a shot of new life and so help me, we have a decent crowd at a meeting again. Newcomers and oldtimers, one or two that might have been veterans of the Indian wars for all we know, veterans of W.W.II and the regulars that are always there. Incidentally we would like once more to call to your attention (and especially the Biggest and Noisiest Chapters) the fact that Indianapolis does not go in for mere size. Bulk is just something to lug around. Look at the dinosaur, the biggest thing on earth at one time—yet the poor damn fool has been extinct for sixty million years. No, sir—we go in for quality here and if proof is needed we respectfully point to the fact that on March 14 (the date of our meeting) Governor Gates of Indiana announced the appointment of Colonel Howard Maxwell (Bat. A, 150th F.A.) as Adjutant General of the State of Indiana. "Howdy" is the third Indianapolis Rainbower to become Adjutant General of Indiana, the other two being Pete Straub (Bat. A, 150th F.A.), and Doc Sherwood (Bat. F&B, 150th F.A.) And don't forget that Major General Bob Tyndall, Mayor of Indianapolis, is one of our gang too. How many generals you got, Eskil, in the Biggest Chapter up there on the shores of Gitche Gumee?

You think it don't pay to raise hell? You have no idea what those few "damns" and "hells" that appeared in the March SNOW uncovered. First of all it scared one guy into calling us at the hotel. Answering the telephone, I heard a voice say, "Hook, I can't

make it for the meeting tonight." "Who the hell is this," I asked. "Jim Barney," came the answer. "Where are you?" "In Miami, Florida, where the hell did you think I would be?" Now that's what I call the old Rainbow spirit. Calls long distance clear from Miami, Florida, just to say hello to his old bunch. So Howdy Maxwell and Ted Taylor and a few more of the boys had a chance for a long distance reunion with Jim.

Our meeting April 11 will be devoted to nomination of officers for the coming year. This will be a free-for-all and no holds barred. So, anyone who doesn't attend and finds himself elected to office—bub, it's his own damn fault. See you next month.—HOOK.

IOWA—

The annual reunion of the Iowa State Association has again come and gone and another great year has been added to history for Rainbow in Iowa. It started at Hotel Savery in Des Moines on Friday night, March 7. It was not a too hot beginning but the activities really warmed up by Saturday noon and kept right on going from there on out. With three conventions in the hotel, the great crowds in town for the finals of the State Girl's Basketball Tournament; well, the boys had a big time anyway. And the turkey lunch that the famous Rainbow Club set up for those present! And did the gang go for that?

Came Saturday night! With Ron Kehm as master of ceremonies, the annual Rainbow banquet got in full swing. Speeches came from every direction. The governor was there—had just returned from New Orleans but had a stiff neck—wonder what Abe Katz's and his gang might have done to our good governor? But it had Rainbow's usual color and of course the long drawn out bull that is always found around such affairs. But everything hinged right on to making plans for all of Rainbow in July. Everyone said it must be the best, and gang, that is just what the plans are being set up for right now. Reg Sanford got warmed up with a floor show and should be in good trim for the National Reunion because it is Reg who will be seeing that the gang is well entertained in July.

We're not going to tell you all about the business meeting but will say that Jim Day (Co. D, 168th) was elected president after one of the most spirited elections in history. And Jim will do a good job of it and will pick up a lot of good help. And in the afternoon (Sunday) with Chaplain Stanley presiding, and a beautiful message from Chaplain DeLoss Marken, famous for his service with the 34th Infantry Division, the 1947 Iowa State Rainbow Reunion came to a close. And each of us returned to our homes with a feeling that we would meet our beloved comrades once again in Des Moines at the National Reunion, July 12, 13, 14.

(Signed) THE SNIPER

MINNESOTA— The St. Paul Chapter has invited the Minneapolis Chapter as its guests at its next meeting. This is the kind of spirit that

really keeps Rainbow going. We hope a large delegation will attend.

President Connolly has opened a drive "On to Des Moines." The reason for the big push is that Minnesota is going all out for the 1949 reunion that is to be held at Minneapolis. Another reason is the Minneapolis Centennial Celebration and there will be so many more added attractions for our out-of-town guests.

Jack Becker has arranged the Annual Picnic, which is usually held at reunion time, for a month earlier so that it will not interfere with the delegates going to the reunion.

Minneapolis Chapter has adopted a new system. We have an identification card (donated to the Chapter by Bill Schultz) under the care of Cousin Hugo Neumuth. We have a card for every member of the organization and as he comes into a meeting, Cousin Hugo hands him his card and in that way everyone knows who everyone is. The plan is working out great.

Emil Kroboth and his wife have just returned plays a nice large picture of two 350-pound fish (yaah, he says he caught them). Anyway we weren't there, Charley, so we'll have to take his word for it.

Our good President, Dave Rockwood (who is an insurance man) had an accident a block away from his home. He has settled the insurance claim, bought a new car, and he and his wife have taken a trip for a month. It must still be who you know, and not what you know.

FRANK WEST

NEW JERSEY— Sparked by the stimulus of new Rainbow, the tired old men of the New Jersey Chapter, after months of idleness, roused from their lethargy and held the first chapter affair of the year. It was a stag dinner, March 30, at the Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, attended by 103 Rainbowners, including 58 World War II vets, as guests of the Chapter.

Preceding the dinner the regular quarterly meeting—streamlined to permit the boys a brief two hours to inundate their tonsils with 12-year old Scotch—was held at the Legion Home, adjoining the hotel, with Chapter President Tom (Killer) Kane presiding. Tom also officiated as M.C. at the dinner.

The large attendance of new Rainbowners was attributed to job done by the new "sparkplug" of the Chapter, Harry P. Morford, World War II, and PNP Bob Hayward, in contacting 500 Rainbowners throughout the state by mail, thereby initialing the belated but most important work of enlisting new members for the established chapters and ascertaining the locales where new chapters may be chartered. Each known Rainbowner in the state received a complete list, set up geographically, of the names and addresses of all known Rainbowners residing within the state, thus enabling them at a glance to know of the Rainbowners residing in their own home town. The initial results of this work has been a gain of 17 new members by the New Jersey Chapter and a most gratifying display of interest in the affairs of Rainbow by all new

Rainbowers attending the meeting and dinner. Some of these new members also paid dues for next year.

In addition to the distinct pleasure of having so many new Rainbowers with us at the dinner it was grand to again greet such out-of-town old-timers as Jim Reed, Irving Harrison, Leo Hollywood, Emil Huber, Herman Benis, Charles Measure, Bill Simpson, Ed Shible, Francis Higgins, Bill Finley, Art Monahan, Bill Friedlander, Francis Golden and, of course, our good friend dues-conscious George Seaman, National Treasurer. Also, those local, infrequent attendants Edgar Cook and Leon Turkington.

Remarks by George Seaman, Bob Hayward, Harry Degenring and the head-speaker, Rainbower Co. Joseph E. Fix, Jr., and songs by our barber shop baritone Francis Golden concluded another grand Rainbow reunion.

STAN BARROW

PENNSYLVANIA—The Pennsylvania State Association will hold its annual election of 1947-48 officers at Lancaster on Sunday afternoon, April 20, at the Granheim Township American Legion Post No. 664, located at 815 Pleasure Road.

Saturday evening, April 19 at 8 o'clock, Lancaster Chapter is having a banquet at same Legion post for Rainbowers and their families. State officers and delegates are expected to attend.

Philadelphia Chapter is holding a meeting Thursday, March 27.

Easton Chapter members of Brown and Lynch Post No. 9, A. L., attended the Legion and Post Birthday Party on March 17 at the Post home. Three hundred members and auxiliary were present. Pennsylvania Department Commander Clyde E. Rankin was a guest, as was Rainbow's State President. Twenty-seven Rainbowers also enjoyed the happy birthday. Commander and Rainbower Wm. L. Otten presided.

The 222nd Inf. Histories are creating a big stir in eastern Pennsylvania. The Chapters that have names and addresses of these veterans should inform everyone of them of this wonderful offer. They just roll in as members. Pleased to accept a Rainbow membership.

For many membership chairmen a question has been asked. When does The Reveille's subscription cease for delinquent members? The Reveille is too valuable to lose and information on this should help our membership.

Did anyone April Fool the "PUP"?

Well, hes' a member of Easton, Pa., Chapter if RAF—Rainbow's Greatest Secretary—OK's it. *Point on Target*—

Why don't we change our membership year to the calendar year. Save plenty talking.

LEHR

TEXAS—Dallas. At our regular monthly meeting on the night of March 19, an event of great solemnity was enacted. At that time Mrs. Mary Lou Cassell had conferred upon her Honorary Membership in Texas Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans. The widow of S-Sgt. Thomas

E. Cassell, Co. K, 222nd Inf., who was killed in action January 7, 1945. Mrs. Cassell received her Rainbow Button and Citation from the President of the Texas Chapter. Newspaper photographers preserved the event for posterity.

Rainbower J. B. Pettigrew was present from Fort Worth, although he fidgeted about like the proverbial "ants-in-his-pants" guy on accounta his recent cyst operation favored the standing and lying positions rather than the sitting.

Arrangements were completed for the financial backing to assist the final phase of our Spring Round Up Membership Drive. It was planned to send a personal appeal to the nearly one thousand eligible Texas nonmembers. This will be in the form of a letter from Texas Chapter's president, employing the three-color Rainbow stationery and first-class postage. We trust this program will boost our "On-to-Des Moines" potential, as well as lift us out of the mediocrity of being a *medium-sized* chapter.

A very nice letter—with dues enclosed (which ALWAYS impresses us)—was received from Arturo Trevino of San Antonio. Arturo reminds us that he regretted being unable to attend the ceremony honoring S-Sgt. Cassell as he served with him at Fort Sam Houston before they both transferred to the Rainbow Division in July 1944.

The April meeting, little boys of raddio-land, will be held—as usual—the third Wednesday, April 16, at the Downtown YMCA, with dinner a la carte at 7 p.m. and the business meeting at 7:30. Need we add that all visiting Rainbowers—out-of-towners, out-of-staters (even down-and-outers and blue-bellied Yankees) will be welcomed and enriched by the fellowship which permeates our every Rainbow meeting.

—EVERETTE HALE

VIRGINIA—The Homer A. Hughes Chapter was host to a joint meeting with the Virginia State Chapter at the Virginian Hotel in Lynchburg, Va., Saturday, March 8, 1947, and in spite of a six-inch snowfall the attendance was very good.

The meeting was presided over by the President of the host Chapter, W. A. Garbee, who called on Lt. Col. Carter Glass, Jr., a Rainbow Veteran of War I, and also served in War II, for the address of welcome. The response was given by R. L. Wilson, President of the Virginia State Chapter.

The guest of honor was none other than our Past National President, Walker Colston, from Washington, D. C., who made a brief but very interesting talk.

There were in attendance a large number of War II Veterans, and in spite of the difference in the age of the veterans of the two wars, they all seemed to find pleasure in the same things, such as rolling the rollicking dominoes, singing, swapping yarns, etc. The meal served by the hotel was delicious.

We of the State Chapter wish to congratulate the Homer A. Hughes Chapter for a most pleasant evening. And also our thanks to Past

President Colston, for adding to our enjoyment. Every Rainbower knows Walker's presence at a function, always adds to the pleasure of the gathering.

Will be seeing you all in Des Moines in July.

JIM DENT

also advise either this office or your Chapter Secretary of the man's name and address so that we may communicate with him also.

Yours in Rainbow,

R. ALLEN GIBBONS, Secretary

From the Desk of the National Secretary

Dear Rainbower:

Col. Henry L. Luongo, wartime commander of the 222nd Infantry, has sent over 2,000 copies of that Regiment's history, "The Furnace and the Fire," for free distribution to former members of the Regiment. He has asked that the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans assume the duty of making this distribution.

Your Chapter officers have full information as to the procedure; it is, briefly, for your information as follows: Local Chapter Secretaries are to advise this office of the names of every Rainbower of whom they have any record who was a member of the 222nd Regiment. Shipment will be made of the required number of copies to the Chapter Secretary. He will, in turn, notify the members involved when the books arrive. In some cases the local delivery will probably be made by asking that the book be picked up at a Chapter meeting; in other cases the books will be re-mailed by the Chapter to the 222nd Infantry men in their Chapter. The cost of mailing will be collected from the member, this will be the only charge made.

Naturally, and quite properly, it is the earnest hope of our Association that every 222nd man we contact through this distribution will decide to join our Association. They are under no obligation to do so, however.

If you know of any former member of the 222nd Infantry who is not a member, or who is not on the rolls of any Chapter, you are earnestly requested to advise such comrades of the fact that we have these histories and that they will be put out through the Association; and

(*The other 120 War II men in the National Chapter are not renewals, but original memberships from overseas.) Note that totals in column two include totals in column three.

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Dear Allen: I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow Division.



I served with the.....
(Name of Unit in 42nd Division)

and wish to join our Association. I enclose \$1. Please send me my membership card and send *The Reveille* to the following address:

State Membership

AS OF APRIL 1, 1947

CHAPTER	Last year's Record	1946-47 as of March 20	1946-47 War II Members
Alabama	340	284	6
California	298	291	34
Colorado	37	2	0
District of Columbia	109	110	33
Florida	87	107	12
Georgia	64	61	10
Illinois	857	970	187
Indiana	510	500	58
Iowa	590	623	46
Louisiana	20	19	1
Maryland	88	72	17
Massachusetts	53	76	46
Michigan	156	192	68
Minnesota	221	186	19
Missouri-Kansas	153	182	72
Nebraska	38	43	12
New Jersey	153	119	2
New York	783	736	64
Ohio	724	659	59
Oklahoma	107	93	10
Oregon	12	8	0
Pennsylvania	396	394	98
South Carolina	31	35	5
Tennessee	5	3	0
Texas	68	70	12
Virginia	164	158	34
Washington State	26	33	12
Wisconsin	174	143	8
National Chapter (War I)	20	38	0
National Chapter War II)	11,756	583	*463
Grand Totals	18,003	6,790	1,387

