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Hello Fellow-Rainbowers

At the request of the President of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, I am addressing this letter to you. Although in all probability you do not know me, nor I you, I feel we have a great deal in common and hope that we will be able to meet in the very near future. Personally, I have always found it a pleasure to run into a Rainbowman—there is something we have in common that tends to knock down the normal barrier that exists when two people come together. Whatever such barrier might exist at first, the fact of our Rainbow service soon starts us off as friends—which brings me to the reason for this letter.

Friendship of another is one of the greatest treasures a man can possess. One would be poor indeed if he could not turn to another with trust and confidence in times of prosperity or depression. Friendship is developed by various and many means. Long acquaintanceship is the way of developing friendship. Likewise, business dealings with other parties sponsor respect and admiration. Politics, religion, education, and identical labor all provide a basis for long standing and successful amity. The great test is usually found in the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

Another way friendship is developed is when men unite in divisions or other military units for the purpose of defending those principles by and for which they live. Friendships resulting from such acquaintanceships develop rapidly and become lasting in a very short time. They are strengthened by the unfamiliar discipline of Army life, by the new experiences of early military training, by the struggles against a stubborn enemy, the elements of nature, and man's own fears. They are further strengthened by the problems ever present during the readjustment to civilian life upon termination of hostilities and release from Army service.

Approximately two years ago, the Rainbow Division's personnel were speaking of Wingen, Wimmenau, and LaPetite Pierre. In the vicinity of these towns in northern France the Division came to the front for the first time as a complete unit. And in this area we waited. Finally on the fifteenth of March the order to advance came down and the Rainbow moved

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BROADCAST TIME CHANGED

The Annual Rainbow Broadcast emanating from Kansas City, Mo., on Washington's Birthday, February 22, will be heard at 4:15 P.M. CST (Kansas City) or 5:15 P.M. EST (Washington). This is a change from the previously anticipated schedule. All Rainbows everywhere are urged to contact their local NBC station and suggest that this fine program may be heard locally.

Do It Now!

We have the names with addresses of more men who served in the Rainbow 42nd Division and are not members of a Chapter. Numbers enough in some areas near heavily populated districts to organize a Rainbow Chapter of your own. It may seem a little early now for you to get together but these addresses of your friends are new, and old addresses have kept brothers separated for years and pals lost forever. This has been the experience of we older vets. We urge you to maintain contact, get acquainted now and you will have many understanding friends for life, the kind of understanding you and we know only, for it is close friends and old friends that make life worth while. Peacetime needs us united. To organize, to find the fellows with that burnt-in desire to get together, to write letters, to call meetings and finally elect officers all take time and Rainbow's 1946-1947 year ends July 14. If you are that fellow or know of one willing to start the ball rolling in your area, send a letter to National Headquarters and we will give you all the help that we have. Fifteen Rainbows, when organized with officers, may apply for a charter. Most of you have a 1945-1946 National card. Remember our training at all times—maintain liaison—keep contact—now in '47; '48 may be too late. Pride of continuous membership will grow with each year of association.

A National Association card and your corrected address recorded with the National Secretary, where information concerning your Company, Battalion or Regiment may be secured and former comrades will be able to locate you. Chapter notices will keep you informed of local and State activities. As the cost indicates, our single purpose—"to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and keep alive the memory of departed comrades." Don't delay, do something, and do it now!

FRANCIS H. LEHR,
President Pennsylvania
Association, R.D.V.

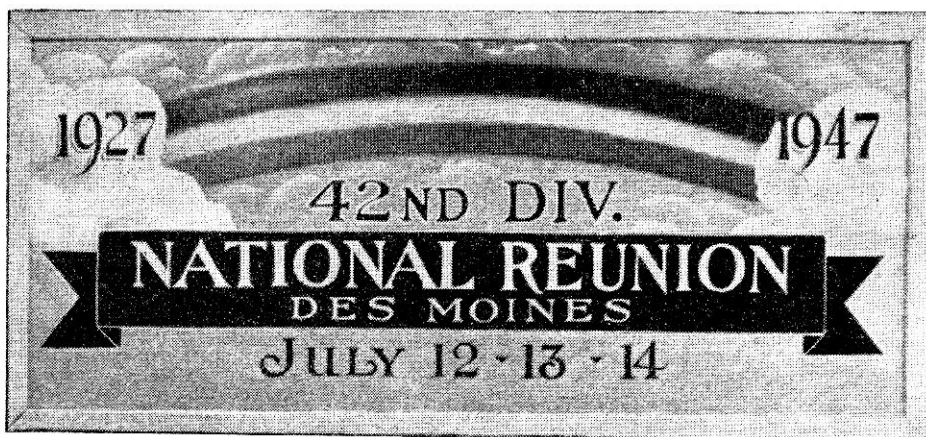
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forward never to halt or hesitate until the end of the war on May 8. The story of this great adventure across the mountains of Alsace, through the hills and plains of southern Germany, to the Austro-Italian border has been told in the newspapers, magazines, and most recently in the official history of the Division. The story is an enviable record made possible by the united efforts of all the personnel of the Rainbow. It is indeed a grand treasure which cannot be taken away from any member of the Rainbow who had a part in forging it.

What was done, the places visited, the acquaintances made during the combat period, have all fused to provide a concrete base for many friendships now existing or destined to exist in the future. Those of us who have continued the fraternal relationship established during the cold dreary days on France's snowy fields are indeed fortunate and are continually re-con-

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"On the walls of the famous Rainbow Club in Des Moines, the above notice hangs. It carries a message of welcome to all Rainbow Veterans and their wives and families to visit there next July 12, 13, 14. It recalls the unmatched reunion of 1927 and the Rainbow extends itself from 1927 to 1947 in a great blaze of Rainbow color. Preparations are well under way for another great reunion. In the Middle West, Rainbow has an opportunity to come from every direction. Iowa is a great state to extend the hearty welcome to all who come within her borders. Rainbows will find this welcome most warm and friendly. Full details will probably appear in the next issue. Watch for them and then make plans for the grandest Rainbow Reunion in all time. And you younger Rainbows, Iowa Wants you to be a part of this reunion—your very own reunion."

Des Moines Reunion Reservations

The '27-'47 Reunion in Des Moines next July 12, 13, 14 is rapidly taking shape so that the twenty years between the two reunions will be all tied up into one of the greatest of Rainbow Reunions. The Reunion Committee has gotten down to the point of congealing ideas and plans. That means things are on the "up-swing."

We have come to one of the important advance things that must be talked about—HOTEL RESERVATIONS! The Reunion Committee has decided that hotel reservations MUST be made through a Housing Committee. The hotels of Des Moines have so far set 500 rooms aside in four leading hotels and have placed the responsibility upon our Housing Committee to take care of the reservations. You MUST send your requests to the committee, stating the number in your party, the type of room desired and whether or not you wish to have the room in the headquarters hotel or not. It will be impossible for everyone to secure reservations in the headquarters hotel, so express second choice. The leading hotels are:

Hotel Ft. Des Moines... (200 rooms) headquarters
Hotel Savery (150 rooms) 6 blocks away
Hotel Kirkwood (100 rooms) 6 blocks away
Hotel Randolph (50 rooms) 7 blocks away

Hotel Savery, though six blocks from headquarters, has been completely overhauled and is the newest thing in hotels in the midwest. It is mostly air-conditioned. There are some smaller hotels nearer headquarters hotel, so if you wish one of them, be sure to say so.

The Housing Committee will forward your reservation to the hotel who will in turn acknowledge receipt of the reservation. Please do not write direct to the hotels! But for the proper handling of your reservations write to:

HAROLD K. HOLDEN, *Chairman*
Housing Committee
801 Southern Surety Bldg.
Des Moines 9, Iowa

No price of rooms has been quoted here as the hotels at the present time are adjusting their rates as granted by OPA. State approximate priced room you desire. But, remember, you must make reservations through the Housing Committee.

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vinced of this as more and more of the months go by. For, at frequent get-togethers, the events of the past and the sharing of the experiences of today provide a bond of companionship guaranteeing many happy hours.

In the beginning, we who fought with the Rainbow in this war were not blessed as were the men who fought with the Division in 1917 and 1918. I mean by that, the units composing the Division in those days existed prior to active service. Most of the outfit's personnel were acquainted with each other years before. They utilized the common experiences of their adventure as an agent to further strengthen the bonds of friendship already existing. When the first war ended, an association was organized to provide a means of perpetuating the memory of brave and true men, of continuing and adding to the friendships resulting from the past, and, as a matter of fact, to provide an excuse for an annual national get-together. As is guaranteed by the constitution of this association, its function was not to be ambitious, to be the greatest or the most powerful veterans' organization in the country. The enviable principle behind this group was one of fraternal associationship. The proof of the pudding of this principle is the loyalty expressed by those who have enjoyed the privilege of membership and the constant but unsuccessful pressure by many non-members for admittance. An organization devoted to this idea is a rarity indeed.

At the completion of the recent war it was decided to follow in the footsteps of our predecessors. The obvious course was to utilize the already established organization to achieve our purpose. Our fellow Rainbowers of World War I welcomed us without any strings attached knowing from their own experience the difficulties of inaugurating a veterans' association and desiring not only our company but also to be of help—to make things easier for us. This arrangement has proven to be quite successful and many have taken advantage of it.

As a matter of fact, it behooves each one of us to think and consider what a wonderful opportunity we have here. A visit to a local chapter, whether a member or not, soon demonstrates to the visitor that fraternal spirit and good fellowship reigns supreme. It is a great feeling of satisfaction to know that one is automatically a member of such a fine gathering, to know that all present have one thing of great importance in common—comradship in the Rainbow.

So, at this time when the memory of our final advance is rekindled in our thoughts, may I suggest such a visit. Drop in and have a look-see on your local chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association and see for yourself what is going on. You'll not only be warmly welcomed but I believe that you will find that it will be desirable to stay awhile.

Yours in Rainbow,

JIM McCAHEY, *Rainbow II*

CHAPTER CHATTER

D. C. CHAPTER—Just finished Chapter-President Marshall Andrew's book "Our New Army" and the new Rainbow history by writer-editor, Hugh Daly, also a member of this Chapter, and can highly recommend both as being well worth reading. Just taking a guess that B. Carroll Reece, Colonel J. Monroe Johnson, Colonel Fred Coleman, Jr. (World War II), and P. N. P.'s Marcus and Clarke will speak briefly (we hope) at the Tri-State (Md.-Va.-D.C.) dinner on the 22nd at the Continental Hotel. Knew that President Andrews would speak at the Kansas City dinner, but just learned that P.N.P. Walker Colston will be the principal speaker at the joint Lynchburg-Richmond-Roanoke dinner in the former city on March 8. Visited Dick Carson and upon ringing the bell, heard (as if you didn't know) "Open the Door, Richard."—(Signed) "OLE TOUT."

FLORIDA—Following all the hard work of Rainbower Col. Dave Wiley, Chief States Vets Service Officer, and of the Chapter stripping its treasury to remember the seventeen Rainbow vets at Bay Pines, Fla., Vets Hospital, at Christmas time, we received two acknowledgments from the recipients. We are making plans now for the observance of February 22. Orlando will have an NBC outlet by that time in the new radio station WORZ 740 KC, and am writing today requesting that they either give it to us at 6:15 P.M. or at a later hour in a playback.

Our State Reunion will be held in conjunction with the Annual State Convention of the American Legion, always the first convention of the nation—on April 15 to 18. Rainbow Headquarters will be at the El Comandoro Hotel, and if any of the Reveille readers happen to be in Miami on Friday, April 18, be sure to attend the Annual Breakfast at 8 A.M. on the 12th floor of the El Comandoro. This is a darned good place to stay in Miami, and Joe Adams, the manager, means it when he says: We're glad to see you.

E. E. "Doc" Brammer is working on a new chapter for Tampa—Area—and by National Reunion time expect he'll be fully organized. Doc served in the 168th Inf. and wants to go back home to Des Moines, and say—here I am, and there you are with at least 15 new members paid up for '47-'48. On Sunday, January 12, the writer and his better 7-8ths were pleasantly surprised by a group of Rainbowers, friends and neighbors dropping in to extend greetings to us on our 25th wedding anniversary and now we are patiently waiting for the next 75 years to pass, to see if the first 100 years are really the hardest. In spite of the simpleness of the g.b. removal, Harold, our prayers for a speedy recovery are yours.—JIM ROLFE, SR.

ILLINOIS—The World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter—thanks, especially, to the untiring efforts

of a guy named Bjork—will gather en masse at the Swedish Club in Chicago on February 21 to celebrate, in the 1947 way, that memorable day in 1918 when Rainbow made its debut as a combat unit in fact.

Speaker for the evening will be Maj. Gen. Charles E. Haffner, Commanding Officer of the Illinois National Guard, who will tell us about plans for the future development of the Guard as a reservoir of trained fighters, just in case. General Haffner's speech will be of equal interest to World War I and World War II Rainbrowsers.

Our May meeting, long hailed as a celebration of that day when our beloved Uncle found it to be inconvenient and unnecessary for us to continue to wear the khaki, will be turned over—lock, stock and barrel—to World War II Rainbrowsers, who plan fitting ceremonies to celebrate a big event in their military career—VE-Day. More of this later.

One thousand—that's the paid membership goal for Illinois Chapter this year. And what's more, the prospect of attaining it is growing brighter every day.—KEN HATHAWAY.

INDIANAPOLIS—The December meeting in honor of our Retreads was attended by seventy Rainbrowsers. Activities started along about 2:30 in the afternoon when the boys who take their exercise sitting down began to arrive. Many were called, some may have been chosen—but I was always caught with a short pair or four hearts.

Bill Jackson after trying for years to obtain badges to pin on the strange looking creatures that show up at the meetings now and then, finally hit the jackpot at 4:00 P.M. that afternoon and as a result every man had an identification tag on his lapel.

The main body of troops debarked along about 6:00 o'clock. First of all let me give you the list of our Retreads. From Indianapolis, General Robert H. Tyndall, Lt. Col. Ted Taylor, Col. Pete Straub, Major Doc Sherwood, Captain Paul Ragsdals, Col. Dan Glossbrenner, Major Ray Fields, Col. Glenn Crawford, Major Claybourne Blue, and Lt. Jim Bever. From Cincinnati, Lt. Col. Trotter; from Madison, Major Dwight McCormick; from Brazil, Lt. Col. Linn Kidd; from Dayton, SK2C Fred Hugo, and from Lebanon, Major Frank Heinzman. We are only sorry that all of our Retreads couldn't be with us. Messages were read from Major Norm Shortridge in the Philippines, from Col. Howdy Maxwell in Newfoundland, from Lt. Col. Pop Roberts at Bolling Field, and from Lt. Col. Garrett Olds at Governors Island, N. Y.

Now to my way of thinking, all those other birds: Jim Bever, Claybourne Blue, Nit Crawford, Ray Fields, Frank Heinzman, Fred Hugo, Linn Kidd, Dwight McCormick, Doc Sherwood and Pete Straub—that sprouted eagles, oak leaves or what have you, don't even deserve mention. Hell, they knew better, they were bucks, corporals and sergeants back in 1918 and 25 years later they turn up with all that rank. Just

goes to show that a man never learns anything or profits by his own experience.

Now we'll give you the list of the really important people present. From Hq. Co.: Privates Paul Bonham, John Caylor, Frank Manning, Ed Serovey, Ray Spenner, Hert Strong, Spider Webb, and Wally Welch. From the Medics: Doc Phelps and Doc Whitesell. From Supply Co.: Privates Coniff, Cook, Secor and Sutton. From A: Privates Allen, Arensman, Alexander, Yaycock, Robinson, Tomlinson, Jones and Knauss. From B: Kenny Hughes. From D: Leighton Lykins. From E: Davenport, Jackson, Lawrence Lykins, and Ned Nichols. From F: Carpenter, Fenters and Young. Chet Camp and Dwight Heath from the 149th, Harold Henderson from the 165th, Frank Hardy from the 166th, Bob Hunter from the 117th Engineers, and from World War II: Bob Hogue and Roy Kelley of Div. Hqts., Roy Keach from the 222d Inf., Al Strickland from the 132nd Sig. Bn., and Paul Chumley from the 42nd QM.

It was a swell party and I might add a bunch of swell Rainbrowsers. It was especially gratifying to see so many fellows from out of town, although it did make you wonder what had happened to so many of the old broken down sourpusses that live right here in Indianapolis. Seems funny, doesn't it, that Dwight McCormick could make it up here clear from Madison, yet Bill Riley, Ed Whitaker, Gil Inman, George Shank and Carlos Morris out of the same battery and living right here in town couldn't get there. And Clarence Trotter got here from Cincinnati—yet Pug George, Ralph McCleod, Mullikin, Bryant Gillespie and Vaughn Cooke, all out of Trotter's outfit—were all so damn weak and debilitated they weren't able to stagger out to their cars or a street car and get down to the Washington. Fred Hugo made it over from Dayton, Ray Spencer got down from South Bend and Serovey from Ft. Wayne, but I didn't see a damn thing of Les Cope, Norris Cottingham or Bill Zahn, all of them Hqrs. heroes. Damn it, all you missing links are almost enough to make a man swear. Oh nuts, let's talk about something pleasant.

Bill Jackson walked off two dollars worth of shoe leather but came up with eight door prizes. First choice was won by Roy Kelley of WWII and he showed the results of close attention to basic training the way he got a strangle hold on Mr. Seagram. And we might say in passing that President Kenny Hughes wasn't any slow motion picture in embracing Grandad, when his name was called for second choice. Moved pretty fast for an old man, I thought.

Sid Miller handled the controls as MC in his usual superb style, kept things moving and the boys under control.

It was good to see all of you again. Thanks a lot for turning out and we hope you enjoyed the evening. It was especially good to see you, General Tyndall, and if you don't show up pretty regularly on the second Friday of the month, we're going to vote the Prohibition

ticket next time—and that will break Stew's heart, and then we'll have to send flowers, and that will wreck the treasury, and we won't be able to throw a party for the Retreads of WW III and oh hell there is just no end to the chain of catastrophic events you will be responsible for if you don't show up at the Washington each meeting night. See you all at the Washington. —Hook.

MARYLAND—Another world-stirring Maryland

Chapter Annual Dinner is now history, the smoke of battle has cleared away, the casualties hospitalized, the missing accounted for. There are no known dead, although many wished they were the next day when in no condition to fight back, they were confronted by their wives.

Everyone seemed to be in a jovial mood at the party except "Obie" O'Brien, the noted pianist, who had been practicing his pianissimos, fortissimos and octaves for weeks, only to find his place taken by another. In a fit of professional jealousy, he has threatened us with a suit for portal to portal pay for piano playing services over the last 30 years.

A tone of refinement pervaded the dinner made necessary by those new Rainbowers of tender years. Later two of them, Monger and Schilling, told stories which showed great promise and we feel that soon refinement, which is so unnatural to us, can be abandoned. Other young men were the sons of Ray Bryant, "Weavy" Winand and Carl Michael, all fine looking, upstanding young men, characteristics obviously inherited from their mothers.

Our old commanding officer, Bob Gill, now a Brigadier General, was our main speaker. Rich in new experiences from the last war, his late assignment being that of Executive Officer at the War Crime Trials at Neurenberg, his talk lasting for over an hour, was one of the most interesting we have ever heard. He struggled under the handicap of constant interruptions by Abe Stout, who in his usual "manner of Old World charm" repeatedly demanded to know, "What the hell happened to your damn hair?"

For years we had classed Earl Carson with Jack Clarke in his knowledge of French. It had always been our belief that he knew only one word "oui." However, Bob Gill made the statement that this was a grave injustice to a splendid officer. He told us that definitely Earl knew two French words, "oui, oui."

More true confessions another day.

—HARRY STANSBURY.

MINNESOTA—Here's good news for everybody.

Colonel Jack McDonald, who has been ill the past year in hospitals, has reported back to work.

The St. Paul gang, which entertained World War II veterans at their last meeting, certainly did a fine job of it. President Philippy is to be congratulated for the good work. Let's hope that same spirit continues for many years to

come. Bob Boyer is now commander of the West Side Legion Post. Good luck to you, Bob.

What has become of John Dunphy? We haven't seen him at a meeting for a long time. There are a lot of other oldtimers who should be coming down occasionally.

"D" Battery Last Man Club held its annual reunion and elected Al Julkowski as Top Soak. The "D" Battery boys have quite a system. They run it from Top Soak to Stable Boy. Each year they elect a new Stable Boy and everybody else is promoted. They had a large turnout and planned a very nice 22nd. He says they are in for a big time.

The noon luncheon at the Covered Wagon seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. Last month we had Mutz from Pipestone and Wiggins from Madison, Minn., as guests.

"F" Battery Last Man Club will hold its meetings at the Covered Wagon on Saturday, February 22, at 1:30 p.m., until it is time to go to the banquet of the State Chapter. Hope to be seeing all you "F" boys in for that date.—FRANK WEST.

OHIO— February is now at hand and a big month in Ohio Rainbow. The following chapters have planned affairs for this month:

Columbus Chapter—Banquet and Dance, February 22. Reservations, George Walters, 239 Huron Ave., Columbus, 4, Ohio.

Cincinnati Chapter—February 20, William Seigroth, 2634 Beekman St., Cincinnati 25.

Cleveland Chapter—February 22. W. L. Johnson, 2217 Olive St., Lakewood, Ohio.

Lancaster Chapter—February 22. Paul Crooks, Mt. Ida Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio.

Toledo Chapter—February 22. Rowland Wolfe, 3389 Detroit Ave., Toledo, O.

Newark Chapter—February 19. Art Kinney, 380 Granville St., Newark, O.

Mansfield Chapter is having a dance and Marion is having a stag, both events on Saturday night, February 22.

Also everything is now set for the Rainbow Memorial Highway at Delaware, Ohio, May 25, 1947. The plans are now set and this promises to be one of the largest Rainbow affairs Ohio has ever had. Route 42 running from north to south from Cleveland to Cincinnati will be the route dedicated. The distance about two hundred and fifty miles. The marker is beautiful. A special paint job was done on this so as to bring out the Rainbow Colors.

Should you be driving through Ohio next summer, be sure and use U. S. Route 42, The Highway of Memories.

More on this in later issues and to one and all in Rainbow, good luck!

Yours in Rainbow,

C. S. THIMMES, State Secy. and Treas.

PENNSYLVANIA—Dear Harold: I don't like your "Pup" and I don't like your "Needle" for when you get it, it hurts. As to the Bugler—I do remember one, in 1916 at El Paso there was a regiment on the far hill that had one that could blow church call that was beautiful. It may have been the call though, or he became a Rainbower and we did bring 'em up different. This Algerian bayonet of yours comes at a time when I'm really busy. I'm getting out 1800 GI Cans, our Post paper, and the first of the month is a bad time. These Cans this time will go to 300 Rainbowers around here. Besides writing any article is a real task for me. I never drove one of those battleship trucks but I did ride a motorcycle once, at Baccarat, one way, both of these things I would rather do than write. It's a 8-4-2-1 for one thing for me. Eight sheets of paper, four envelopes, two erasers and one stamp and I get that on upside down. I do have a typewriter but the darn thing can't spell any better than I can. The letters hide and there are extra letters that print when I'm not looking. Microphone fright is easier to overcome. You don't need an eraser. But if you just want a column it reminds me when in 1916 and intending to enlist, I walked past the recruiting station 26 times and finally said to myself—well here goes nothing. Too bad I'm not a big shot and had a RAG to do all this. Also if this was a letter to some guy I didn't like that too would be different but to compete with the nation's best friends, one needs something. Perhaps that help Grant had that Lincoln wanted more of—but then too I might out Edgar that fellow Poe and he wasn't a Rainbower.

I received a very nice letter from Fleck in Pittsburgh and their Chapter had troubles but are on the go again. In August when the Legion State Convention is held in Pittsburgh after the big parade there will be a dinner and that ought to be some party. Bethlehem has planned a special meeting on Washington's Birthday near Reading; the eastern part of Pennsylvania should be there. Dave Heller of Philadelphia told me of the fine meeting they had on Jan. 21. The WWII fellows sure put the oldsters in the shade. Middleton now in N.Y. is on the sidelines but with his hands still on the ears.

A sad thing happened a short time ago. For some time I wrote to the boys to do it in '47, as '48 may be too late, and at another time I expressed the thought that the biggest thing between friends was a 3-cent stamp and I might add 3 minutes and 3 lines.

For the past year I have tried to contact our fellows, one in particular, I had addresses but again one letter in the address prevented my letter going through—all little things. When I did get the right address it was just 6 days too late. The Commander of all had been there. If we all would remember our training—Maintain liaison—keep contact. Harold, it must be 30. **FRANK H. LEHR.**

TEXAS—Dallas Chapter seems unusually fortunate in the calibre of visitors our monthly meeting brings forth. We have welcomed National Committeeman Garrett W. Olds, whom we so recently lost as a chapter member; we have been favored, even, with the presence of Homer W. Gardner, our National President. And now, our January meeting was much brightened by the invasion of a Rainbower who has been upon the National Rainbow scene for many, many years. From Hq 149 FA we welcome R. M. (Bob) Taylor—I presume that movies' Bob Taylor hopes to be as good-looking at his age—who was an inspiration to our luke-warm Rainbowers, as it has seldom been our privilege to meet a more enthusiastic member. Amongst other thoughts he left us was the fact that one is not a genuine Rainbower until he has participated in a fair modicum of National Reunions, so he has no doubt raised the potential Des Moines attendance by quite a large percent. And while we are mentioning visitors, let us not overlook Rainbower James M. Thompson, who, although a Dallas resident since 1943, originally hails from Minneapolis, where, in his dim, distant youth, he began his military career as an artilleryman in "F" Battery of the good old 151 FA. It's nice to note the increase in Texas Chapter of additional cross-cannon wearers, as, for a long time Brad and I were hopelessly outnumbered by dem dam' doughs.

As we digested Homer's almost morbidly pessimistic letter of January 2, to all chapters and associations anent the poor membership showing so far this year, Texas Chapter began its "every-member-get-a-member" campaign. In order that the bulk of the work doesn't fall upon the perennial "wheel-horses" (as us old red-hatcords say), a plan was evolved whereby every member of the Texas Chapter will receive five 3x5 cards, geographically allocated in his vicinity, with the name, address and other pertinent data of either (or both) delinquent or potential chapter members. Group captains have been appointed over each ten members who, in addition to getting their own member, will keep in constant touch with his group to encourage, assist or spur them on—as the need requires—until we have doubled our membership for this year.

Inasmuch as the January meeting showed such an improvement over December, we shall hold our February meeting similarly. Dinner a la carte in the dining room at 7:30 P.M.; monthly meeting in the Lounge at 8:00. Remember the time, the date, the place—7:30 P.M., February 19 (third Wednesday), at the Downtown YMCA, 605 N. Ervay. The business meeting will be limited to one hour. The following "bull" session will not! Afford yourself the privilege, once a month, of re-living those "good old days" when men were men—and their battle-streamers and "fruit-salad" yet prove it!—**EVERETT HALE.**

CHAPTER	Last year's record	1946-47 as of Jan. 20
Alabama State Association.....	0	0
Crawford Z. Ables, Gadsden.....	20	1
John W. Carroll, Mobile.....	56	60
M. H. Jordan, Birmingham.....	102	81
Wm. M. Peters, Tuscaloosa.....	87	0
J. M. Strassburger, Montgomery.....	105	104
Durward Crowder, Lanett.....	20	15
Alabama Total.....	340	261
Los Angeles.....	178	181
San Francisco.....	103	59
Joyce Kilmer, San Diego.....	15	23
James Daugherty, Long Beach.....	2	2
California Total.....	298	265
Pueblo.....	1	0
Denver.....	36	2
Colorado Total.....	37	2
District of Columbia.....	109	110
Florida State Association.....	0	0
Jacksonville.....	2	3
Miami.....	25	34
Pensacola.....	4	6
St. Petersburg.....	15	16
Gen. Charles P. Summerall.....	41	47
Florida Total.....	87	106
Georgia Chapter, Macon.....	22	31
Frank Joerg, Columbus.....	1	0
Cooper D. Winn, Atlanta.....	41	29
Georgia Total.....	64	60
Illinois Chapter, Chicago.....	793	777
Danville.....	59	66
Illinois Total.....	857	843
Indiana State (Indianapolis).....	312	287
Bloomington.....	77	52
Fort Wayne.....	50	61
Lafayette.....	18	16
Martinsville.....	27	27
South Bend.....	26	31
Indiana Total.....	510	474
Iowa State Association.....	0	67
Col. E. R. Bennett, Des Moines.....	195	161
Cedar Rapids.....	31	37
Oskaloosa.....	52	37
Creston.....	42	30
Lee County, Ft. Madison.....	17	2
Fort Dodge.....	7	4
Mason City (North Iowa).....	28	17
Matthew A. Inley, Council Bluffs.....	54	52
Cedar Valley, Cedar Falls and Waterloo.....	43	43
Ottumwa.....	40	41
Southwest Iowa, Shenandoah.....	14	19
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City.....	52	33
Dubuqueland, Dubuque.....	15	15
Iowa Total.....	590	558
Louisiana (New Orleans).....	20	19
Maryland (Baltimore).....	88	62
Massachusetts (Boston).....	53	74
Michigan (Detroit).....	156	184
Minnesota Association.....	8	1
Minneapolis.....	183	100
St. Paul.....	35	39

CHAPTER	Last year's record	1946-47 as of Jan. 20
Minnesota Total.....	221	140
Missouri-Kansas (Kansas City).....	149	77
St. Louis.....	4	63
Missouri-Kansas Total.....	153	140
Nebraska.....	38	40
New Jersey (Red Bank).....	130	103
Gen. Chas. T. Menoher, Newark.....	23	1
New Jersey Total.....	153	104
Father Duffy Chapter, NYC.....	720	712
Long Island.....	38	21
Westchester.....	25	0
New York Total.....	783	733
Ohio State Association.....	39	35
Ralph Berger, Marysville.....	33	7
Cincinnati.....	70	64
Columbus.....	120	79
Newark.....	50	41
Luther Swigart, Mansfield.....	19	21
Akron.....	39	18
Dyer J. Bird, Marion.....	31	25
Paul Hume, London.....	3	1
Toledo (changed from Sedan).....	5	20
Edison Miller, Delaware.....	48	22
Lancaster.....	59	47
Cleveland.....	45	37
Springfield.....	19	13
Vets of Co. G, 166th Inf.....	144	127
Ohio Total.....	724	557
Oklahoma State Association.....	28	1
Oklahoma City.....	78	47
Tulsa.....	78	41
Oklahoma Total.....	107	89
Oregon.....	12	0
Pennsylvania State Association.....	0	0
Easton.....	140	62
Pittsburgh.....	100	73
Bethlehem.....	55	24
Lancaster.....	49	69
Reading.....	19	37
Philadelphia.....	33	26
Pennsylvania Total.....	396	291
South Carolina (Columbia).....	31	33
Tennessee.....	5	3
Texas (Dallas).....	68	67
Virginia State Chapter.....	116	94
Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg).....	48	36
Maurice L. Tyler, Jr., Richmond (New Chapter).....	1	17
Virginia Total.....	164	147
Washington State (Seattle).....	26	31
Wisconsin State Association.....	6	5
Appleton.....	60	2
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Milwaukee.....	30	16
Fond du Lac.....	35	35
Oshkosh.....	43	30
Wisconsin Total.....	174	88
National Chapter (War I).....	20	33
National Chapter (War II).....	11,756	537
GRAND TOTALS.....	18,003	6,058

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