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DON'T LEAVE IT TO CHANCE

You are, we hope, among the many hundreds of Rainbowners who plan to attend the annual Reunion to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 12, 13 and 14. If so, among the great pleasures awaiting you at Des Moines is that of greeting and visiting with old buddies from your regiment, some of whom you possibly might not have seen for many years. This is a divi-

dend that comes to all who attend our Reunions, this is a great experience for everyone to anticipate. It is beyond doubt the major attraction which draws so many hundreds of Rainbowners to our annual Reunions.

But there is a way by which you can greatly enhance this pleasure, by making it possible for you to visit with more and more of your old, particular buddies. Sit down NOW and make up a list of some of the particular pals that you would dearly love to see at Des Moines. If you know their addresses write them a letter along these lines: "Dear Bill, I'm going to the Rainbow Reunion in Des Moines in July and I think it would be wonderful if I could see you there on that occasion. Why don't you make your plans at once to be there so we can have a grand visit together? And you write to some of our own particular gang and urge that they come. Let's make this a real get-together for our crowd. It will sure be swell to see you."

If you do not know the address of some of these old buddies of yours, write now to Allen Gibbons, Secretary, P.O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Virginia, giving their full names. Allen is quite likely to have their present addresses and if so he will be very happy to forward them to you so that you can write as suggested.

Honestly, we think that if enough of you Rainbowners will follow this suggestion you will make this the best attended and the happiest Reunion of them all.

Permit your editor to take advantage of his position to use these columns to write his invitations: Bill Kenny and Jim Van Epps, Dear Bill and Jim: The above letter goes from me to you with all of my heart. What a wonderful Reunion it would make for me if I could see two grand guys at the Iowa Reunion! Give yourselves up, you two guys, and decide right now that you are going to Des Moines next month come hell or high water.

The day I forget you two guys will be the day they pull the sheet up over my face. Let's get together and talk about one wonderful and terrible night! HAROLD.

WHAT MAKES IT TICK?

For twenty-nine years Rainbow men have foregathered every year in Reunion in a spirit of friendship and an atmosphere of happiness, to hold their annual national get-together.

Why do we do this thing? Because it has paid off, because every year many hundreds of us have found that it was the most pleasant and most worthwhile thing we could do. There is no argument or question about this—we are not espousing any "cause," we are not brought together by any duty or sense of obligation. We just go out to wherever the Reunion is—and we go out because we found out we have a swell time. You Rainbowners of World War II can profit by an example we have set for twenty-nine years. You will find as we have that on July 12, 13 and 14 there is no better place to be than at the Rainbow Reunion.

I'll see you there!

Your President Says . . .

It is most unusual for a president to not only welcome the Association to his home state but to also welcome you to his own city within that state. I have been extremely proud of the fact of serving you as National President and at the same time helping to make plans for you within the borders of my own state. I can assure you that the combination has been good and we feel that it will produce much to your liking.

Even though our total membership has been a disappointment, yet I believe we have again added strength to our association, strength that will tie us together more firmly than at any other time in our long years of association. Those chapters that I have been privileged to visit will in future years grow in numbers because of the fact that a National President has sat down around the table and simply visited with them as comrade to comrade. It is such things as this that help to strengthen our Association because without the splendid support of the Rainbow Chapters, our National Association would soon pass on. So as we come to the Twenty-ninth Annual Reunion, let us come with definite plans for a greater membership through the chapters and in turn support the National Association so that our annual reunions will mean more to us each year. I sincerely hope that I may welcome each Rainbower individually because I want you all to know that it has been a high and almost holy privilege to have served you as National President. It is you who have made this service possible. Welcome to Iowa and Des Moines!

HOMER W. GARDNER, National President

The Governor Says . . .

The Honorable Robert D. Blue, Governor of Iowa, in commenting on the coming Annual Reunion of the National Association of Rainbow Veterans, stated as follows:

"It is with a genuine spirit of enthusiasm that the people of this Commonwealth contemplate the welcoming of the membership of the National Association of Rainbow Veterans, who will hold their 29th Annual Reunion in Des Moines during the coming month of July.

"It was Iowa's stalwart National Guardsmen that composed the initial personnel of the 168th Infantry of the Rainbow Division, and, it is therefore, entirely fitting that they should act as hosts to their comrades in arms which include not only those of the Rainbow Division whose brave exploits in the First World War brought them undying fame, but also, to those men who fought within the ranks of its gallant and worthy successor of World War II.

"Iowa has been signally honored in having been chosen as the meeting ground for this year's Reunion, and its people who now extend the most cordial of welcomes are not unmindful of the debt of gratitude which is owing to the men of the Rainbow Division. In both World Wars, the unselfish and exemplary heroism of the men who composed this unit of our Armies in the field contributed much to the glorious victories attained.

"With the foregoing in mind, the people of Iowa entertain the sincere and confident hope that this 29th Reunion of the members of the Rainbow Division will be one of outstanding success and one to be long remembered."

That Tall Corn Stuff

Iowa, the State where the tall corn grows. All who live in Iowa are proud to claim it as their home State. We know that many of you will sing and say: "That we don't give a d— for the whole State of Iowa," but just the same you will fully appreciate the hospitality of not only the Rainbow but of all the people with whom you come in contact. Des Moines and Iowa, with all of its wealth, still takes time to make people feel at home when they are within its borders. Iowans are never too busy to welcome those from other parts of the country—we enjoy people, we open our homes to them and we like to have them come among us.

As you look east from Reunion headquarters Hotel Fort Des Moines, you see many of the modest yet well stocked and busy merchandising stores. Des Moines is at the top of the heap with home offices of insurance companies and from the hotel they grace the view. A mile away proudly stands Iowa's State Capitol with its dome of gold, glistening out its welcome to all. This truly will be a Reunion long to be remembered by all those who attend.



LOOKING EAST FROM HOTEL FT. DES MOINES

FILL UP THAT CAR!

By inviting one or two couples to make the trip to Des Moines with you (of course they will be glad to share the expense and more of you can come) it will be much more fun and what a good time you will have on the trip. Also, you can change drivers and you'll be fresh when you hit Des Moines. After you get here you will need all of the strength that you can muster, so line up that extra Rainbow driver. Don't let any Rainbow auto come until it has a full load.

LOCATE DES MOINES

Will you pick up a map of the United States and locate Des Moines on it? It is centrally located from all points of the compass. Such great Rainbow states as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska are figuratively on the doorstep of the 1947 Reunion. Then to the east are Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. From the farthest points Des Moines is not more than four days by auto and two days by train. In fact nearly 50 percent of the paid-up 1946-47 members are within just one day from Des Moines by auto, yes, just about 3,500. What a time we would have if all of these came! Iowa is giving this information in hopes that it will bring a lot of you off the fence and decide that the 1947 Reunion is within easy reach of all. If you come to this reunion we feel that you will never want to miss another one, so get the "new" auto in shape and head for Des Moines. Take a two weeks' vacation this year—you haven't had a full one for a long time, neither has the family, so we'll be looking for you.

TO WWII RAINBOWERS

A year ago, many of you were not yet out of service; a year ago many of you were just settling down to a new job, going to school, getting married and establishing a home. This leads Iowa to believe that a great host of you younger Rainbows are about to step out and see one of these National Reunions for yourselves. Letters from younger Rainbows have come in from many points inquiring about the 1947 Reunion. Maybe some of you will want to bring your prospective wife to the Reunion and have Chaplain Callan tie the knot—that's at least an idea! Of course you will want the wife to meet a lot of the guys she has heard you talk so much about, so bring her along and see if the tall tales you've been telling are told the same way by your buddies. Here in Iowa 400 Rainbow Veterans of WWII live, young fellows who left the cities, the factories, the farms and the schools just like those of the 168th Iowa Infantry did back in 1917. These comrades of yours are anxious to greet you and to meet you. So, will you mark the 12,

13, 14 of July as "must days" on your calendar and immediately make plans to be in Des Moines?

Sunday morning, July 13, at 10:50, National Chaplain John Callan will conduct the annual Rainbow church services. Since the church of our National President is only four blocks from Reunion headquarters, Chaplain Callan suggested that the church service be held in the President's own church. The Reunion committee accepted the suggestion and all Rainbows will find a friendly welcome at the Central Christian Church, Ninth and High Streets, in Des Moines, on Sunday the 13th. A great annual service is expected.



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Rainbow Reunion Program

Friday, July 11

- 8:30 P.M.**—Early Bird Reception—Arizona Room. An opportunity to really get acquainted.
9:00 P.M.—National Executive Committee Meeting—Green Room, Mezzanine Floor.

Saturday, July 12

- 9:00 A.M.**—Registration Opens—Hotel Lobby.
2:00 P.M.—Opening Business Session—Grand Ballroom. Ladies invited.
Presiding—Homer W. Gardner, National President.
Invocation—National Chaplain John A. Callan.
Greetings—Lt. Gen. Mathew A. Tinley.
Address of Welcome—Honorable Robert D. Blue, Governor of Iowa.
Address of Welcome—John MacVicar, Mayor, City of Des Moines.
Response.
5:30 P.M.—A Typical Midwestern Barbecue—Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Sunday, July 13

- 9:00 A.M.**—Registration Continues—Hotel Lobby.
10:50 A.M.—Religious Service—Central Christian Church, Ninth and Pleasant Streets.
Chaplain Callan will be in the pulpit.
2:00 P.M.—Second Business Session—Grand Ballroom. (The balance of the day is left open for everyone to do whatever they desire. It is the time to renew old comradeships and make new. This is your time.)

Monday, July 14

- 9:00 A.M.**—Registration Continues—Hotel Lobby.
10:00 A.M.—Final Business Session—Grand Ballroom. Election of Officers.
7:30 P.M.—Annual Rainbow Banquet—Grand Ballroom.
11:45 P.M.—Champagne Hour—Grand Ballroom.—Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Master of Ceremonies.

The Ranch Room on the eleventh floor will be open at all times except during business sessions of the reunion. Here you can enjoy yourselves at all times.

The program is so planned that men of the Rainbow will have a lot of time to themselves. Keep in mind that this is a reunion—a reunion being one of those things where you renew that comradeship which has played such a vital part in the preservation of our Association. Here you will meet Rainbow comrades from all parts of the U.S.A. and from WW I and WW II. Make good use of every hour you are at this greatest of all Rainbow Reunions.

AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Friday, July 11

8:30 P.M.—Early Bird Reception—Arizona Room.

Saturday, July 12

9:00 A.M.—Registration Opens—Hotel Lobby.

2:00 P.M.—Joint Meeting—Grand Ballroom.

3:00 P.M.—Opening Business Session—South Ballroom.

6:00 P.M.—Buffet Supper, with entertainment—Hyperion Country Club.

Sunday, July 13

9:00 A.M.—Registration continues—Hotel Lobby.

10:50 A.M.—Religious Service—Central Christian Church, Ninth and Pleasant Streets.
Chaplain Callan will be in the pulpit.

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.—Tea—Meredith Estate.

Monday, July 14

9:00 A.M.—Registration continues—Hotel Lobby.

10:00 A.M.—Final Business Session—South Ballroom. Election of Officers.

7:30 P.M.—Annual Rainbow Banquet—Grand Ballroom.

11:45 P.M.—Champagne Hour—Grand Ballroom. Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Master of Ceremonies.



GREENWOOD PARK ROSE GARDEN

Des Moines has several fine Parks, Greenwood being one of them. Here you will find all colors of roses in their finest bloom. Here too you will see under construction one of the finest art museums in the Middle West. Des Moines is a good city to bring your children with you because young and old will enjoy themselves to the fullest.

How To Stay Young

From THIS WEEK Magazine
Over General MacArthur's desk there hangs a message. It will bring you courage and faith . . .

Famed War Correspondent Col. Frederick Palmer called on Douglas MacArthur at his Manila Headquarters. His most vivid memory: three frames over the General's desk. One, a portrait of Washington. One, a portrait of Lincoln. One, the framed message which you will read in part below. The General has had it in sight ever since it was given to him some years ago by John W. Lewis. It is based on a poem written by the late Samuel Ullman of Birmingham, Ala.

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear, as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man and from the Infinite, so long you are young.

When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then you are grown old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.

GOLF RUMBLINGS

Golf combats of long standing are bursting into white heat and as years roll along and the players get older they find that they can befuddle one another by gross inaccuracies. Col. Ruby Garrett, one of the grossest of the lot, would hold the Reunion in French Lick every year just because he won a couple of holes. Ruby is planning on being in Des Moines a week ahead of time to be in good trim so he can figure out just which holes he thinks he can make in at least one over par and then out-count the opposition. And National Treasurer George Seaman promises to out-count anyone.

He's good at figures but Ruby by experience at the bar may be in position to get by with matters entirely irrelevant to accuracy. And honorary president Bob Hayward, well, you fellows already know of his action. And on down the list. Does Editor Rodier get in on this? Now that the doctors removed one of those foul-smelling pipes from his innards maybe he'll be in on the kill. This is going to be good!

"FIVE-MAN NATIONAL REUNION"

After the conclusion of hostilities in World War II and the first of the five Company clerks of the "Fighting First"—1st Battalion, 242nd Infantry (the battalion which was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for action at Hatten, France) started the long trek home for separation, it was predestined that when all five had returned to that "charmed realm of civilian life," these men would get together again. Throughout their overseas service these five clerks ate, slept, worked and spent their leisure together, for they had learned quickly after they landed in France of the truth in the old adage about "strength in unity."

So it was that on February 22-23, 1947, at Cincinnati, Ohio, these five "Chairborne Infantrymen" held their first reunion. Cincinnati was chosen for its central location. From Nashville, Tenn., came the "Georgia Cracker" Woody Frederick (Co. A.); from Sheboygan, Wis., Ed "Ole Warrior" Ballschmider (Co. B); from Hackensack, N. J., Andy "Whozit" Romanelli (Co. C); from Kansas City, Charlie "Magazines" Dorrance (Co. D), and from Washington, D. C., came the grandpa of the quintet, Emory McIntosh (Hq Co. 1st Bn.).

Reminiscence, mixed with libation, consumed the afternoon hours Saturday; nightclubbing the evening—until dawn. Five weary ex-GI's dragged themselves to Church at noon Sunday, then to brunch. Another bull-session, time out for a few snapshots, dinner together, then farewells and off to the airport or railroad station. It was mutually agreed there would be similar reunions annually, though (due to the Southern Gentlemen) a little later in the year in the future. The site for the Second Annual "Five-Man National Reunion" in 1948 will be determined at a later date. Who says there's a lack of esprit de corps in the new Rainbows.

NEW JERSEY—FLASH! ATTENTION, JERSEY RAINBOWERS!

Only a short time remains before the 27th Annual Reunion of Jersey Rainbow—Sunday, June 22, Log Cabin Inn, Highlands, N. J. Meeting . . . dinner . . . dancing. Have you mailed your dinner reservation card? If not, do so immediately! Don't neglect! Don't delay! Enjoy Rainbow at its best—while you may! Meeting at 3 P.M., dinner at 6:30.

REUNION COMMITTEE



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CHAPTER CHATTER

CALIFORNIA—The May meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter was highlighted by the nomination of officers for the new Rainbow year. It was most gratifying to see the names of several of the younger Rainbowers among those nominated for the various offices. The election of officers will be held at the June meeting.

A guest of the evening whom the Chapter was most happy to greet was Mark White, Sr., formerly of the Fighting 69th, and who served in the Spanish-American War. Mr. White came to the meeting with his son, Mark White, Jr., Co. M, 16th Inf.

Another welcome guest was Tom Hodgins, Bat. E, 149th F.A. Yes, he is from that outfit that now wants to be known as the "WORLD Rainbow Chapter." Tch, tch, such modesty.

A note to the Fighting 69th: Capt. Harry M. Mingay, the last survivor of the original Fighting 69th, passed away at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital several weeks ago.

Capt. Mingay celebrated his 100th birthday last December and although he had been blind for a number of years, he was active in veterans' affairs up to the very end.

We served on several Memorial Day committees with Capt. Mingay and it was a privilege to have known him. He was a grand old gentleman.

And now we come to the close of another Rainbow year. Soon the faithful will begin their trek toward Mecca, in this instance Des Moines and the National Reunion, where comrades of two wars will gather under the all encompassing arch of the Rainbow, a symbol of hope and courage in peace as well as war.

In behalf of those whose loved ones made the Supreme Sacrifice in defense of their country while wearing the Rainbow Colors, we offer this brief prayer:

OUR GRACIOUS AND LOVING FATHER,

May the consolation of Thy love enter every home where Golden Stars appear, and may Thy assurance of Peace on Earth be speedily fulfilled, that wars may cease in the challenge of a "new heaven and a new earth." In the precious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

WARNER H. GRASSELL

ILLINOIS—The May 9 meeting (World War II Rainbowers ran it) was another typical World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter session.

Speaker of the evening was Judge William F. Waugh, veteran of World War I and II, who told of his experiences in handling the trial of spies captured in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Very interesting and enlightening.

The election of officers constituted the only business of the meeting. Everett T. Weart (67th

F.A. Brigade) was elected President; Cary H. Stephenson (D Battery, 149th F.A.), First Vice President, and Maynard Hillstrom (242nd Inf.), Second Vice President. On motion duly made and seconded, the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The new officers will be formally (?) installed at the next Chapter meeting.

The Chapter was honored with a visit from National President Homer Gardner who, in a few remarks, extended a personal invitation to the Des Moines Reunion.

The World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter will be certain of having the World's Greatest Rainbow representation when Rainbowers convene in the Iowa capital—Ohio and all others please note.

KEN HATHAWAY

KANSAS-MISSOURI—It seems to me that several months ago some damn fool got up on his hind legs and nominated one Les Langille as Chaplain of the Missouri-Kansas Chapter of Rainbow Veterans. Some other smart alec moved that the nomination be closed "toot sweet" . . . Do you want to know something? . . . The dawn breaks through this befuddled brain (that's being generous in the use of words), and I now suspect that such an honor entails certain duties and obligations, one of which is to tell you're other gents of the Rainbow (I would have said "Men of the Rainbow," but no plugs allowed) about the affairs of Rainbow in the grand and glorious dominions of Mo-Kan, or if you insist Kan-Mo (but be mighty careful of your spelling).

The old gentlemen are beginning to bestir themselves and much talk is heard (some quite feeble) about the annual trek to "Rainbowia"—the land of milk and honey, where the wise old men of Rainbow I and the vibrant youth of Rainbow II cement their bonds of brotherhood in "A GLORIOUS RAINBOW OF UNITY." True it is that the milk will and shall be of various hues (mostly a sort of bourbon color and in some cases a Scotch plaid, but milk there shall be. The honey? That comes from the lips of our sages, the Ruby Garretts, the J. Monroe Johnsons, the Barre Blumenthals and many others of the silver-tongued. And where is this "Rainbowia?" This year the elect have designated "Des Moines, Iowa" and upon those of that fair village has fallen the mantle of honor and glory of entertaining the "Warriors of Rainbow."

That still small voice you hear is that which comes from the soul of all Rainbowers, saying, "You must drop all cares and worries and join your comrades in Reunion." Yes, as the great day of meeting approaches, it becomes louder and louder, as the beating of drums, as the clang of the cymbals, as the roar of the cannon. Awake—oh spirit of Rainbow that has been dormant in but a few breasts, lo, these many moons, cast off the shackles of indolence

and heed this call of triumph, for the days truly grow shorter—the opportunities fewer.

Where else in all of the world can your back be slugged by the welcome hand of a comrade unseen these many years with the greeting ringing in your ears, "YOU OLD SON OF A GUN — WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF?"

MINNESOTA—We had a very nice visit from our National President this month. He seemed to be in little doubts as to whether Minneapolis was going out after a 1949 Reunion. When he sees the gang we have down there at Des Moines he will change his mind, for I think Minnesota will have the largest delegation.

The occasion is Minnesota's 100th birthday and right now we challenge any other state to beat our attendance. Come on, you guys.

FRANK WERT

NEW YORK—On Sunday, May 25, many of the boys journeyed to Pine Lawn Cemetery on Long Island to pay their respects to their departed comrades buried there. A large Rainbow wreath was placed at the flagstaff in the cemetery as it is not permitted that each of the 300 graves of Rainbowners be decorated.

As usual the Long Island Chapter held Memorial Day service at the National Rainbow Division Veterans Monument at Camp Mills, Long Island, and the wreath from the National Association was placed during the ceremonies. Nearly 100 veterans and their wives attended the services.

OHIO—Sunday, May 25, the Ohio Rainbow officially dedicated U.S. Route 42 through Ohio as the Rainbow Memorial Highway. Immediately following this a Pilgrimage to our Colonel Ben Hough's grave in Berkshire Cemetery where wreaths were placed by each Ohio Chapter, including the Ohio Association, also the Miami, Florida Chapter, and Detroit, Michigan Chapter. A large delegation from the Detroit Chapter attended.

June 6-7 Reunion in Cincinnati.

Ohio will be well represented at Des Moines in July.

CARL S. THIMMES

TEXAS—Dallas. A nasty note from Harold Rodier is infringing upon our constitutional rights of free speech. Imagine a braggin' Texan, especially just prior to the National Reunion, bein' limited to two inches of column space.

However, you will notice a rather healthy membership increase over the last issue of the *Reveille*, and we expect to have the largest contingent of Texas delegates at Des Moines that have ever descended upon a National Reunion from the Lone Star State. Most of us

have never attended a Rainbow National Reunion, so we are optimistically accepting, at face value, all the wonderful things that are being promised by our National President and his "tall corn" State of Iowa. All of US shall look forward to seeing all of YOU in Des Moines in July.

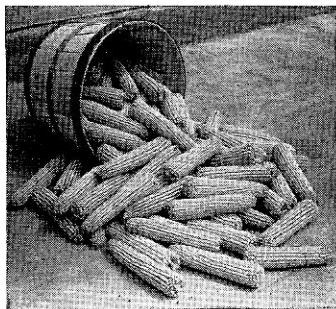
EVERETTE HALE.

AGAIN—HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Housing Committee says that so far most of you have been swell about your hotel reservations but they are worrying about a rush during the registration time. The hotels are now asking for a definite commitment on how many more rooms will be needed. Frankly, the Housing Committee doesn't know. The Committee has assigned rooms as best they can and we hope you will not be too disappointed. Immediately upon reading this issue of the *Reveille*, if you are planning on attending the Reunion, drop a line to Harold K. Holden, Chairman Housing Committee, 801 Southern Surety Bldg., Des Moines 9, Iowa. In all cases, new hotel reservations and old, advise date of arrival so there will be no mix-up on reservations. No matter whether you are coming from Georgia, New York, California or Iowa, hotel reservations must be made in advance. This is so important for your piece of mind and your weary bones and tired feet.

A BUSHEL OF CORN

A bushel of corn, a bushel of rye—put them together and what do you suppose we have? Here you see a bushel of that famous long-eared Iowa corn, the stuff that eventually feeds the world or finds its way to a bottle in some form or other. It grows overnight in the fields but too much of it overnight in a hotel grows



a headache. Corn produces a wallop in two ways: (1) it will knock you out if you get hit by an ear behind the ear; (2) it will knock you out if you put too much of it between the ears (in liquid form). So being that Iowa grows so much corn, we don't expect anyone to import corn into Iowa as in most cases it is cheaper in cases. You get what we're saying?

CHAPTER STANDINGS — AS OF MAY 20, 1947

CHAPTER	Last Year's Record	1946-47 as of May 20	1946-47 War II Members			
Alabama State Association.....	0	0	0	Minnesota Association	3	1 0
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden).....	20	1	0	Minneapolis	183	140 9
John W. Carroll (Mobile).....	56	70	2	St. Paul	35	48 10
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham).....	102	109	8	Minnesota Total	221	189 19
J. M. Strassburger (Mont'g'y).....	105	113	2	Missouri-Kansas (Kan. City).....	149	122 16
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa).....	37	12	0	St. Louis	4	64 58
Durward Crowder (Lanett).....	20	16	1	Missouri-Kansas Total	153	186 74
Alabama Total	340	321	12	Nebraska	38	43 12
Los Angeles	178	206	29	New Jersey (Red Bank).....	130	144 1
San Francisco	103	101	3	Gen. Chas. T. Menoher (Newark).....	23	20 4
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego).....	15	25	7	New Jersey Total	153	164 5
James Daugherty (Long Beach).....	2	2	0	Father Duffy Chapter, NYC.....	720	715 76
California Total	29	334	39	Long Island	38	22 2
Pueblo	1	0	0	Westchester	25	0 0
Denver	36	2	0	New York Total	783	737 78
Colorado Total	37	2	0	Ohio State Association.....	39	39 10
District of Columbia	109	112	34	Ralph Berger (Marysville).....	33	38 0
Florida State Association.....	0	0	0	Cincinnati	70	65 5
Jacksonville	2	15	0	Columbus	120	107 6
Miami	25	51	6	Newark	50	44 1
Pensacola	4	6	0	Luther Swigart (Mansfield).....	19	24 1
St. Petersburg	15	16	3	Akron	39	19 3
Gen. C. P. Summerall (Orlando).....	41	50	5	Dyer J. Bird (Marion).....	31	29 0
Florida Total	87	138	14	Paul Hume (London).....	3	1 0
Georgia Chapter (Macon).....	22	31	1	Toledo (changed from Sedan).....	5	22 9
Frank Joerg (Columbus).....	1	0	0	Edison Miller (Delaware).....	48	35 2
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta).....	41	31	10	Lancaster	59	53 1
Georgia Total	64	62	11	Cleveland	45	60 23
Illinois Chapter (Chicago).....	798	957	212	Springfield	19	15 1
Danville	59	66	2	Vets of Co. G, 166th Inf.....	144	135 0
Illinois Total	857	1,023	214	Ohio Total	724	686 62
Indiana State (Indianapolis).....	312	315	45	Oklahoma State Association.....	1	2 0
Bloomington	77	55	0	Oklahoma City	28	41 5
Fort Wayne	50	61	3	Tulsa	78	51 5
LaFayette	18	18	0	Oklahoma Total	107	94 10
Martinsville	27	27	0	Oregon	12	8 0
South Bend	26	36	15	Pennsylvania State Ass'n.....	0	0 0
Indiana Total	510	512	63	Easton	140	101 11
Iowa State Association.....	0	0	0	Pittsburgh	100	123 44
Col. E. R. Bennett (D. Moines).....	195	208	22	Bethlehem	55	30 3
Cedar Rapids	31	44	7	Lancaster	49	89 25
Oskaloosa	52	40	0	Reading	19	40 5
Creston	42	51	2	Philadelphia	33	68 40
Lee County (Ft. Madison).....	17	16	0	Pennsylvania Total	396	451 128
Fort Dodge	7	12	0	South Carolina (Columbia).....	31	36 6
Mason City (No. Iowa).....	28	29	6	Tennessee	5	3 0
Mathew A. Tinley (C. Bluffs).....	54	56	0	Texas (Dallas).....	68	75 17
Cedar Valley	43	46	6	Virginia State (Roanoke).....	116	108 26
Ottumwa	40	55	4	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchb'g).....	48	44 5
Southwest Iowa (Shenandoah).....	14	25	0	Maurice L. Tyler, Jr. (Richm'd).....	32	32 18
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City).....	52	53	1	Virginia Total	164	184 49
Dubuqueland (Dubuque).....	15	17	6	Washington State (Seattle).....	26	33 12
Iowa Total	590	652	54	Wisconsin State Association.....	6	6 0
Louisiana (New Orleans).....	20	19	1	Appleton	60	52 4
Maryland (Baltimore).....	88	77	17	Gen. MacArthur (Milwaukee).....	30	16 3
Massachusetts (Boston).....	53	80	50	Fond du Lac	35	38 1
Michigan (Detroit).....	156	205	76	Oshkosh	43	48 0
				Wisconsin Total	174	160 8
				Wyoming (New Chapter).....	1	15 7
				National Chapter (War I).....	20	30 0
				National Chapter (War II).....	11,756	618 *498
				Grand Totals	18,003	7,249 1,563

(*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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