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The General he says: "The above dates are the most important days in any Rainbow Veteran's life for 1947."

The General he says: "Committees are hard at work making the plans that will produce the finest Rainbow Reunion yet known to people of the Rainbow."

The General he says: "The Business Sessions are very unimportant, so, while much time will be spent in being entertained, there will be many hours for just a lot of good old style chewing the fat. The Ranch Room, up on top of headquarters hotel will be open from morning to night and there you can gather round and put out the old stories time and again."

And he says: "Come early and stay as long as you can. The 'early birds' will be taken care of on Friday night the 11th and from then on things will carry you right along through three days of Rainbow comradeship, days that will be a part of your memories for months to come."

So he says: "Make your reservations now. Tell the whole family that you're headed for Des Moines and bring them with you. Rainbow is measured, not by the amount of money it takes to go to a reunion, but the amount of comradeship that you gain. There'll be a lot of that in Des Moines. And you will be the poorer if you fail to attend this one."

The General is: Charles H. Grahl, Adjutant General for the State of Iowa, and is chairman for the 1947 Reunion.



General Charles Grahl

Rainbow Division Veterans



A national association of veterans of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and to keep alive the memory of departed comrades.

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ON TO DES MOINES

Have you forgotten something—that is some-
thing in the way of making hotel reservations?
Have you forgotten that hotels are crowded and
that hotel reservations must be made in advance
or are you just out of luck?

To date, all room reservations have been
acknowledged and has the Housing Committee

been busy! The committee just wants to put out
this warning—DON'T PLAN ON COMING TO
THE REUNION AND EXPECT TO GET A
ROOM UNLESS YOU HAVE MADE A RESER-
VATION IN ADVANCE. Things are not done
that way in the present bottled up conditions of
this age. Des Moines is a great convention city—
Des Moines has a lot of hotel rooms, too, but
like every other city, town and hamlet, hotel
rooms are hard to get unless you have taken the
time to make a reservation. The hotels have set
aside a large number of rooms for Rainbow, but
have you stopped to realize that this is going
to be one of the largest of Rainbow Reunions?
Get those hotel reservations in right now, do not
put it off another day. Get out the March
Reveille for hotel rates and then notify—

Harold K. Holden, Chairman
Housing Committee
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Des Moines 9, Iowa.

I WANT TO GO BACK FOR A DAY

I want to get up from here and go back to
an old day. A day of bugle calls and a day of
latrine gossip. A day of corn Willie and goldfish
and black coffee. A day of guard duty and a
long hike. A Red Cross movie. A swell boxing
match. A company-street fight. A day of mud.
A day of slow rain. A night in a hay loft just
over a cow stall. A day of rushing around. A
day when we move again. I want to roll a pack
and swing it over my shoulders and yell, "FALL
IN!"

Just one day, mind you. Just one day to live
it all over again.

I want to go to a Rainbow Reunion. God!
how I want to do that! Boy, oh boy, if I only
had your chance.

But . . . God willing, I shall have that day,
although, by then my whiskers may be long
and very, very white. It will be a grand day,
boys!—FRED CORNELIUS.

FROM YOUR NATIONAL TREASURER

Only two months remain of the Rainbow
year and there is much to be accomplished before
we can consider it a successful one.

Your President, Homer Gardner, and his
officers, are doing their utmost to wind up their
terms of office with at least a balanced budget.

It appeared reasonable to expect that we would
receive membership dues from approximately the
same number of War I Rainbows as the year
preceding but I'm sorry to report, such is not
the case. We are about 800 shy of this num-
ber. Possibly some of the Chapters have con-
centrated too much on the new Rainbows
and overlooked the old.

As an example—take the State of Illinois who
has made a grand record of 1,000 members. If
you subtract 202 War II members from the
996 they show it leaves 796 War I members, or
61 less than last year. This is true in practi-
cally all states and if we can pick up dues
from these 800 or more we will be assured of
coming close to our budget.

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Memorial File—1946-1947

GENERAL HENRI J. E. GOURAUD.....Permanent Honorary President

ELMER F. NEAGLE.....Division Headquarters

165th Infantry Regiment

Charles R. Howland—Headquarters
Latham R. Reed—Headquarters
Robert Donnelly—Headquarters Company
Hubert F. Shannon—Headquarters Company
William J. Drennan—Supply Company
George A. Colligan—Company A
Guy Franklin Goodell—Company A
Robert McGongle—Company B
Joseph P. Monaghan—Company B
Thomas O'Kelly—Company C
Maurice P. O'Connell—Company D
Michael J. Shea—Company D
George J. Brophy—Company E
John Gormley—Company E
Cornelius Behan—Company F
Louis Mugno—Company G
William Cummings—Company H
Albert Marks—Company H
Patrick Neary—Company H
John O'Sullivan—Company H
Joseph Temple—Company H
William Heineman—Company I
Amos H. Dow—Company K
James E. McGovern, Jr.—Company K
John J. McLaughlin—Company K
Eugene O. Burke—Company L
John W. Hearn—Company L
Warren C. Henderson—(Company not reported)

168th Infantry Regiment

Harry W. Floom—Headquarters Company
Oscar O. Koepfel—Headquarters Company
Frank N. Levasseur—Headquarters Company
Freeman Joel Miller—Headquarters Company
Willard A. Sands—Headquarters Company
Dr. Frank L. Thomas—Medical Detachment
Lewis E. Barnes—Machine Gun Company
Earl B. Clugston—Companies A and L
Spencer H. Harrop—Company A
Joseph Wornoski—Company A
Louis DeSimone—Company C
August J. Clinger—Company D
George T. Geran—Company D
Earl Swingle—Company D
Eugene Drumm—Company E
William W. Dawson—Companies F and C
Charles Baldwin—Company G
Ray Brewer—Company G
Charles F. Crowe—Company G
Fred Rittenhouse—Company H
Spencer Steinhoff—Company H
Jerome B. Brackett—Company L
Joseph D. Campbell—(Company not reported)

167th Infantry Regiment

Ernest R. Griffith—Headquarters Company
Raymond R. Brown—Company E
Marceline Marsal—Company E
Edwin D. Tardy—Company E
Elton D. Peacock—(Company not reported)
Rudolph J. Rizzi—(Company not reported)

168th Infantry Regiment

Carl E. Marshall—Company B
Llewellyn R. Pascoe—Company B
Russell L. Selix—Company D
Oakie M. Allen—Company E
George W. Lewis—Company G
George Pilcher—Company G
Fred Emerling—Company H
John Dowling—Company K
Russel Lewis—Company K

165th Ambulance Company

Harold F. Tabbert

168th Ambulance Company

David Baker

166th Field Hospital

Paul H. Gray

149th Field Artillery

Harold A. Finer—Headquarters Company
Guy L. Lawrence—Headquarters Company
Gordon E. Marshall—Battery C
John C. Redington—Battery C
Lawrence R. Cagney—Battery D
C. William Eubanks—Battery D
Raymond M. Ketchum—Battery D
Allen B. Dearborn—Battery E
Harry I. DeCamp—Battery E
Rudolph G. Gustavson—Battery E
Thomas F. McGraw—Battery F
Noble L. Richmond—Battery F

150th Field Artillery

Ralph C. Randolph—Headquarters Company
Ralph F. Gordon—Battery A
Ralph S. Hall—Battery A
Fred M. Stiles—Battery A
Henry Neiburger—Battery C
Joseph Kaspar—Battery E
Andrew J. Bragger—Battery F
Robert Schooley—Battery F

151st Field Artillery

Charles B. McGill—Battery D
Clinton Renquist—Battery D
Thomas Phillips Beahen—Battery F
Rufus A. North—Battery F

149th Machine Gun Battalion

Walter W. Delaney—Medical Detachment
Dr. John S. Sharp—Medical Detachment
Olen Broadwick—Company A

150th Machine Gun Battalion

William A. E. Chapin—Company B
George A. McCabe—Company B
Samuel T. Shackelford—Company B

151st Machine Gun Battalion

James W. Osborne—Company B
Richard S. Grau—Company D

117th Trench Mortar Battery

Lawrence J. Doyle
Raymond B. Furlong
John Robert Yewell

117th Ammunition Train

H. D. Dinkel—(Company not reported)
Clarence A. Friend—(Company not reported)

117th Field Signal Battalion

Robert Jurgeson—Company C
Forrest B. Lowenberg—Company C

117th Train Hdqrs. and Military Police

Robert H. Beckner—Company A
John Lumpkin Harrison—Company A

117th Engineer Regiment

Lorain L. Brown—Company A
James Allen Drake—Company A
Boyce A. Stevenson—Company B
Weimer J. Smith—Company E
William A. Thompson—Company E
Leonard R. Paxton—Company F

222nd Infantry Regiment

Harold H. Hughes—Company M

242nd Infantry Regiment

George R. Shoemaker—Headquarters Co., 1st Bn.
Frank J. Murphy—Company B

142nd Engineer Combat Battalion

Wilbur H. Martin—Company B

Organizations Not Reported

Demetrios Argianas
Frank Chopski
Byron Fagan Harrison

CHAPTER CHATTER

CALIFORNIA— Yes, folks, the "young" uns did it. They took over the April meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter and it was a WOW, in capital letters, from start to finish. Headed by Ray Charles (222nd Inf.), our most efficient secretary, the World War II Rainbowers put on a show that had the 135 who were present applauding each act and asking for more.

Truly, there is no "Age" or "Rank" in our Association. The only requirement is to have served under the Arch of the Rainbow in either World War. Those who can thus qualify have every right to express their opinions in regard to matters pertaining to the organization.

Congratulations to Ray Charles and his committee for a most successful meeting.

The next important activity of the Chapter is the annual Memorial Day services which will be held as usual on May 30 in Rainbow Memorial Grove in Exposition Park, Los Angeles. The time is 10 A.M. We hope all Rainbow men and their families who can possibly do so will attend this important service.

"Top" Davis who is permanent Chairman of the Memorial Day committee, will be absent for the first time in many years. "Top," who is Assistant Manager of the Touring Bureau of the Auto Club of Southern California, will leave the first week in May for Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to map the Alcan Highway for the Auto Club.

This Reunion should be tops in attendance. Des Moines is centrally located in relation to the rest of the country and we know the Reunion committee is going all out in its preparations to show those who attend a grand and glorious time. How can any Rainbower afford to miss it?

A note to Everette Hale of the Dallas Chapter: We are looking forward to meeting you in Des Moines so we can personally thank you for your article in the January *Reveille*.

WARNER H. GRASSELL

DIST. OF COLUMBIA— Our April 22nd meeting which was held at the National Press Club was a treat for all members of our Chapter who attended, not only because of the free beer that was served, but because we had a distinguished guest of honor and speaker who was secured by our Chapter President, Marshall Andrews. Our guest speaker was General Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, who previously commanded the Sixth Army Group while the Rainbow served under that command.

The General's speech was based on the 42nd Division's activities in Europe, and he not only gave us the overall picture of the E.T.O., M.T.O., but answered many questions that have been on our minds since the time we landed in Marseille up to the present time.

Some of the highlights of his speech that con-

cerned the Rainbow Division were: Task Force Linden. While enroute to Strassbourg the switching from the 3rd Army to the 7th Army; why we occupied the sector around Strassbourg; why we didn't make the initial Rhine crossing; why we remained as an occupational force.

Although the basic evening subject was of World War II, men of the World War I were not forgotten. The General knew that this Association is made up of men from two wars and he started his speech by telling a story about MacArthur and how he could have accomplished more in this war if he had had his old 42nd Rainbowers with him.

This was the first opportunity we had to distribute the 222nd Regimental History which some of the boys had autographed by General Devers. We found that each who received one was very pleased to get this great book and it helped us to get a few 222nd boys down who otherwise would have been absent.

We are looking ahead to our May meeting, which will be a free dinner, and another great Rainbow night here in Washington.—FAGGIE.

FLORIDA— The Florida State Chapter of the

Rainbow Division held their annual State Meeting and election April 16 in the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida, in conjunction with the American Legion State Convention. The Miami Chapter held open house in a suite of rooms for two days and many state Rainbowers were in and out.

The annual election was held following breakfast and officers for the ensuing year elected.

The attendance was the largest of any previous state meeting and several men from the new division were present. Almost all units of the old division were represented. The 150th Field Artillery took top honors by having three men present. The honored guest of the meeting and principal speaker was our own Dave Wiley, who spoke on service work of the state.

It was good to see our old friend Jim Rolfe of Orlando, as well as Cecil Wright and Johnny Gardiner. Doc Bramer came all the way from Tampa, Doc Brinklow from West Palm Beach. Hugh Lester of Lauderdale and the old convention attendee, Bill Swabey, of Hollywood. We were spared the harmonica and bugle solo of Swabey. This was a great relief to all present but we were very happy to have Bill with us anyway.

The 1948 reunion will be held in Panama City, Florida, so perhaps St. Petersburg chapter will have to be our host over there. There are two objectives for the coming year, announced our new president, Ben Criswell.

1. To increase membership with new members.
2. To assist Dave Wiley in his program with men in the hospital.

We had our usual supply of Persian limes from Bill Rheney's groves in Homestead, which are always a big help. Some of the boys following the meeting took a drive to Homestead to see Walter Woods who has been seriously ill. Hope you get back with us soon, Walter, as we

miss you. You boys from New York might be glad to know we have James G. Finn with us, from Michigan—Dr. Baskerville. You fellows in the frozen north will soon realize your age and be coming to Florida with the rest of us. Then watch Florida membership! Thanks, fellas.

—JIM

ILLINOIS—Illinois Chapter is split wide open, according to polls being conducted privately to learn the trend in the outcome of the election of officers at the May 9 meeting at the Swedish Club, in Chicago. To be or not to be the World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter is the issue—the World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter vs. the World's Rainbow Chapter.

On the one side are the old conservatives, with an alleged select slate of candidates. Theirs is the voice of contentment, as they with suitable gestures and pointings aver that "in the short span of less than three decades our membership stands at a thousand strong, an unsurpassed record. We're out in front, leading the parade of Rainbow Chapters. Illinois has been the World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter a long time, and we will continue to maintain that position."

Sounds good! Always the leader—pace-setters, so to speak. But the opposition. It, too, has a panel of candidates. When interviewed, they, with typical gestures and pointings, asserted, "Worl's Greatest Rainbow Chapter, huh? 'Sall we hear. Same shing las' year 'n' th' year before that. We're stuck, thas what we shay. Stuck! Shtag-nant! Ain't goin' no place. Gotta go, thas what. Keep movin'. 'Nother objective. 'Nother hill. Lesh ferget about bein' Worl's GREATESHT Chapter. Le's be WORL'S Chapter. Be big. Make Illa-noise Chapter th' WORL'S Rainbow Chapter. 'Tach th' likes o' O-high-o an' New York fer rations. Big hearted, thash us. Three more—one for 'Worl's' one for 'Greatesht' an' one for me, an' bring 'em all t'me."

And so the campaign goes. At midnight the results of the poll were 49.98 percent for and 50.02 percent against, or vice versa.

Bjork, while all this goes on, just sits on the sidelines and kjuckles.

But the May 9 meeting is not all election. It's World War II night, and, among other things, we'll hear Judge William F. Waugh tell of the "Trial of Spies in the Mediterranean Theatre."

Election of officers, counter-espionage and all, we'll all have a good time.

KEN HATHAWAY

INDIANA—The South Bend Chapter for the past year has tried about everything in the book to get the boys out and make that always painful extraction of dues. Our congenial ex-150th F.A. Hdqrs. Rainbower who when elected to the Presidency of our Chapter, kept on going to the Vice Presidency of the National, has injected that certain something into the minds of the local Rainbowers which causes them to come

out and do things that a year ago most of us thought would be impossible. We refer to the only Rainbower who has been able to really put the South Bend Chapter in an active sector for a year, Doctor Ray W. Spenner.

The first thing Ray decided with the help of John Summe, the Steward at the V.F.W. Home, was to serve a good steak dinner, a Rainbower with a full "tummie" just couldn't pop off too much so that's where Ray took over the controls. After Ray had put over his business meeting maybe out from nowhere came a beautiful little brunette with an accordion and, oh boy, how we could sing—at least we thought we could, in fact the music or the girl had such an effect upon some of the boys that when we notified them of a meeting they would say, "Will Marietta be there?"

At the April 16 meeting it was decided to appoint a nominating committee and choose officers for our next year. This we did and followed it up by electing the following: Phil Inebnit, President, and Vance Harsh, Secretary, War II boys; Don Ross, Vice President, and Riley Hicks, Treasurer, War I; so now we will have a competitive membership battle.

Our next meeting will be June 18 at which time we will install our new officers and also entertain our wives and others at a fine dinner, speaker and some dancing. Guests are always welcome.—DON ROSS.

IOWA—Notices were sent to 86 Rainbowers who served in the 222nd Infantry Regiment that their copy of the 222nd History was available to them. Just seven of them responded and are now the proud possessors of that splendid history. Those who did respond are: James M. Terrell, Hq. 222nd; Keith E. Davis, Hq. 1st Man; Jesse W. Harter, Co. I; Thomas L. Steinberg, Richard Campbell and Milton Cohen, all Bn; Robert A. Guernsey, Med. Det. Co. D Aid of Cannon Company. Let's hear from more of you 222nd men living in Iowa about this history.

Of course, silly boy, things are in a hub-bub about the July reunion. The committees meet up at the State Capitol under the gold doom and things are just bound to happen. We've gotten all het up about this thing because we know what's going to happen. But we will say this much, if you miss this reunion, you'll miss the best. Look at your map—you don't have to travel to the East Coast or the West Coast to reach Des Moines. It's right here in the center of things. And Des Moines will be yours when you get here. So says the Iowa State Association.—THE SNIPER.

MICHIGAN—We are still getting new faces from War II at our chapter meetings. March saw the following in attendance for the first time: Capt. A. C. Laywell, 142nd Eng., who was on his way to Manila; E. J. McMahon, 232nd Inf. AT Co.; Jack Ross, 222nd Inf. F Co.; Bob Currie, 242nd Inc. C Co.; Tom Butler, 242nd Inf., and Henry Buck, 242nd Inf. We hope that it will not be their last time in attendance.

The Captain had to take the usual ribbing from the bucks, pfc's., etc., in attendance.

April meeting on the 8th will be nominations for office. This should bring out some new candidates. We hope to see a number of our new members nominated for office.

April 26 will see our meeting with the reactivated Toledo Chapter in Detroit. Governor Brucker, Ohio State President, will be in charge of the program and a swell feed has been lined up. Festivities will begin in the Veterans Bldg. at 7:00 P.M. and we know every one attending will be well repaid. Here is a chance for you Rainbowers from out in the State to attend, as it will be on Saturday night. We would like to see some of the boys from Cleveland at this meeting. Also, it is not too far for some of the Hoosiers to show up. We are making plans to charter a bus to go to Delaware, Ohio, on May 25 to take part in the dedication of the Rainbow Division Memorial Highway. This affair should be a must for all Rainbowers.

If any Rainbowers anywhere want to get in touch with anyone in the Michigan Chapter, just drop a line to our Secretary, Earl Tyner, 16895 Coyle, Detroit 27, and he will do the rest.—"GI."

NEW JERSEY—It is now clear that this year's annual shore dinner of the World's Most Successful Rainbow Chapter (N. J. Chapter) will surpass last year's by a wide margin in quality, quantity and service, and in that "something new has been added" attraction—a five-piece orchestra for your entertainment and dancing. The let's-have-action-boys, Charles Jannorone (222nd Inf. Reg.), chairman, dinner committee, and Harry P. Morford, 132nd Sig. Co.), committeeman, have completed arrangements and predict a record-breaking attendance of about 200. If that many Rainbowers, wives, other sweethearts, etc., or a substantial number thereof, turn out for this affair-of-affairs, the Log Cabin Inn, where it will be held, will be exclusively theirs for a gala day—so says the committee. Also, that the dinner—clams, lobster, chicken and other good things—prepared to perfection only as such things are prepared on the old New Jersey shore, will be something to remember.

For the information of new Rainbowers, the Log Cabin Inn, a chummy sort of a rendezvous, is located on Scenic Highway, Atlantic Highlands, N. J., overlooking the Atlantic. Usually swept by cool, surf breezes and offering a thrilling, oceanic view, which combine to act as an initial bracer for a gay afternoon and evening, this "spot" has been the home of the Chapter's June dinner for the past 12 years.

Remember the day—not the 7th of May—but Sunday, June 22. Regular quarterly meeting for election of officers and delegates to the National Reunion at 3 P.M.—dinner at 5:30 P.M.

I understand that Sidney Lewis and his charming wife, now in California, will attend the National Reunion at Des Moines in July.

I'll be seeing you there, Sid! Best regards from the gang.—STAN BARROW.

NEW YORK—Not since the days of Father Duffy has there been such a large and well represented gathering of Rainbowers and their families as attended the Twenty-eighth Annual Ball and Reunion on April 11 at the Commodore Hotel.

Among those present from out of town were Col. William B. Stacom and party from Washington, D. C.; Jack Clarke, Past National President from Baltimore; Stanley Barrow, National Executive member and wife, Rose, National Secretary, Woman's Auxiliary, and Harry Smock and wife, from Red Bank, N. J.

In their party were James Deluccia and fiancée from Plainfield, N. J.; John Uvages and wife from New Brunswick, N. J.; Tom Collins and wife from Somerville, Mass.; Wallace Vessey and wife, Phoenixville, Pa.; Wilbur Miller and wife, Baltimore, Md.; Russell Niford and wife, Worcester, Mass.; Kenneth Grimm and wife, Greensboro, Pa., who were married the day before. The following boys and their wives completed this party—Emil Pirozzi, Dr. Vincent Bellifiore, Paul Kalanik, Leonard Sarner, also bachelors Anthony Tuccillo, Paul Salerino and Samuel Nash.

This is just an example of one of the many reunions going on about the ballroom floor. The 242nd men were together, 232nd got high hat and had a private room for themselves, while the 222nd men and others were here, there and everywhere. Joe Rosalia and Harry Dietz of the 222nd were a great help in steering the boys to their own groups.

The festivities commenced with the parading of the Colors, to the tune of "There's a Rainbow in the Army," and from then on everyone enjoyed the show and dancing.

At 11 P.M. the winning ticket for the Chevrolet was drawn and the winner was J. W. O'Keefe of Brooklyn, N. Y. James Striffler had sold him the winning ticket so he also received a prize of one hundred dollars.—G. E. SEAMAN.

OHIO—The Cincinnati Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans Association, extends to you a personal invitation to the State Reunion. To be held in Cincinnati June 6-7, 1947. We believe we have planned for you the outstanding reunion of all time. If you are a Rainbower of World War One and have not attended a reunion for some time or, perhaps you have never been present at a reunion at all, you do not know what you have been missing. If nothing more than renewing old acquaintances of years gone by.

Or if you are a comrade in Rainbow of World War Two, this should be very appealing to you, and you will make this your first reunion. You will not regret it or ever forget it. We will give you an outline of the plans that we have for you. Yet there are some things we wish to withhold as a surprise to you. We believe that you will enjoy, and get a better thrill out of them this way. Now why not set

these dates aside for you and your family, as the most important dates for this year?

Then check your reservations and mail to—Louis Stagman, Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, O. Registration starts on Friday, June 6, 9:00 A.M. Closes 5 P.M.

Friday, 2:00 P.M. to 4 P.M.—a tour by bus of the city.

Friday, 8:30 P.M.—Ball, dance and a wonderful floor show.

Free refreshments all day whenever there is not a meeting in session.

Saturday, June 7—

Registration starts 9:00 A.M. Closes 6 P.M. 10:00 A.M. Men's business meeting.

10:00 A.M. Auxiliary business meeting, followed by installation of officers and luncheon.

Saturday afternoon open for reunion get-together.

Saturday, 6:30 P.M. Banquet and other surprises.

Refreshments at all times Saturday that there is no meeting in session.

Registration, \$5 per person. This, of course, includes Dance, Ball, Floor Show, Refreshments, Tour on Friday.

Banquet, Refreshments, and a favor that is worth the cost of registration in itself.

Here are your room rates. Check your desires and mail NOW. We will be pleased to confirm your reservations.

Single bed—\$3, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, 6.

Double bed—\$5, \$5.50, \$6, \$7, \$8.

Twin beds—\$5.50, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9.

Suites—\$9.50 up.

(All rooms with bath)

Until June 6, Yours in Comradeship,
Cincinnati Chapter R. D. Vets.

ROY GRANT, General Chairman

PENNSYLVANIA—Our meeting of April 12 was much better—not up to our expectation in attendance but full of enthusiasm. Our genial President, Ronald Rigby, took over and clicked it off in grand fashion.

At this meeting we note with interest that Peter Mackinaw came decked out with his "air-conditioned" pipe—Daniel Gordon sporting a big smile and referring to himself as "Grandpa" Gordon. 165th take note! Bill Wilhelm now answering to the name of "George"—Judge Cooney Eibeck bragging about being the loop king and street car operator on Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh—"Fleck" Fleckenstein somewhat hesitant in referring to his son as an ex-Marine but proud of the fact that his son decided to return to his college studies—and a few new faces of the old guard—J. E. Long, Wilkinsburg, and Bill Pierce of McKeesport—better known as Congressman Pierce.

Taps were sounded for two of our comrades since January 1 of this year, Llewellyn Pascoe passing away a few days before our February meeting, and Walter Stover on Friday, April 18. We learned of Comrade Pascoe's death several weeks after he had died but in the case of Comrade Stover, his very close buddy, Comrade

Fred Vogel, informed us in time so as to give several members of the Pittsburgh Chapter an opportunity to conduct the regular R.D.V. funeral service. Walter Stover's main interest in veteran affairs was Rainbow and he seldom missed a meeting. We will miss this grand gentleman and Comrade.—LEO F. MOQUIN.

SAN FRANCISCO—Past President's Night

proved to be the turning point for the Chapter, which has been more or less dormant for the past year. Never mind the reason why, as there is too much water in the beer already and crying won't help it any.

So, with the office of secretary and treasurer being declared vacant, we jumped the gun, held election and installed the following for the 1947-48 year at our April meeting. Charles "Shorty" Lenhart, assisted by Louis Preston and George Cline, making sure everyone being seated in their duly elected chairs, we present for—

President, Al Hammond, with a firm and enthusiastic hand, took over for the year to come. And we can say Amen to the Chapter's choice for president. Evidently, Pink McCants thinks he still has to polish apples, as he would have a D Co. man for First Vice President. Pink said it would please his old Capt. Wally Mason to have a Co. D man in that office. So the gang booted Pink's choice right out of the window and elected John Conroy, First Vice President. Can't say there is any "railroading" in Chapters elections after that one. For the V. P.'s the Chapter is like Jimmie Araujo's Southern Pacific, we have more than one vice president and so to handle the Sacramento Valley, we have your friend and mine, Bernard "Micky" Jones of Lodi. (And incidentally, Micky, the Chapter is taking action and it won't be long now. Know what I mean?) For the Santa Clara Valley Rainbows, Vito Bertedo, C.M.H. and WW II man from San Jose. Next, and to keep the old-timers in line, Louie "Frenchy" Menein, darndest guy and contrary as hell, but Frenchy helps make the meetings what they are even if he has to needle Tom Marchi into a story and how Tom can tell them. For Sergeant at Arms, none other than the old standby, Charles Goodwin, who is sporting a cane these days. Charley says the cane helps add to his dignity. The personal note he received from Gen. MacArthur, certainly made a big change in the old boy. Going high hat now. Glen Taylor will be our Chaplain and the good Padre says he will cut his fee in half for any Rainbow weddings. The Chapter is going to have a man in the field and elected Al Sievert, Service Officer. A good membership man as he goes up and down the state building jails. Nice fellow to know. And here he is. Our Secretary and Treasurer, William McCants, Jr., known to us all as Pinky. Let us not have any more nonsense but make Pinky our permanent secretary and treasurer.

Darn near forgot the most important item. The picnic will again be held and if you remember those we used to have before the war, then I

know we will see you at the next meeting to get all of the details.—“DOC.”

TEXAS—Dallas. As we swung open the gates for the April business meeting, he who entered first through the portals—with membership dues in hand—was none other than Jimmy Kemp, who, although present at the postwar reactivation ceremonies, later became so busy putting the VFW on the local map that he let his Rainbow activities slide. Having completed his tenure of office as Post Commander of VFW Post 1837 (the largest one here), Jimmy returns to the fold of Rainbow, assuring us that his major efforts from now on will be in furtherance of Rainbow's Texas Chapter. Welcome home, Jimmy!

In retrospection, ere it leaves our mind, we must remember to create some kind of attendance prize for Fort Worthian John B. Pettigrew, who lets not distance, weather, cysts, nor other material obstacles stand in his way come Texas Chapter monthly meeting night. We feel humbly grateful for his constancy when there are so many local Rainbowers who could get to the meeting in ten minutes—yet don't!

When in Rome, do as the Romans do, but, Rainbowers, when in TEXAS, attend Texas Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans' meetings! Third Wednesday (May 21), Downtown YMCA. Dinner a la carte at 7 P.M., meeting at 7:30. This month we shall elect delegates to the National Reunion.—EVERETTE HALE.

FROM YOUR NATIONAL TREASURER

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The budget was originally set up for \$12,000 but by keeping our expenditures to a minimum we were able to reduce it \$10,000. On the sales of our merchandise we hope to realize \$1,000, therefore it is easily to be seen that we must secure \$9,000 in membership dues.

Every Rainbower receiving the *Reveille*, who has not paid his current year's dues to his chapter or National Association, should do so at once, and he will be proud of the fact he is paying his share to make the Rainbow Division

(*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.

Veterans' Association the great organization it is. Let our motto be—On to Des Moines with a Balanced Budget.

G. E. SEAMAN, *National Treasurer*

State Membership

AS OF APRIL 20, 1947

CHAPTER	Last year's Record	1946-47 as of April 20	1946-47 War II Members
Alabama	340	291	6
California	298	306	37
Colorado	37	2	0
District of Columbia	109	112	34
Florida	87	136	14
Georgia	64	62	10
Illinois	857	996	202
Indiana	510	506	60
Iowa	590	633	53
Louisiana	20	19	1
Maryland	88	77	17
Massachusetts	53	79	49
Michigan	156	192	68
Minnesota	221	189	19
Missouri-Kansas	153	183	72
New Jersey	153	123	4
New York	783	736	77
Ohio	724	678	61
Oklahoma	107	93	10
Oregon	12	8	0
Pennsylvania	396	445	126
South Carolina	31	35	5
Tennessee	5	3	0
Texas	68	75	17
Virginia	164	178	45
Washington State	26	33	12
Wisconsin	174	149	8
National Chapter, War I	20	38	0
National Chapter, War II	11,756	619	*499

Grand Totals 18,003 7,039 1,518

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