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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

CALIFORNIA - HERE WE ARE

Saturday, October 15, 1949, after a night at Yuma, Arizona, the border to the great state of California was crossed with the usual inspection of luggage for bugs, and the only motor trouble we had on our trip. It is more fun flying in.

That night a dinner was given by the San Diego Chapter. Your president met five 149 FA men at the dinner - Wagner, French, Goodman, Balte and Edson. Mal Rood of that outfit is Secretary. You find the men of Reilly's bucks working hard at Rainbow, all across the country.

The president of the San Diego Chapter is a veteran from World War II, Edwin M. Curlee. It is always a pleasant experience to find fine fellows from World War II stepping forward to help continue to hold the flag of Rainbow high in the sky.

The San Diego Chapter is going to be heard from. Veterans of both wars are working harmoniously.

Monday, after a profitable Sunday at Tiajuana, Mexico, the trip was ended at Los Angeles, California, where your president went back to work, after enjoying his many visits with Rainbowers along the route.

Keep your Reveilles, and call the chapter officers listed when you travel. Your Rainbow comrades will appreciate it.

Wednesday, October 19, 1949, a flight was made to San Francisco, California. Vito R. Bertoldo, his wife and Hervey Agens, 117th Signal, met the President at the plane and took him to dinner along with Mrs. Agens, Glenn C. Taylor, Charles R. Lenhart, and the long standing backbone of the San Francisco chapter, Cal Reed.

There was an excellent turnout at the meeting that night along with a big Rainbow cake and refreshments after the meeting. Cole and Edwards of the 149 FA, Battery C made the visitor welcome.

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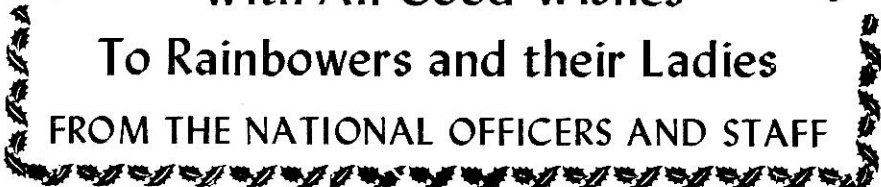
The Season's Greetings



With All Good Wishes

To Rainbowers and their Ladies

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICERS AND STAFF



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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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William McCants, Jr. whose wife made the cake, had his whole family at hand and his young daughter sang a song dedicated to the holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Vito Bertoldo.

Los Angeles Chapter had forty at dinner, October 28, 1949, to welcome the National President and his wife. Sam and Julie Miller drove from San Diego for the occasion. The dinner with forty in attendance climaxed a series of Rainbow dinners, for which the travelers extend their appreciation to:

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Grassell
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Michel
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Gibbs
 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Smith

One of the accomplishments of the trip was to prove that Rainbow was a National Institution, not limited to space or locality. It is universal in spirit wherever freedom reigns and veterans pay homage to their fellow warriors who have reached the end of the Rainbow.

The West is seriously considering an invitation to all Rainbowners in the near future. They have the facilities and fine leadership personnel. When writing to your Rainbow buddies in the West, let them know you are ready and willing to accept their invitation when they see their way to extend it.

There exists a fine body of Rainbowners through Texas, Arizona, California and adjacent states, who will be stimulated with a western reunion, and we owe a return visit to the boys out west who have consistently visited eastern reunions. The Los Angeles Chapter is proud to say it had ten in attendance at New York.

Bill Williamson, who made many trips east, is well again and arranging to resume his travels.

I have met so many fine Rainbowners, I have no space to mention them all by name, but I must not end this without a word of appreciation to Mother Stack who came out Friday night to the dinner.

Leaving California behind we stopped in Tucson, Arizona to see O. G. Robinette, one of the five horsemen from 150 FA, now living there. He states that he and Milly can do what is necessary. As a starter they should have Seaney and Bideaux and help from Phoenix.

On Nov. 8, a real live chapter had a dinner at Arnaud's for the President and wife. The following with many ladies of Rainbow were there - Guillory (242 Inf.); Mayronne (151 FA); Enderline (117 AT); Signnolfi (165 Inf.); Katz (117 AT); Martin (168 Inf.); Jones (167 Inf.); Edmondson (149 FA); Montet (242 Inf.) and Gonsonlin (232 Inf.).

With all of Louisiana to cover they should show results.

The famous and long to be remembered Armistice Day celebration of Birmingham, Ala. was the next post of call.

On the night of Nov. 10 an informal dinner was given with Hagen (165 Inf.); Foster (167 Inf.); Winingham (167 Inf.); Armour (168 Inf.); Gardiner (167 Inf.); May (167 Inf.); Lanett (167 Inf.); Wall (167 Inf.); Burnett (167 Inf.); and two lone artillerymen to settle the "shoots" argument, Cox and Rosenthaler, Bat. C, 149 FA.

There were too many in attendance at the banquet the night of Nov. 11 to list names.

Alabama as always entertained graciously and showed true hospitality.

Can any Sgt. of 165 Inf. remember serving Foster from Alabama breakfast in bed when he got lost while overseas and in action? If so, advise the writer, for he has an assignment, a very welcome one, at Detroit, July 13, 1950.

Marx Rosenthaler

MISSION TO TOKYO

Sometime in January one Sergeant Dick O'Neil, Medal of Honor, will be on his way to Tokyo on a unique mission. He will bear with him one of the most extraordinary tributes ever paid to an individual; a testimonial scroll to General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur, signed by the President of the United States, Ex-President Hoover, by most of the top Government officials in the Defense Department, by scores of top ranking officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force, by thousands of his friends and including hosts of Rainbow Division Veterans. We feel that these last will be the most appreciated by the General. It is probable that Dick O'Neill's mission will be timed to conclude January 26th, the General's birthday.

This project was originated by Dick, and was climaxed last January 26th, when a great testimonial dinner in General MacArthur's honor was held in New York, when the testimonial scroll was accepted on General MacArthur's behalf by General Jonathon M. Wainwright, his lifelong friend and Bataan comrade.

Rainbow Veterans of World War II must have been struck by the extraordinary devotion to General MacArthur evidenced by their World War I comrades; and their personal pride in his amazing career. That those who know him best love him best need not be explained to those who have had much personal contact with him; it can hardly be understood by those who have not had that privilege.

MacArthur is the godfather of the Rainbow Division in that he originated this felicitous name and bestowed it upon us. He may be called the father of the Division in that he was greatly responsible for its genesis and for the selection of the units composing it.

Douglas MacArthur was born on January 26, 1880, on an Army Post at Little Rock, Arkansas, and was raised on Army Posts. His father Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, was a distinguished soldier. Douglas graduated from West Point at the head of his class, and within a few years had received his baptism of fire in the Philippines. When America entered World War I he was a Major on duty with the General Staff.

At a time when the old school of Regular Army officers was more than a little skeptical of the value of citizen soldiers as military "quick assets," he was one of a minority who voiced great faith in such material, and was an advocate of the early use of the National Guard. He participated in the planning which lead to the organization of the Rainbow Division, originated its name, and asked the privilege of serving with this Division. Going overseas as its Chief of Staff, he became Brigadier General in June, 1918 and was placed in command of the 84th Brigade, succeeding to the command of the Division during the Argonne. After the War he became Commandant at West Point, and in 1922 he returned to the Philippines. In 1928 he was promoted to Major General, the youngest in the Army, and later assumed command of the Philippine Department.



General MacArthur in World War I

In 1930 he became Chief of Staff.

After his four year tour of duty was ended he was retained as Chief of Staff for an additional year to complete a momentous project upon which he was working. This was the setting up of an overall plan for a possible world war, a plan which projected, for the first time, an all-out mobilization of American manpower and industry. Upon the foundation of this MacArthur plan was based the program and planning of World War II.

Upon concluding his tour of duty as Chief of Staff he took on the job of building an Army for the new Commonwealth of the Philippines. Continuing his task of creating an adequate military establishment for the Philippines and the means for its defense, in 1935 he retired from the Army (after 32 years of service) and became Field Marshal of the Philippine Army. In July of 1941, however, he was recalled to active duty by the President, and assumed command of all American Armed Forces in the Far East.

It is not necessary to recount the events that transpired following the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Few will deny that on the basis of what General MacArthur accomplished during the ensuing four years he must be acknowledged not merely the greatest General produced by this war, but the greatest General in all recorded military history. The greatest Soldier of them all. General MacArthur's life had shaped him to fulfill his destiny. Every detail of his career seemed peculiarly designed to prepare him for his role in history.

It can be seen that his service with the Rainbow Division was but a small segment in his career. Yet its significance must not be underestimated. No other General in the American Army had commanded a Division in combat; none other had his broad and successful background.

If General MacArthur has become the object of an extraordinary affection and pride on the part of his veterans of the Rainbow, he has given unmistakable evidence of a deep feeling on his part for

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ALABAMA The Thirty-first Annual Armistice Day Banquet was held Nov. 11th at Birmingham, Ala. The Hon. Marx P. Rosenthaler, President, National Association Rainbow Division Veterans, from Detroit, Michigan and his charming wife were the Honored Guests.

Soon after the National President arrived at the Bankhead Hotel he was escorted to the Tutwiler Hotel by Col. H. P. May, John H. Winningham, and Ted Hagan, where he and all the Honored Guests were invited to the National Armistice Day and World Peace Program, in Birmingham, Ala. They were entertained at a Cocktail Party from 5:00 to 6:00 P. M., on November 10th. Among the many out-of-town guests at this party were the Hon. Marx P. Rosenthaler; Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff; Hon. Charles C. Ralls, Sr., Vice Commander-in-chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.; and many other distinguished officials.

The evening of Nov. 10th, the National President and his wife were entertained at the Elks Club, by thirty-five members of the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter and their wives, at an informal banquet, with Gaines Burnett as Chairman. From all reports this was a real social Rainbow Party.

At 11:00 A.M. on the morning of Nov. 11, a Memorial Service was held at the First Christian Church. Col. H. P. May and T. A. Warren attended this service with the National Pres. Marx Rosenthaler. Here the names of the veterans who have passed away on, or since Nov. 11th, 1948 were called from the Sponsoring Veterans Organizations.

12:30 P. M. found the National President and Col. May at the World Peace Luncheon, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel. Here Gen. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, made a National Radio Address.

At 2:00 P. M. the scene shifted to the balcony of the Tutwiler Hotel for the National President and Col. May, where they were on the reviewing stand, and watched a two hour parade. The National President highly complimented the Veterans Organizations on this parade. Paul Snow, National Vice-Pres. and T. A. Warren, State President of Ala., had cars in the parade.

Attending the Rainbow Banquet at 7:30 P. M. were members from Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Michigan, New York and Alabama. This was well attended, and the Hon. Marx P. Rosenthaler made an excellent address on the Rainbow. He was introduced by Comrade Lindsey L. Cox, from the 149th Field Artillery. T. A. Warren, State President from Alabama also made a good talk.

HENRY C. WOOD

GEORGIA On Sept. 14, at our regular meeting, the chapter was

entertained at the home of Lewie and Opal Alberson, refreshments were served, and we were blessed with the presence of our beloved Cooper D. Winn and about thirty members and their guests. Cooper gave us an inspiring talk on Rainbow action and comradeship; he also asked for the privilege of paying the dues and card fee for the ladies of our newly formed auxiliary, and he also remitted by check. Thanks to him, we now have twenty-four members in our auxiliary (so much for Sept.).

On Oct. 31st at our meeting we were entertained at the home of our good pal Paul Webb and his beloved. Mrs. Webb's home was decorated for Hallowe'en and a real party was on hand for all present except the rain, which really washed the town away. The high lite of the party was when Paul was asked when he had last kissed Mrs. Webb and he said about 15 years. The chapter president presented Paul with an orchid to be pinned on Mrs. Webb along with an old time big kiss: Boy, oh boy!

Since that time the chapter has collected contributions and presented check for same to our good buddy Alonzo White, as aid to him in the loss of his home by fire. Mrs. White's answer for the check was, "Golly, the Rainbow has done it again; the best friends on earth."

LEWIE L. ALBERSON

ILLINOIS The Illinois Chapter celebrated Armistice Day as usual. This year's observance was billed as the "The 30th Annual Armistice Jamboree and Rainbow Reunion (Stag)" and it was truly a jamboree and unquestionably a stag. For this meeting we were invited to the Swedish Club of Chicago where we have held so many successful meetings in the past and our hosts lived up to their reputation, with cocktails at 5:30, a chicken dinner at 7:00 and program at 8:00. Despite the fact that various patriotic organizations were holding similar gatherings we had an attendance of approximately 100 and as is usually the case some of the "late birds" stayed until the club was closed for the night and even then seemed reluctant to depart.

Our president, General Robert Moffet, presided, various members spoke and we were further entertained by a vocalist and accordionist who was billed "The Wandering Troubador" and who was assisted by various impromptu soloists, duets and quartets, all of the whisky tenor variety.

Just now all the efforts of the Illinois Chapter are bent toward making a big success of the coming meeting of the National Executive Committee in Chicago on February 22, 1950. While a formal invitation will follow, we here and now invite all Rainbow men and their wives to be with us. The meetings will be held at the La Salle Hotel during the day and in the evening a banquet and program, from which the usual Rainbow broadcast, over a national hook-up will originate. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for General MacArthur to address us from Japan with a message for all Rainbow.

A more detailed announcement will appear in the next issue of REVEILLE, but we now ask you to reserve February

22nd and be our guests in Chicago.
C. EDWIN JOHNSON

INDIANA The Martinsville Chapter and families of Medic's 150th F.A., held their fall meeting Sunday, October 30th at the home of Floyd and Bernice Harper.

The activities of the day began with a cooperative turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The business meeting was short, since all dues have been sent to the National and all obligations cared for. Election will be held in the spring.

The afternoon was spent socially. The gals battling it out at the Bingo table for interesting and attractive prizes. The boys were calm and peaceful at the card tables, with an occasional blast when one failed to edge.

Thirty-eight were present including Hook and Edith Young, Kenney and Dot Hughes from Indianapolis, who now have joined the social affairs of the Martinsville Chapter.

Missed Boyd Rudicalls, Sidney Smiths, Hobart Cronos and others who couldn't make it.

Received greetings from Barre Blumenthal and Sid Anderson, Chicago.

A successful day for such a small Chapter, yet with plenty of vitality.

FLOYD L. HARPER

IOWA You haven't been hearing anything about the tall corn state in the Reveille but the boys in Iowa have been hearing about Rainbow. National President Rosenthaler has classed Iowa as a fourth rate state in quotas but with over 50 per cent of that quota set by President Rosenthaler Iowa hopes to make someone eat that quota. Chapters throughout the state have shown increased activity and Rainbow functions have flourished everywhere. State officers, chapter officers and National Auxiliary President Ethel Gardner have been on the go. Activity means a full membership for the 1949-50 year. Col. Bennett, the original commanding officer of the 168th Iowa Infantry had a grand time on his eightieth birthday at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines, October 13th. He has been a patient there for several years. Flowers, dozens of birthday greetings, telegrams poured in on him and topped off with a beautiful plant and a lounging robe from his beloved Bennett Chapter. Everyone in the hospital knows who gave the Colonel the lounging robe, you can count on that.

We have had several nice visits with General Tinley in our rambling over the state attending Rainbow "gatherings." General Matt keeps on the job and gets around pretty good and he has requested that his greetings be sent to all Rainbrowsers wherever they may be. And so, as 1949 moves toward its last days, all Iowa Rainbrowsers send their full greetings to all of Rainbow. The golden Iowa corn, the spacious skies of blue and the red of the setting sun go to make the Rainbow brighter for those who come across the Iowa border and so equally our greetings find their way into each veteran of the Rainbow Division, WW I and WW II.

HOMER

LOUISIANA The Louisiana Chapter held a reception and dinner at Arnaud's in honor of the National President and Mrs. Rosenthaler, November 8, at 7:30. Reunions were the result. The President renewed his acquaintance with former comrades of the 149th F.A. Thereafter, the flow of conversation took the form of "What happened to Jos. after Soissons?" Understand? The bond of sympathy between former comrades pervaded the dining room with comraderie and good fellowship.

The message conveyed to the gathering will ever be remembered for the clarity of expression, idealism of purpose and practicality. At the conclusion of the occasion each rainbrower took with him the thoughts expressed and a firm resolution to enroll members so that the association will be co-terminal with the Rainbow in the sky.

Comment from the membership stressed the magnetic personality of our president and the charm of his madam.

CARROLL MONTET

NEW YORK On Armistice eve, Nov. 10, the Father Duffy Chapter held their annual get-together in the Mural Room at the 69th Armory. The chairman of the affair was Matt Devlin and he did a grand job.

After a brief meeting the members of the chapter and the auxiliary adjourned to the mural room where tables were set up for groups of ten. A bottle of their favorite beverage was placed on each table and everybody proceeded to acquire a festive mood. Dancing to the strains of fine music livened up the party, and everybody proceeded to renew old acquaintances.

The war-time commander of the 165th Infantry in War II, Colonel Hart, made a most interesting speech as did our General Meaney. Towards the end of the evening, we were greatly honored and pleased to have our own General Bill Donovan join the party. He was immediately surrounded by the boys, who were most happy to have him join with them in our Armistice celebration.

During the festivities each one was served with a sumptuous meal consisting of sliced turkey, ham, corned beef, potato salad, baked beans, coffee and pie. To say each one enjoyed this is putting it mildly. Many enjoyed seconds as they hadn't forgotten their army habits.

It was most gratifying to have with us many of the boys who have not been around to meetings in a long, long time.

Many of the boys journeyed over to Flushing to pay their last respects to General Lawrence, a grand Rainbrower, who passed away on Nov. 9th. His counsel and fellowship will be missed by his many Rainbow admirers.

At 11 a.m., Nov. 11th, the Long Island Chapter placed a wreath on the National Rainbow Monument at Camp Mills, in memory of their departed comrades who made the supreme.

The Rainbrowsers of New York take this opportunity of wishing a most Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all Rainbrowsers and their families.

OKLAHOMA Due to the hospitalization of Mrs. Ben Arnold, Rainbow's visit to their country home was postponed till later in the year. We were entertained instead by the Larry Kelsey's. You Rainbow people who stay away from these parties are cheating yourselves of Rainbow good-fellowship and each dinner seems better than the last. I missed the party at Gen. Key's, but was assured that our distinguished guests saw for themselves how Rainbow functions in this area. We do nothing spectacular, but our membership has been on the upgrade for the last four years, and more and more of our people are learning what Rainbow friendship is.

Our annual Christmas party will be held here at "Larrywood" on Dec. 11. This is always a real party and we hope some of you "Stay-at-homes" will come out and see how we enjoy ourselves.

Our January meeting will be with Jo Anne Capps, one of our Rainbow daughters, and the February meeting will be as usual in the home of her parents, our beloved "Doc and Becky" Capps. Doc is especially dear to 167th Amb. Co. people since he was Captain of that unit. Some of us may get to Chicago, but the occasion will be suitably commemorated here as usual, in the Capps' home.

LAWRENCE G. WOOD

MISSION TO TOKYO (Continued from page 3)

the men who served in his command in the first World War. To our Reunion in 1935 he said with great feeling, "... it was with you I lived my greatest moments. It is of you I have my greatest memories."

Those great moments seem now to have been but the prologue of things to come. But the ties that link General MacArthur and the Rainbow are as alive today as on the occasion, at the 1935 Reunion in Washington, when he paid the greatest and most beautiful tribute to our fallen comrades that has ever been uttered. At that time he said:

"On such an occasion as this my thoughts go back to those men who went with us to their last charge. In memory's eye I can see them now--forming grimly for the attack, blue-lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain of the fox hole, driving home to their objective, and to the judgement seat of God. I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory."

Never again for them staggering columns, bending under soggy packs, on many a weary march from dripping dusk to drizzling dawn. Never again will they trudge, ankle deep through the mud of shell-shocked roads. Never again will they stop cursing their luck long enough to whistle through chapped lips a few bars as some clear voice raised the lilt of "Madelon." Never again ghostly trenches, with their maze of tunnels, drifts, pits, dugouts--never again, gentlemen unafraid.

They have gone beyond the mists that blind us here and become part of that beautiful thing we call the Spirit of the

Unknown Soldier. In chambered temples of silence the dust of their dauntless valor sleeps, waiting. Waiting in the chancery of Heaven the final reckoning of Judgement Day: "Only those are fit to live who are not afraid to die."

MacArthur Correspondence

General Douglas MacArthur
APO #500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

My dear General:

We have had thirty-one reunions of the Rainbow Division Veterans. For too long a time you have, of necessity, been absent. The Rainbow Division has been awaiting the day of your return. We are hoping it will be soon.

During your absence from the United States, your accomplishments have proclaimed you as America's most distinguished soldier and citizen.

The reconquest of the Pacific, a feat outstanding in the history of the war, was no less than we expected of you. Your masterful handling of the Japanese situation exemplifies the quality of your statesmanship.

On behalf of your comrades-in-arms in the Rainbow Division, I extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend our next (32nd) reunion at Detroit, Michigan, July 12, 13 and 14, 1950.

At that time your comrades desire to give evidence of their sincere affection and express their praise of your accomplishments. Sincerely and respectfully,

Yours in Rainbow

MPR:N

Marx P. Rosenthaler
President

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE
ALLIED POWERS

Office of the Supreme Commander

Tokyo, Japan
20 Oct. 1949

Dear Rosenthaler:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful invitation to attend the 32nd reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans next July. I know of nothing that would please me more than the opportunity to do so, but there are too many imponderables in the international situation to permit me to plan my movements that far ahead or make any definite commitments. I have long looked forward to the opportunity again to join with my old Rainbow comrades of World War days, but there is no likelihood of my being able to do so until my task here in the reformation of Japan has been completed. Please accept and give all others of the group with whom you may come in contact, my warm and affectionate greetings.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) DOUGLAS MacARTHUR
Mr. Marx P. Rosenthaler
President, Rainbow Division Veterans

News & Views of World War IIs

Morton Marks, Jr., Associate Editor
5209 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

There has been such a terrific response from our request for news of WW II Rainbowers that without the usual comment, we'll wade right into our correspondence.

First off, we received a letter from Stephen C. Barber (Hq. 222d Inf.), now manager of the Colony Theatre, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who credits us with giving him the address of his old commander and friend, Colonel Lucien Bolduc. He says he lost his address book while enroute home in December, 1945, and he wants us to help him locate Captain Stickel, former CO of Regt. Hq. Co., 222nd Inf. Can anyone help him? You may write him direct, or drop us a line, and we'll forward it to M/Sgt Barber.

Here's another -- Emory W. McIntosh (H3B, 242nd Inf.), of Washington, D.C., writes that he was one of the guests at the wedding of Woody Frederick (A-242d Inf.) and Miss Sally Kirkpatrick at Nashville, Tenn., on October 15. Other out-of-town Rainbowers attending the "shindig" were Ed Ballschmider (B-242d Inf.), Sheboygan, Wis., Andy Romanelli (C-242d Inf.), Hackensack, N.J. Charlie Dorrance (D-242d Inf.), Kansas City, Mo., was unable to attend. This was the second reunion of these five men of the 242d Inf. Personnel Office since 1945.

He writes also that Hector L. Mercadente (H1B, 242d Inf.) and his wife, Edna, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Donald Louis, born October 1.

George Seaman, past national treasurer and now national historian, writes that he still has a few copies of the 222d Inf. history, "The Furnace and the Fire," on hand, and any 222d man may get his copy by sending 35 cents for postage to him at 60 East 42d St., New York 17, N.Y.

John Ferguson of the Tulsa Chapter sends the following news items -- Jack Weiser and Buford Wester, both of the 242d Inf., and Don Williams (232d Inf.) are attending Oklahoma A & M College at Stillwater, Oklahoma....The weather is no problem to Rainbowers in Tulsa, for Jim Durkee, their first WW II member, is engaged in the air conditioning and heating business in Tulsa.

National Secretary Allen Gibbons advises us that Capt. Jay D. Carpenter (H3B, 222d Inf.) is a Regular Army Advisor to the National Guard of Indiana at Bedford....Richard H. Kuiken (132d Sig. Co.), of Hollywood, Fla., is a new member of the Miami Chapter....Duerweent G. Simmons (E-242nd Inf.) resides in Cambridge, Nebraska....Antonio J. Ferino (Div. Hq.) resides in New London, Conn.

And now a few "lifts" from chapter newspapers -- Hal Shoener is a seasoned member of the San Francisco 49'ers, professional football team....Bob Edstrom (A-122d Md.) is with the federal government at Heart Mountain, Wyo. He and his wife have had a recent addition to their family....John Woll (SSO) is now living in Richmond, Calif....Nick C. Bicking (Div. Med.) has taken over management of Moraine-on-the-Lake, the famous hostelry in Highland Park, Ill. He was recently elected president of the

HISTORIAN'S COLUMN

George E. Seaman, Historian
60 East 42nd Street, New York City

With the Xmas holidays but a few weeks off, your National Historian would be most gratified to receive presents, in the form of old Reveilles, Reunion Programs and other data he is seeking to build up the association records.

He had expected to be deluged with packages for the past two months, but evidently no one reads his column or those who have records he seeks, intend to hold onto them. Won't someone break down and send him some choice morsels of Rainbow history that he can sink his teeth into? He has a steel cabinet with three gaping drawers, waiting to welcome and enfold in its depths, all data pertaining to the Association.

A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all!

Illinois Hotel Sales Managers Assn.... Col. Jim Garnett, former judge-advocate of the 42nd is judge-advocate at Fort Leavenworth....Russell C. Watson (242d Inf.) is studying political science at Oberlin College of Ohio.

A few more items -- Cosmo Genovese (AT-232nd Inf.) graduated from Northwestern University in June, 1948, and he is now with the Production Staff of WGN-TV. George M. Marnberg (Div. Hq.) is with the accounting firm of Ahlsted and Ahlsted, Chicago.

We've about used up all our material, so let's have some more of it. The address is at the top of this column.

KANSAS 117th Am. Tr. rolling again. Covered dish dinner held at Memorial Bldg., Chanute, Nov. 2. A fine turnout of members and their wives.

Did we have a swell time? Ask any of those attending.

Plans are under way to conduct a regular monthly meeting and due notices will be sent out soon.

Additional members have been added to the Chapter rolls since our organization, and all we ask is to "watch our smoke." We are still passing the ammunition.

Bob Taylor (Nat. Exec. Comm.) attended the meeting and brought his own "Covered Dish," that was presented to Chapter Pres. Lee Frances. H.L. BOOE

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Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	16		0	0	Missouri-Kansas (Kansas City)	171	63 5
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	65		50	0	Chanute (New Chapter)	--	37 1
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	60		37	3	St. Louis	34	6 5
J.M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	114		115	3	MISSOURI-KANSAS TOTAL ---	205	300 106 11
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	26		0	0	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	25	24 4
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	12		7	0	Omaha	15	24 15
ALABAMA TOTAL -----	293	500	209	6	NEBRASKA TOTAL -----	40	100 47 19
Los Angeles	135		96	2	New Jersey (Red Bank)	152	78 21
San Francisco	159		52	14	Gen. C. T. Mencher (Newark)	29	17 1
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	21		6	4	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	181	220 95 22
CALIFORNIA TOTAL -----	315	450	154	20	Father Duffy (N.Y.C.)	760	501 16
COLORADO (Denver) -----	19	60	0	0	Long Island	24	21 0
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA -----	90	140	75	17	Westchester	22	12 0
Jacksonville	10		1	0	NEW YORK TOTAL	806	1200 534 16
Miami	40		25	5	Ohio State Association	16	10 2
Pensacola	1		0	0	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	42	1 0
St. Petersburg	16		0	0	Cincinnati	50	35 7
Gen. C.P. Summerall (Orlando)	45		47	4	Columbus	83	86 4
FLORIDA TOTAL -----	112	185	73	9	Newark	37	29 2
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	28		4	0	Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	22	21 2
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	25		29	11	Akron	16	3 0
GEORGIA TOTAL -----	53	115	33	11	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	33	14 1
Illinois (Chicago)	647		434	46	Paul Hume (London)	2	1 0
Danville	69		65	4	Toledo	20	12 3
ILLINOIS TOTAL -----	716	1200	499	50	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	17	2 0
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	262		168	12	Lancaster	61	43 1
Bloomington	54		78	0	Cleveland	56	1 0
Fort Wayne	39		0	0	Springfield	18	15 0
LaFayette	21		11	0	Vets Co. G 166th Inf. (Greenfield)	110	102 1
Martinsville	29		34	1	Pickaway (Circleville)	22	11 1
South Bend	23		19	9	OHIO TOTAL -----	605	865 386 24
INDIANA TOTAL -----	428	615	310	22	Gruber (Muskogee)	18	0 0
Iowa State Association	0		158	0	Oklahoma City	61	38 8
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	208		128	13	Tulsa	75	81 23
Cedar Rapids	33		16	1	OKLAHOMA TOTAL -----	154	185 119 31
Oskaloosa	38		34	0	OREGON (Portland) -----	27	50 12 5
Creston	64		34	0	Easton	60	66 4
Lee County (Ft. Madison)	9		0	0	Pittsburgh	127	67 18
Fort Dodge	8		0	0	Bethlehem	47	0 0
Mason City (North Iowa)	24		6	0	Lancaster	142	110 12
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	45		19	0	Reading	36	24 0
Cedar Valley (W'loo-C'dar Falls)	70		15	3	Philadelphia	50	38 13
Ottumwa	40		4	0	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL -----	462	600 05 47
Southwest Iowa (Shenandoah)	17		4	0	SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia) -	28	50 10 0
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	27		20	1	TENNESSEE (Chattanooga) -----	15	50 0 0
Dubuqueland (Dubuque)	18		12	2	TEXAS (Dallas) -----	107	150 137 31
IOWA TOTAL -----	601	800	450	20	Virginia State (Roanoke)	84	67 6
LOUISIANA (New Orleans) -----	27	50	27	11	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	38	35 3
MARYLAND (Baltimore) -----	73	100	44	8	Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	27	0 0
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston) -----	52	100	41	21	VIRGINIA TOTAL	149	210 102 9
MICHIGAN (Detroit) -----	166	250	200	39	Washington State (Seattle)	13	1 0
Minneapolis	233		129	9	Fort Lewis (New Chapter)	--	20 20
St. Paul	54		0	0	WASHINGTON STATE TOTAL	13	50 21 20
MINNESOTA TOTAL -----	287	350	129	9	Wisconsin State Association	4	2 0
					Appleton	54	0 0
					Gen. D. MacArthur (Milwaukee)	44	0 0
					Fond du Lac	29	31 0
					Oshkosh	38	25 1
					WISCONSIN TOTAL -----	169	210 58 1
					WYOMING (Cheyenne) -----	6	50 3 2
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR I	4	-- 4 0
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR II	35	-- 9 9
					GRAND TOTALS	6,238	9,205 4,193 490

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