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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure for your President to report on three outstanding Rainbow events of the past week; the Rainbow Broadcast on February 22nd on the NBC Network, the National Executive Meeting and the Tri-State Reunion in Washington, D.C. on the same date. All measured up to the best Rainbow traditions.

Executive Committee Meeting

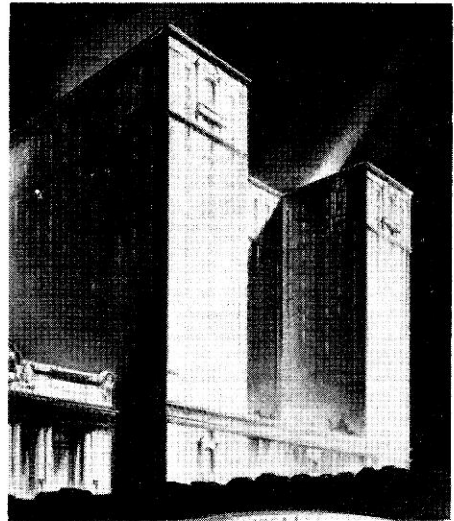
With over thirty Executive Committee-men in attendance the meeting opened promptly at 10 a.m. on the 22nd, at the Statler Hotel. Reports of committees were heard and a general discussion of various Rainbow problems transpired. But as all roads lead to Rome, so all of the vigorous discussion lead to one salient point: a sustained and nation-wide effort must be made during the balance of this year to bring Rainbow membership up to a point above and beyond last year's total. Members who have neglected to send in their dues are urged to lose no more time. Chapter Officers and Rainbow leaders everywhere must strive to bring in new members. We are justly proud of the accomplishments of our Association, but must not rest on our laurels. Such was the sentiment expressed at this most constructive Executive meeting.

Tri-State Reunion

Washington acted as hosts to a splendid and well-attended Tri-State Dinner. Walker Colston Emceed the affair which was Chairmanned by Editor Rodier. The old Rainbow spirit was never in more felicitous evidence and the more than 150 in attendance made evident their enjoyment of what one speaker described as the "Little Rainbow Reunion." Your President was pleased to have a good representation from his home town, including George and Jean Seaman, National Reunion Co-Chairmen Tom Halperin and Matt Devlin, Auxiliary Reunion Chairman Nora Thynne and Veronica Thynne, Mrs. Frank Sturgis and Mrs. Mabel Donner, Gene and Mrs. Egan, John Tierney and John and Mrs. Serla, and Sgt-at-Arms Joe Rosalia. New Jersey was represented by Stan and Rose Barrow, Harry and

Mrs. Smock, and Colonel and Mrs. Ed Murphy. Pennsylvania turned out Honorary President Johnny and Mickey Brenner, Dot Sheaffer, Vice President George and Mrs. Winslow, Vince Fleckenstein and Leo Moquin, Dave and Mrs. Heller, and Rudy and Mrs. Matkowski. From Virginia came Secretary Allen Gibbons and Jim Dent, as well as several WW Iers from Richmond. The Hoosier State gave us Dan Glossbrenner, Floyd and Bernice Harper and their guest. Ohio was represented by Leland and Katherine Whitney and Al Hoyt. So distant a point as Tulsa, Oklahoma sent Bill Butts and Vice President Leonard Hill. Maryland contributed, among others, Jack and Kit Clarke, Abe Stout, Rip Cairnes, Ollie Travers, Skeets Fanning, Emil and Madeline Letzer, Ed Johnson, Charlie Vomastek and Chapter President Mel Shillenn. Massachusetts was represented by W. C. Chisholm, Chicago by Barre Blumenthal and Sid Ander-

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News & Views of World War II's

John J. McKoegh (WW I), now in Yuma, Arizona has reported to the Father Duffy Chapter, New York City, the untimely death of Langdon Kindler (WW II Rainbow outfit unknown), who, as a U.S. game warden in Yuma, was drowned while attempting to save the life of another man from the turbulent current of the flooded Colorado River. High tribute should be paid to this brave soldier for his valor in peace as in war.

Joseph K. Lilly (F-222d Inf.) has written from Camp Creek, West Virginia, to tell us that he has just recently been elected Justice of the Peace of Jumping Branch District, Mercer County. According to the former machine-gunner, who is also majoring in pre-law at Concord College, he had strong opposition in the election. The final count was 3-2 in his favor.

FROM THE MAIL SACK, we find that Angelo A. D'Arminio (H2B-232d Inf.), of Hackansack, N. J., an officer of the New

Jersey State Chapter, was married in November.....Sherman E. Funk (F-242d Inf.) is sweating out his A.B. degree at Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts between periodic sojourns in the hospital due to a wound inflicted at Hatten, France. A collective wish for all good luck, fella.Irving Short (S-2, 222d Inf.) has moved from Berkeley, California, to Richmond to New York City. His former driver, Robert Walker (Hq.-222d Inf.), of Martinsville, Va., is now studying at the University of Virginia. Both attended their first Rainbow meeting in Richmond recently.

We had two long letters from Robert Besser (F - 222d Inf.), now residing in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he is managing an auto parts store. He tells us that John McCredie (F-222d Inf.), a former Second Battalion Ranger, is now working for his uncle in Forrest City, Arkansas. Johnnie's wife has a date with the stork in April. Good luck, fella.

Here's a "Special to the Reveille" news release: Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lohs (Hq.-222d Inf.) are currently walking the floor with night-owl David Scott. Dave made his debut at 2 o'clock on the frigid A.M. of January 26, in Elgin, Illinois, where his old man is chief photographer for the Elgin Daily Courier-News, an organization which is contributing more than a few flash bulbs toward recording the early days of junior Lohs. Congrats, Cliff and family.

This month brought us plenty of Rainbow news. Keep it coming! The address is 3402 Wythe Avenue, Richmond 21, Va.
MARKS



*If you are proud of the fact
you are a*

RAINBOW VETERAN

*Why not let the world
know—wear a*

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**One Dollar sent to the National
Secretary gets you one
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CHAPTER OFFICERS: Render real service to your members by ordering a supply of Rainbow Buttons and Decals to be offered for sale at your meetings.

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son. Des Moines, Iowa had the honor of sending the furthest the most - Homer Gardner, Vice President Harold Holden, Colonel Jim and Fern Thomas, General and Mrs. Grahl and Colonel Shoemaker all came from the Tall Corn State. Marx and Claire Rosenthaler were there from Michigan. Over seventy-five Washingtonians turned out. Many of the out-of-towners were on hand two and three days before the party, and the Rainbowing that ensued can be understood. The affair adjourned in time to permit everyone to get upstairs to radios in time for the Broadcast.

Annual Broadcast

At 7:30 p.m. the annual Rainbow Broadcast went on the NBC Network, although many stations recorded the program and aired it at a later hour. Under the Chairmanship of Walker Colston the program measured up to our customary high standard. Colonel Giles Carpenter spoke of World War II action, Dan Glossbrenner spoke for World War I while your President concluded the program. Since many Rainbowers may have failed to catch the program, the addresses given are reproduced here.

Colonel Carpenter, who commanded and directed all artillery activities of the Rainbow Division in World War Two said:

"It is a great privilege to speak for the Artillery of the 'Rainbow Division.' The achievements of the Division are well known and have been well publicized. Less is known of the Rainbow Artillery. This is natural as the sole job of Artillery is to support its Infantry. True to this tradition, when the Division was formed at Camp Gruber, the Artillery began its job of learning how to shoot. Without fanfare, seeking recognition only through a job well done, avoiding distractions, and sometimes having to take poor ratings on less essential matters, it remained steadfast in its endeavor to perfect itself as a unit capable of rendering effective fire support. During the training period there were many setbacks and heartbreaks. Several times, just as the Artillery reached effectiveness it was stripped of trained men to be sent overseas to other units. Finally word was received that the Rainbow would go overseas but it developed that the Infantry Regiments went alone. Later the Rainbow Artillery sailed from New York City on 6 January 1945 to rejoin its Infantry. After a calm voyage, a landing at Marseilles, the assembly of equipment on the bleak plateaus outside Marseilles and a march through sunny Francy, we saw the sun once, I think, we joined the Division at Vic-Sur-Seille and a short time later went into the line in northeastern France. Under the guidance of the Sixth Corps Artillery we learned rapidly how to fit our training into the serious business of the battlefield. We found that the steadfast adherence to the job of learning, to shoot

paid big dividends as we were able to fit into the Sixth Corps with battle trained divisions and do our part well. From that time until the end of the fighting in May 1945 the Rainbow Artillery supported its Infantry in a superb manner. I am proud to have commanded such an outfit in battle, and wish to express appreciation and to commend all individuals who were in the Rainbow Artillery as each one, by doing his part well, made its success possible."

Past, President Dan Glossbrenner followed with the following talk:

"To the men and women of Rainbow throughout this land of liberty, we greet you again on this 'Liberty Day.' To the Rainbow Men still serving in the Armed forces at those outposts of 'Liberty' - in Korea, Japan, Vienna, Berlin, Passau and Greece we say, 'Hi Elmer, Hi Mac - Thanks.' The Grapnas of the 1916 Mexican Border Days were 'forged' into the 'Rainbow Division' in August 1917 - I say 'forged' because that is exactly what General Douglas MacArthur and his little group at the War College did. Think about this - the Record, quote - 'that some Thinkers in the War College in 1917 doubted that the Citizen Soldier in the National Guard could be trusted to fight for Liberty in France.' To remind you I quote General MacArthur - then a Major of Engineers on duty on the General Staff in Washington, D. C. 'There were two schools of thought. One was opposed to using the Guard in combat. They were in the Majority. The other school, the Minority, of which I happened to be the leader, was strongly in favor of using the Guard as Combat troops in France.' To Rainbow Men it is inconceivable that 'thinkers and planners' should ever question our 'fighting for Liberty' - But again the Rainbow Division was forged as a representative Citizen Division in our Army in 1943 - the first behind the scenes conferences took place on February 22, 1943 - 14 1/2 months after December 7, 1941. The Citizen Soldiers fight for Liberty is recorded in the Battle Record of 1917-1919 and 1944-1946. The Rainbow Shoulder Patch was so well painted on the bridges over the Auto-Bahns and on the buildings in cities that the Red, Yellow and Blue arc is to this day a reminder to the Germans and Austrians.

Your President was the final speaker, and spoke as follows:

"The Rainbow Division Veterans Association, was born in the year 1919-while we were part of the Army of Occupation stationed on the Rhine River in Germany. Since then, we of Rainbow have designated February 22nd as a day of prayer, honor and memories. This morning in many of our cities, Rainbowers of World War I and World War II, attended special church services in honor of those who so honorably gave of their lives that others might enjoy peace and freedom. To their loved ones at home I pray that their sacrifice will not have been in vain. This

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ALABAMA The Alabama Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans held their Mid-Winter meeting in the Jefferson Davis Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama on the evening of Feb. 19th, with all Chapters in the state well represented.

The M.H. Jordan Chapter from Birmingham, Ala. was given 100% cooperation from the Rainbow Veterans from all over Alabama in their desire to obtain the National Reunion in Birmingham, Ala. in 1950. A motion was made by B.J. O'Hara, past state president, seconded by Ernest Pritchett, past state president from Tuscaloosa and Montgomery, Alabama that, the Rainbow men throughout Alabama give their cooperation in presenting an invitation for the 1950 Reunion to be held in Birmingham, Alabama at dates to be set by the National Organization. This resolution was unanimously passed and approved by state president Wm. J. Squires, who appointed a committee to send a wire to the National President. This committee is comprised of: Henry C. Wood, Chairman, Gen. Wm. P. Screws, B. J. O'Hara and Paul Snow.

The following names were added to the committee, to be known as the finance committee--if the Reunion comes to Alabama: Col. Bordan Burrs, Chairman, Harry E. Smith, Gen. Wm. P. Screws, Frank Bunkley, Julian N. Lyon, Stewart M. Jackson and Ernest Pritchett.

A Rainbow banquet was enjoyed at 7:30 p.m. at the Whitley Hotel. About 200 were present, and Col. Everett Jackson did a swell job as Toastmaster. The speakers were as follows: Warren S. Reese (Commander, V.F.W., Montgomery Post), Col. Bordan Burrs, Albert Stapp (Past Commander, the American Legion of Ala.), Gen. Wm. P. Screws and Gov. James E. Folsom, who highly complimented the Rainbow.

After the banquet was over Major and Mrs. Joe Dickerson entertained the Rainbow Veterans and their wives at their Unfinished Ranch till the wee hours in the morning. This was a real Rainbow party, and everyone had a good time.

HENRY C. WOOD

CALIFORNIA It is the custom of the officers of the L.A. Chapter to have dinner together at one of the popular "beaneries" in the city prior to attending the Chapter meeting. Any of the members of the organization who wish to join in the festivities are always welcome.

Those of us at the dinner prior to the February meeting were most pleasantly surprised to have as our unexpected guest Hageman "Steve" Hilty, who was one of

the original members of Co. F, 117th Engineers.

"Steve" Hilty went east shortly after being discharged from the service and this is the first time he has been back to Los Angeles for a visit in thirty years. Yes, it was quite a reunion.

At the meeting after the dinner "Steve" paid his dues and is now a member in good standing in the L. A. Chapter, although his home is on Long Island not far from old Camp Mills. He said he would make reservations at the Hotel Commodore for the National Reunion and be on hand to greet all who could make the trip from the west coast.

After "weighty" business affairs of the Chapter were settled and the lucky ones had claimed their prizes from the raffle, the members were entertained with several reels of pictures showing our troops in action in France and Germany.

Our thanks to Norm Sogn, a member of the executive committee, for securing these pictures for us.

The big event on the Chapter calendar in February is the annual Rainbow Hi-Jinx and Dance to be held February 25th, the evening before the running of the Santa Anita Handicap. This is the one annual affair which the Chapter holds to raise funds to carry on its activities. All signs point to a good attendance and a nice chunk of cash to turn over to the treasurer.

Incidentally, if we could have a bit of unusual luck that night we might be able to finance our trip to the National Reunion. Oh Boy!

We are all looking forward to the Rainbow broadcast February 22nd and hope Station KFI will grant our request and carry the program so that we may enjoy hearing it.

Glad to report that Bill Williamson is due to be released from the hospital and will soon be home again.

WARNER H. GRASELL

ILLINOIS February 25 at Como Inn--over a hundred Rainbowners at the meeting commemorating our first appearance as combatants.

Past President's Night it was with a whole fourgon load of Chapter Past Presidents in evidence. Each Past President was accorded the privilege of illustrating, by the use of one -- and only one story, how he had handled the Chapter's affairs better than any of his predecessors or successors. Tom Finnegan, serving as M/C kept the P. P's well in line, and offered the advised and sage opinion that some of the stories, obviously pre-dating World War I, reflected the way the relations ran the Chapter when they were the wielders of the gavel.

It was "A" Battery Night, too, and that intrepid gang was present en masse all the way from Danville, Illinois' most eastern city about 240 kilos south of Chicago. No speeches from "A" Battery, but they took the bow amid a round of hearty applause.

Rainbowers Day is every Tuesday -- lunch at the Shamrock Restaurant, 28 N. LaSalle St., in Chicago. Out-of-townners are cordially invited, and Rainbowers from Illinois Chapter should make an effort to be there at least part of the time. Just walk in, ask for the Rainbow party and you'll be directed to the spot. Eat as much or as little as you like at your own expense, and believe as much of the chatter as you hear. These sessions are informal, informative, and incredibly enjoyable.

KEN HATHAWAY

IOWA By the time this tid-bit hits the press the 1949 annual reunion of the Iowa State Association will have gone down in history as one of those many occasions when everyone had a good time just because of Rainbow. Present indications are that the Cedar Valley Chapter at Waterloo and Cedar Falls are planning on tops for this reunion. After all, it is known everywhere that "In all that is good, Iowa affords the best." So it will be just that at Waterloo March 5-6th.

And speaking of Cedar Valley causes us to also speak of the Creston Chapter. The membership drives of these two chapters has been hot, and latest report is that Creston has already equalled last year's record while the boys at Cedar Valley are "holding their powder" for a final report at the reunion. It is a membership battle for sure when fellows like Harm Aries and Wilbur Priebe hook into an old timer like Willis Royce at Creston. May they both win!

Yes, just back from the Tri-State Reunion in Washington and mid-year executive meeting. What was accomplished? Gosh almighty, we don't remember that part of it but we did a lot of Rainbowning for three days and in our book, that's what really counts. It was good to see those grand WW II Rainbowers mixing right in with the old gang. Aren't we proud of them? As someone said, why can't we make these reunions quarterly, maybe three or four other states can hook up and have a Quad-State or Four-State Reunion? There's a lot of thought in that and we'd like to attend all of them. By the way, don't forget the daddy of them all -- the National Reunion in New York City, July 12, 13 and 14th. See you all there for sure.

HOMER

MICHIGAN All our "Chapter Chatter" is about the BIG annual MICHIGAN RAINBOW PARTY, which this year is unique, and a double feature, featuring first, the National President's dinner at seven, followed at nine-thirty by our St. Patrick's Dance and Fun Frolic. Looks like Michigan has a "priority" on precious metals as R. S. V. P.'s are in from National President Ed Riekert and Kitty Riekert, National Auxiliary President Irene Colston and Walker Colston, and National Treasurers' Jean and George Seaman. And to top the "brass" off we are supplying Margaret Hanson, National Sgt-at-Arms. The "Champagne Room"

of the select Penobscot Club is an ideal setting for the affair with its fine cuisine, club atmosphere and excellent service. Headlining our entertainment is our old friend and genial maestro "Jack Okie" and his fine band, who needs no introduction to Michigan Rainbow. And the prices are right too - \$4.50 for dinner and dance (which includes tax). RAINBOWERS EVERYWHERE! If you're in the vicinity of Detroit on March 19th you are cordially invited to join with us for an evening of fine entertainment and fine association. Fellows, the party is "in the bag" and all tied up with bright Red, Yellow and Blue ribbons for YOUR pleasure.

The entertainment feature in connection with our chapter meetings has a definite appeal and is manifested by increased turn-outs. The feature films presented by the Bell Telephone Company at the last meeting were most interesting. This was followed by a fine spaghetti dinner for which we are greatly indebted to Marie Irwin, whose culinary talents are treasured. Marie is the other half (better half that is) of Michigan's hard-hitting team, the "Irwins". Oh yes, cake (home made) and coffee was on the menu too, but I do not have the names of the ladies of the Auxiliary who baked them - they were swell Gals.

PERSONAL MORE OR LESS-Meyer Levy was in town week-end of the fifth and called up to say hello and report that he and Fanny plan on being in these parts come March 19th, and will be at the party. The way it looks now, "Who won't be at the party?".....Tom Hanson is getting out a bit now and will be on hand March 19th to greet you.....Governor Brucker was at the last meeting and has fully recovered from the effects of the Gallup Poll...Marx Rosenthaler knee-deep in tax work these days but never too busy for Rainbow affairs.....Bob Curlett just finished a fine year as Commander, Beaudry Legion Post and now back in the swing of Rainbow activity.

And as our chatter comes to a close, Get out those duds with buttons and bows,

For everyone in Michigan knows That our Rainbow party is the "Show of Shows."

SHARON C. COVER

MINNESOTA First of all, let's take time out to acknowledge receipt of a letter from our last G.A.R. veteran in Minnesota, Albert Woolson, which reads as follows:

"Your kind message to me upon my 102nd birth date received. I thank you. My special greetings to all of you. Will be down to your city in June. I hope to have a nice visit with you. Kindest regards to all in T.C.L. Signed: Albert Woolson, Na. Chief of Staff, G.A.R."

We hope this grand old comrade will be with us for many more years.

ST. PAUL. The St. Paul Chapter reports that they are well towards the top in their dues, which will be good news for

our National.

We had about twenty St. Paul boys to the State Reunion on the 19th. Among them were Jimmy Lund, A Battery, who attended his first reunion but who says that he will never miss another one.

MINNEAPOLIS. Minneapolis was host to the State Reunion and without a doubt this was one of the finest we have had in many years. Both the Stag and the Banquet went way over expectations in turnout. The following officers were elected for the State to carry on in '49 and '50: President - Bernard W. Flieth of B Battery, 915 - 15th Ave. N., South St. Paul, Minn.; 1st V. P. - Leigh Harrison, Minneapolis; 2nd V.P. - Joseph Kennedy, St. Paul; 3rd V. P. - Robert Lincoln, Aberdeen, S.D.; 4th V.P. - Brighton Eddy, WW II, Minneapolis; Treasurer - Roland E. Hachey, St. Paul; Historian - Frank M. West; Chaplain - Joseph Justad.

Hats off to Elmer Faatz and his Committee.

"F" Battery Last Man Club will hold their Annual Meeting March 12th at the Covered Wagon, Minneapolis.

Don't forget St. Paul meets at the Veterans' Hall the 1st Monday of each month and the Minneapolis Chapter meets at the American Legion Hall at 35th and Chicago Ave. the first Wednesday of each month.

FRANK WEST

MISSOURI-KANSAS The February 22nd meeting of the Missouri-Kansas Chapter was held at Fairfax Airport Restaurant where a fine steak dinner was served, together with free beer. Tales of two World Wars were relived by the buddies in attendance, and vying in animation with the reminiscence of Europe was the unanimous election of officers, who are as follows: Robert Taylor, of Kansas City, Missouri, President; Chet Miles, of Liberty, Missouri, First Vice-President; Russell L. Stephens, of Lexington, Missouri, Second Vice-President; Royal Anderson, of Kansas City, Kansas, Secretary; Ray Ramsey of Kansas City, Missouri, Treasurer; and Carl Logan, of Kansas City, Missouri, Chaplain. Taylor received the presidency with plaudits for his work as Secretary for the past year. Active membership is now 153 as against 110 last year through the efforts of "please give me your dues" Bob.

A lively discussion lead by Herb Butt, Ruby Garrett, Burrell Shepherd, Chet Miles and Clarence Lavery on recruiting World War II Veterans finished in a decision to make new efforts to reach men of the Rainbow Division through the mails and personal contact.

The activities came to a climax with the usual game of "chance" and Ray Ramsey, our Treasurer, broke the game.

KNOWLTON E. CARSON

OKLAHOMA A good turnout of Rainbrowsers listened to the RAINBOW NATIONAL BROADCAST Feb. 22nd, followed by a dinner at the "BIT OF SWEDEN RESTAURANT." Everyone reported an enjoyable evening.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of 3 more Rainbrowsers, all former members of the 167th Ambulance Company - Virgil Pettit, Cal Dirickson and Charles Guoy. Virgil had lived in Tulsa since being discharged in 1918, and had always been a leader and worker in our chapter. Charles had lived in Hot Springs, Arkansas and passed away in the Government hospital there. Cal, originally from Claremore, died at Elk City, Oklahoma, being buried at Claremore.

Now for some news of a more cheerful nature concerning two members of Tulsa Chapter. Ivan H. Grove, former football star at Tulsa University (former Kendall College), and Athletic Director and Professor of economics at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas was named ARKANSAN of the year for 1948. Ivan served with the 167th Ambulance Co. Lloyd Lynd, former Treasurer of the Cities Service Oil Co., Bartlesville, Oklahoma was recently elected a Vice-President of that company. Lloyd, originally from Parsons, Kansas, served with Co. "B" 117th Ammunition Train.

Both Oklahoma City and Tulsa Chapters have exceeded last year's membership totals. The Gruber Chapter at Muskogee, organized by Leo Elsky this year, has 18 members. It may be rather early to mention the Tulsa Chapter Annual Reunion, always on the first Saturday in June (the 4th this year), but all Rainbow Veterans and their families in Oklahoma and nearby states should keep that date open. Anyone who attended last year will tell you what you missed by not being present. See the May issue of the REVEILLE for details.

LEONARD J. HILL

IS YOUR CHAPTER BEHIND LAST YEAR IN MEMBERSHIP? IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CATCH UP; GET BUSY, YOU GUYS!

PENNSYLVANIA Pittsburgh's January meeting was a humdinger. It was held at the St. Clair Post Club House, ideally suited in every respect for a Rainbow meeting. President Jimmy Hickcox, WW II Veteran gave us a good meeting and moved thru it like an old veteran, clicking it off in grand style.

We listened to reports from the several heads of committees but none interested the meeting as much as when our Treasurer Fleck reported that we still have a few bucks in the exchequer.

The American Legion State Reunion will be held in August in Pittsburgh. Remember you Rainbrowsers in Pennsylvania, we shall entertain you at a nice dinner party.

We have made plans to attend the State Meeting in Lancaster on the fourth Sunday in April--first Sunday after Easter. A number from Pittsburgh will be on the job.

There has been some attempt to re-name the Corrigan Road to that of Joyce Kilmer Drive. This drive is the main road in South Park leading to the Joyce Kilmer Circle of Trees. We know the Fr. Duffy

Chapter will enjoy hearing this.

We are very happy that we now have a Rainbow Auxiliary in Pittsburgh. They held their own meeting and organized a nice party, which took place at the Winslow's home on February 12th. The attendance at this party was as good as at the regular meeting and we are looking forward to several more like it.

Our own Danny Gordon has been ill for the past several months. He is at home, 7017 McClure St., Swissvale, Pa. Danny has attended more National Rainbow Division conventions than any other member in the Pittsburgh Chapter. Mother Frew has been known to remark that the attendance was complete upon the appearance of Danny.

George Winslow, National Membership Chairman, gave us a very interesting report on National as well as State and local membership. He read from a copy of a letter John Brenner wrote to Allen Gibbons, covering membership.

We are still behind last year's record in membership, but feel quite confident that we will go over the top before convention time. LEO F. MOQUIN

TEXAS Dallas Chapter's chest is near the bursting point as our casual perusal through the Chapter Standings of the February Reveille discloses the gratifying fact, that, as the result of the driving force of the current administrations' efforts in behalf of membership, we are one of the dozen chapters of the National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans, whose 1948-1949 roster has passed last year's level--and ya aint seen nothin' yet!

At our regular monthly meeting the Sec-Treas. reported data received from National Headquarters of the Rainbow Division Veterans Auxiliary, including their constitution and by-laws. Inasmuch as Mrs. Walter Dick, wife of Texas Chapter's Regional V-P, is National Chaplain, it behooves us to get on the ball and lend our ladies all the assistance and encouragement they may need to get the Auxiliary into action in Texas.

If YOU expect to be in Dallas on Wednesday, March 16th (third Wednesday), Texas Chapter will deem it a privilege and a pleasure to have you dine and meet with us at our regular monthly meeting. Not only shall you enjoy the best meal

your \$1.25 has purchased in recent years, but President Darnell promises a program that no Rainbow Division Veteran can afford to miss. The Date: Wednesday, March 16, 1949. The Time: 6:30 P. M. The Place: Central YMCA, 605 N. Ervay, Dallas, Texas. We'll be lookin' for ya!

EVERETTE HALE

FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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evening Rainbowners are gathered all over the United States, in chapter headquarters, veteran meeting halls, civic centers, banquet halls, and in their homes, honoring the birthday of a great general, statesman, and father of our country, George Washington - realizing that if it were not for his outstanding Americanism, zeal and courage, we of America would not have the four freedoms which we enjoy today. Today, Rainbow Division Veterans of World War I are also commemorating the thirty-first anniversary of our entry into the trenches on the western front. When the history books of World War I were closed, and we honestly believed that we fought a war to end all wars, little did we realize that the battle flags of our Rainbow Division would once again so honorably fly over the fields of France and Germany. Pray God that this great country of ours, and all our friendly allied nations, may be spared from the turmoil and horrors of war. As a reminder to all veterans of the Rainbow Division, the Thirty-first Annual Reunion will be held in New York City on July 12th, 13th and 14th. The Father Duffy Chapter will be host of this outstanding event. All members of the Chapter are patiently waiting to be at your service. I am informed by the Reunion Committee that plans and arrangements are completed and a good time is promised to all. You can now send in for your hotel reservations and registration. Believe me, I too am looking forward to July 12th when I can greet real Americans, real soldiers and real Rainbowners representing the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia. In closing I wish you all the best of health and happiness. To our Permanent Honorary President, General Douglas MacArthur, the best of everything that Rainbow can pray for. Keep up the good work. We are proud of you. EDWARD G. RIEKERT

HOTEL COMMODORE

Lexington Ave. at 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y.

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for the Rainbow Reunion.

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS

Date of arrival _____ at _____	A.M.	SINGLE (\$5 to \$8.50)	()
	P.M.	2 PERSONS	
Date of departure _____		DOUBLE BED (\$8 to \$10)	()
Name _____		TWIN BEDS (\$9 to \$11.50)	()
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CHAPTER STANDINGS

CHAPTER	1947'S RECORD	1948-49 AS OF February 15	1948-49 WAR II MEMBERS
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	2	16	0
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	75	50	0
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	74	50	4
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	113	114	3
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	25	9	0
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	16	12	1
ALABAMA TOTAL	305	251	8
Los Angeles	177	133	19
San Francisco	177	112	19
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	21	16	2
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	375	261	40
COLORADO (Denver)	43	1	1
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	102	85	28
Jacksonville	15	2	1
Miami	39	35	5
Pensacola	2	1	0
St. Petersburg	15	16	1
Gen. C. P. Summerall (Orlando)	50	45	5
FLORIDA TOTAL	121	99	12
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	33	13	0
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	32	25	6
GEORGIA TOTAL	65	38	6
Illinois (Chicago)	827	589	94
Danville	71	69	4
ILLINOIS TOTAL	898	658	98
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	318	255	19
Bloomington	53	54	0
Fort Wayne	35	39	4
LaFayette	24	19	0
Martinsville	29	29	1
South Bend	27	20	7
INDIANA TOTAL	486	416	31
Iowa State Association	0	16	0
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	211	179	21
Cedar Rapids	36	29	5
Oskaloosa	35	36	1
Creston	61	55	2
Lee County (Fort Madison)	6	3	0
Fort Dodge	5	5	0
Mason City (North Iowa)	21	23	4
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	53	44	1
Cedar Valley (Waterloo & Cedar Falls)	45	61	9
Ottumwa	43	32	1
Southwest Iowa (Shenandoah)	16	15	0
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	43	15	0
Dubuqueland (Dubuque)	17	17	6
IOWA TOTAL	592	530	50
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	4	22	8
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	70	67	14
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	40	49	26
MICHIGAN (Detroit)	187	146	42
Minneapolis	237	203	15
St. Paul	52	35	4
MINNESOTA TOTAL	289	238	19
Missouri-Kansas	110	109	6
St. Louis	24	32	29
MISSOURI-KANSAS TOTAL	134	141	35
Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	47	25	8
Omaha	33	15	13
NEBRASKA TOTAL	80	40	21
New Jersey (Red Bank)	150	89	32
Gen. C. T. Mencher (Newark)	20	20	4
NEW JERSEY TOTAL	176	109	36
Father Duffy (N. Y. C.)	722	706	60
Long Island	21	31	0
Westchester	19	17	1
NEW YORK TOTAL	762	754	61
Ohio State Association	21	13	8
Ralph Berger (Marysville)	36	30	0
Cincinnati	55	46	6
Columbus	98	78	7
Newark	33	37	2
Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	24	22	2
Akron	19	11	1
Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	30	32	0
Paul Hume (London)	3	2	0
Toledo	19	19	8
Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	34	17	1
Lancaster	53	56	1
Cleveland	40	36	10
Springfield	15	11	1
Vets. Co. G, 166th Inf.	84	108	1
Pickaway (Circleville)	21	20	1
OHIO TOTAL	585	538	49
Oklahoma State Association	19	0	0
Gruber (Muskogee - New Chapter)	--	18	14
Oklahoma City	45	47	14
Tulsa	67	73	14
OKLAHOMA TOTAL	131	138	42
OREGON (Portland)	20	27	13
Lauston	123	52	2
Pittsburgh	125	112	40
Bethlehem	42	47	12
Lancaster	117	130	14
Reading	42	32	3
Philadelphia	61	47	19
PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	510	420	90
SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	30	24	2
CHATTANOOGA (Tennessee)	34	2	2
TEXAS (Dallas)	84	87	20
Virginia State (Roanoke)	109	72	9
Horner A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	42	38	4
Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	38	23	12
VIRGINIA TOTAL	189	133	25
WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	17	12	3
Wisconsin State Association	4	4	0
Appleton	48	48	1
Gen. D. MacArthur (Milwaukee)	26	39	17
Fond du Lac	38	24	0
Oshkosh	35	35	1
WISCONSIN TOTAL	151	150	19
WYOMING (Cheyenne)	6	5	1
NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR I	9	3	0
NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR II	70	27	27
GRAND TOTALS	6565	5471	828

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