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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

THE MID-YEAR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Washington, D. C., on February 22nd at the Statler Hotel, in conjunction with the Tri-State Reunion. These affairs have always in the past been replicas of our National Reunion, and I'm sure that this one will be no exception. I am looking forward to all members of the Executive Committee being on hand if it be humanly possible.

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS or something on your mind which you would like to discuss that might help our organization, I want you to feel free to do so; for, after all, this is YOUR meeting.

TIME IS GRADUALLY DRAWING NEARER to our next National Reunion, to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, July 12th, 13th and 14th. We in Alabama are working hard to give you a real, old-fashioned Reunion -- one I'm sure you will enjoy.

IT IS A LITTLE TRYING to sit down and write a message to you comrades these days with the world in such a sad state of affairs -- you want to say something amusing and you find that you can't.

HERE IN ALABAMA the 31st Division is being activated, January 16th. My old Regiment, the former 167th Infantry, is part of this group. So many homes and families are being torn apart --- and so it is all over the country our sons answering the call of duty.

AND THEN KOREA with its heartaches and disastrous results --- a victorious United Army of the Free World attacked by Communist China with her hundreds of millions of men. Overwhelming odds faced our boys and then the bitter retreat. In World War I, we did not know or experience a retreat. It must be a terrible thing for any American soldier, even though he is outnumbered and can do nothing else.

COMRADES! THIS IS THE PRICE THESE BOYS ARE PAYING for
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RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

- February 22 -- Annual Rainbow Broadcast, 8:30 - 9 p.m., EST, Liberty Network.
- February 22 -- Washington, D. C. - Tri-State Reunion, Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Statler Hotel.
- February 24 -- Detroit, Mich. - Annual Medal of Valor Presentation, Dinner Dance, 7 p.m., Crystal Room, Fort Shelby Hotel.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Just returned from my Mid-Winter vacation. During that period I expended more manual effort and physical energy than I ordinarily would in a month on the job which produces my livelihood. However, it was thoroughly enjoyed, and pleasantly and profitably spent.

Now, four days later, and crowding entirely closely Harold's deadline, I am forced to believe that I have recovered sufficiently to attempt another reminder of our reunion in Birmingham, Ala., next July.

I had the extreme good fortune and pleasure, on this trip, of seeing several of my old Rainbow buddies, who were eagerly interested in attending the reunion. They, in turn, no doubt will contact others in their locality. If every Rainbow man everywhere will appoint himself a committee of one in such capacity, obviously our reunion will be the biggest and greatest such gathering in the history of the organization. Here is a glorious opportunity to throw off the lethargy that normally encompasses so many of us and beat the bushes and shake the trees, search the highways and byways of all

America for the errant Rainbower who, once having attended one of our reunions, will cherish the memory of that experience as long as he lives.

At a recent dinner-meeting of Birmingham's Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter and its auxiliary, our forthcoming reunion was discussed and action taken to further preparations for the big event. Comrade Borden Burr, our financial adviser, gave an encouraging talk.

May I remind you again that the success of Rainbow's reunion depends entirely on your presence?

--Joe F. McCartney

Reunion Publicity Chairman

News & Views of World War II's

Morton Marks, Jr., Associate Editor
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A letter from Ralph J. Liptak (G-222d Inf.), now president of the Florida State Chapter, described the Rainbow situation in his home state. He said in part: "... They are a good bunch down here and come from all over the U. S. The chapters and the state association have been kept active for many years by WWI men. We still don't have enough WWII men who are active.

He went on to say that his like every other chapter, has a very large potential membership, but it will take a little time to get them all in. He thinks the WWII men should join the association now "to back up the confidence" shown to those WWII "wheel-horses" now taking over the reins of chapters and as officers in the National Association.

Ralph, formerly of Connecticut, was a member of his company from July, 1943, until he was discharged as its first sergeant in 1946.

He said in his letter that it is a thrill to think of meeting his long-lost buddies at national reunions. He will definitely be at Birmingham this year and hopes he will see many of the old gang. Ralph's address is 6521 S. W. 39th Street, Miami, Fla., so, write him now and tell him you'll see him at Birmingham!

We were overjoyed to get a letter from Lyle Williams (Hq.-22d Inf.), who made a bicycle tour of Europe with his wife last summer. Their trip included Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Italy, Germany, Austria (and Vienna!), and Switzerland, among other places, a total of 4030 miles on a bicycle! They have now settled in Pullman, Washington, where Lyle is taking his master's degree in psychology at Washington State College. Their address is Columbia House A, Washington State College, Pullman, Washington.

Howie Kadrie, (E & F-222d) wrote from St. Paul, Minn., to say that he thoroughly enjoyed reading the interesting account of the 222d's part at Gamb-

Membership

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

It will be greatly appreciated by your National officers if you will push your membership drive from now until March 15th. I know each Chapter would like to exceed last year's membership - and it can be done by "push" and cooperation. Please urge every Rainbower who has not paid his 1951 dues to do so NOW.

STATE PRESIDENTS:

May I urge you to contact your Chapters and impress upon them the importance of increased membership.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS:

Please follow up the Chapters in your district where membership is lagging and put a little ZIP into them!

On behalf of the National officers and myself, I want to thank all Chapter officers for their membership efforts. To those who have equalled or excelled last year's membership, a great big THANK YOU! Let's see you in Birmingham in July.

--H. Gaines Burnett,
National Membership Chairman.

FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT (Continued from page one)

our failure to be prepared. When, oh when will we learn our lesson?

LET US RESOLVE NOW that we will stop criticizing our President, his Cabinet and our Generals, and all pull together to uphold and preserve this great country of ours, the Citadel of unhampered religion, free speech and freedom.

--Hugh S. Foster

sheim, France, in a recent issue of the Reveille. He added that he had finally caught up with another one of the Easy Company men, Larry Johnson, who has been living in St. Paul for four years. He said the reunion was effected when he and his bald pate made an appearance in a local newspaper for a publicity stunt. They spent an evening together, and Howie reports that Larry is now in the grocery business there.

NOW A FEW OTHER ITEMS--Bill Sak, of the Michigan Chapter, reports that Major James M. Kulp (542d F.A.) is again in service. He is now Lt. Col. Kulp, 780th F.A. Bn., Ft. Sill, Okla. . . . Louis Kenney (542d F.A.) finished his studies in Switzerland last year where he married a Swiss gal and is now teaching at Notre Dame University. . . . Bill asked that all former 542d F.A. men drop him a line or two so he can line them up for the Tulsa Reunion in 1952. It's William Sak, 4011 Tuxedo, Detroit 4, Michigan.

RAINBOW BROADCAST

The Annual Rainbow Broadcast will be heard on February 22nd from 8:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), over the Liberty Network. An excellent program has been planned, with Rainbow's most brilliant speakers supplying the talent. Check with your local Liberty outlet to make sure they take the program.

THE TRI-STATE REUNION

With the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, the Annual Rainbow Broadcast, and the Twenty-First Tri-State Reunion all centering in Washington on February 22nd, the Statler Hotel will truly be the heart and center of Rainbow that day. If you can possibly make the affair, by all means do so for a great Rainbow Party. Send reservation to Chairman Harold B. Rodier, 1129 Vermont Ave., Washington.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The National Executive Committee will hold its annual mid-year meeting at Washington, D.C. on February 22nd. The meeting will be at the Statler Hotel, and will convene at 10:00 a.m.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO GENERAL MACARTHUR

General Douglas MacArthur,
Commanding General of the U. N.,
Tokyo, Japan.

Dear General:

As National President of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association allow me to extend to you Greetings and Best Wishes on your birthday from comrades who hold you in their hearts with the highest esteem and admiration.

Hugh S. Foster,
National President
Rainbow Division Veterans Assn.

SIEGFRIED TRAGEDY

By Marshall Andrews

It was early in the morning of March 19, 1945, that the Rainbow Division, high-hearted and flushed with victory, ran headlong into the formidable Siegfried Line.

Four days before, the Rainbow infantry had clambered from its foxholes along the Moder river and launched a full-scale assault on two Nazi divisions across the way. In the intervening days Rainbow had moved fast and far. Into the bag of history it had scooped a series of little towns, battered and desolate places with mysterious names like Reipertswiller, Mouterhouse, Baerenthal, Phillipsbourg. Now it was about to add another town to the list whose name forever after would stand for needless tragedy. This town was Ludwigswinkel.

Rainbow arrived in front of the Siegfried defenses with the 242d Infantry on the left and the 222d on the right. In the center, between Ludwigswinkel on the west and a place called Fischbach on the east, was a fragment of the 232d. From west to east, north of Ludwigswinkel and south of Fischbach, ran a broad and marshy valley containing a stream called the Saarbach, neither wide nor deep but with a maze of watercourses separated by little islands. There was a bridge at Fischbach and, to the west, two more reached by causeways across the valley.

All about towered the Hardt Mountains and north of the Saarbach they rose precipitously, separated from the stream by a single road. In these mountains, protected by abatis of felled trees and remarkably well camouflaged, was a powerful net of concrete pillboxes and machinegun positions with interlocking fields of fire covering every avenue of approach. From the east-west road along the Saarbach valley a single incredibly crooked road ran north into the mountains.

Air photos at Division headquarters indicated the fortifications on the western extremity of the position were incomplete, while those between Ludwigswinkel and Fischbach were finished and fully manned. In other words, the position facing the 232d Infantry was the strongest on the Division front.

In the Siegfried bunkers and gun positions were remnants of the 16th and 36th Volksgrenadier Divisions, which the Rainbow had been hotly pursuing from the Moder line. In addition, the forts were manned by fortress troops, part of the 47th VGD, and by Volksturm Pirmasens, a Home Guard organization of old men, young boys and 4-F's.

Division G-2 had been told by pris-

oners and escaped slave laborers that these forces were ordered to hold only long enough to permit the escape of the main body toward the Rhine and then evacuate the position. G-2, in turn, had duly passed this information on to Headquarters and on March 18 had estimated the enemy "capability" thus: "To defend the Siegfried Line positions in the Division zone to cover withdrawal of troops still west of the Rhine."

Here, then, was the situation confronting the Division: The enemy was ready to stand in powerful prepared defenses, accessible only over three narrow causeways and three bridges, long enough to permit the escape of the bulk of his forces. The Division did not have its own troops well in hand, the natural result of the attack of March 15, the hot pursuit since, and detachments for special missions. It was known that the sector between Ludwigswinkel and Fischbach was the strongest part of the Siegfried Line in the Division zone.

And here was the decision Division headquarters had to make:

1. To assault the Siegfried position frontally with the available forces in an effort to prevent escape of the enemy; i.e., to make a piecemeal attack at the enemy's strongest point.

2. To demonstrate with the forces available while preparing a coordinated attack, with consequent delay in the pursuit.

3. To demonstrate in the sector Ludwigswinkel-Fischbach and prepare a coordinated assault on weaker parts of the line, also involving delay.

Division Headquarters, if it considered the alternatives at all, chose the first solution. There is evidence in the G-2 -- G-3 Journal of the excitement which seems to have pervaded the CP at this time. Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, is quoted repeatedly as urging relentless pressure on the fleeing enemy. There is much talk of "bridgeheads," a not unnatural preoccupation in view of the great acclaim given the Remagan operation not so long before.

One must go back now to March 14, the day before the jump-off back in Alsace, to unravel the confusion which followed. On that day, General Collins formed Task Force Coleman, under command of Lieut. Col. Frederick W. Coleman III, as a motorized assault element. TFC consisted of the second battalion, 232d Infantry; one battery, 69th Armored Field Artillery Battalion; one platoon, B Co., 48th Tank Battalion, and 20 trucks from the 42d Quartermaster Co. The third battalion, 232d, also was partially broken up for task

forces, leaving Col. A. A. McNamee with only his first battalion and part of the third.

Task Force Coleman jumped off with the Division March 15 and the next day took Mouterhouse against light opposition, remaining there until March 18, when it moved to an assembly area 2000 yards west of Baerenthal and became Division reserve. It was there when Division Headquarters called for troops to establish a "bridgehead" north of Ludwigswinkel. Coleman sent F and G Companies, 232d, at 8:20 p.m., March 18.

At 4:30 a.m. March 19, first and second platoons of G Co., with three Engineers, crossed the west bridge and took up positions on the north side of the Saarbach, first platoon on the right. They could not see in the dark, and might not have seen in bright sunlight, a perfectly camouflaged pillbox not 50 yards from the north end of the bridge. F Co got one platoon across the east bridge, where it dug in to wait for daylight.

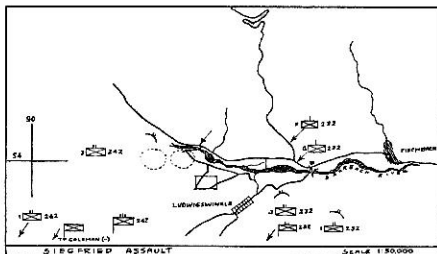
Behind these three platoons of riflemen, thrust out in the darkness against the most powerful fortifications in Western Europe, lay all the might of the Rainbow Division and its attached troops, but out of reach and, for the next few hours, out of hand.

Except for scattered small arms and mortar fire, the enemy did not at once react to this impudent little force defying all those sombre forts in their mountain fastness. Then, between 8 and 9 a.m., squadrons of P-47's called for by Division Headquarters, swooped down on the Siegfried bunkers, killed many of the horses assembled to haul off the guns, and made tenuous the hope of escaping unscathed to the Rhine. The enemy did not longer delay dealing with the threat down on the river bank.

At 9:30 a strong counterattack struck the two platoons of G Company and drove the first platoon back into and through the second nearer the bridge. So fierce was the fire laid down by the enemy that only part of the two platoons got back over the bridge and down the causeway. Many of the men took shelter under the bridge itself.

Very soon afterward, two Germans ran from the cleverly concealed bunker at the head of the bridge and placed a charge which blew the span down on the men underneath. Ten to 15 Rainbows were killed outright by this blast and lay on the bank or in the stream until the Division crossed two days later. (It has not been possible to determine from available records the exact number killed in this tragedy. The writer personally counted ten at the scene.)

Meanwhile, Division Headquarters had been busy trying to pull its forces together to exploit its little "bridgehead." At 5:30 a.m., 2/232 was detached from



Coleman and, with 3/232, was attached to the 242d Infantry for an attack across the bridges. At 8 a.m., 1/232 and C/142 Engrs. were ordered to join TF Coleman and take part in the assault with the 242d. Coleman reported that the artillery could not displace forward to support him until 6 p.m. and asked that the attack be postponed until the next morning. Ultimately the attachments were not made, the attack was called off and TF Coleman was dissolved that night.

In the center, Colonel McNamee was directed, at 11:55 a.m. to take his one remaining battalion, attack Fischbach, and push up the winding road to the north as far as Hill 417, five kilometers north and two west of the town. He complained that his regiment was so badly scattered that administration had become complicated and he was having difficulty feeding his men. He was then ordered, after elements of the 48th Tank Battalion had run into a hot fire on the Fischbach bridge, to await reinforcements and then make a demonstration.

So, at 3:30 p.m., McNamee finally got his troops together, his first battalion supported by one platoon, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion; one platoon, B/48 Tank Bn., and one platoon, E/232, and headed for Fischbach. Companies A, B and C led off, astride the Petersbachel-Fischbach road, and got to the Fischbach bridge. There they came under a glazing fire and one of the 48th's tanks took a direct hit without being disabled. At dusk the force dug in on high ground south of the town.

Back at Division, order was slowly being ground out of chaos. All of Colonel McNamee's units were returned to him and at midnight he was ordered to outpost the entire Division front with his regiment. He remained along the river all of March 20, while the 222d and 242d were put in position for a coordinated attack, orders were written, and the Germans hastily pulled out of their defenses.

Next day, March 21, the 222d and 242d attacked across the Saarbach and rolled through the Siegfried Line with practically no opposition. The 232d followed, mopping up stragglers.

The net results of this "bridgehead" operation, conceived in the hot excitement of pursuit and executed in haste,

appear to be two: the unprofitable loss of 10 to 15 men, and a delay of at least 24 hours in the enemy's retirement, during which divisions on both sides pushed ahead and pinched the Rainbow temporarily out of action.

Sources:

Historical Record, 42d Inf. Div. and 232d Inf.; Periodic Reports, 42d Inf. Div. and 232d Inf., March 1945; G-2--G-3 Journal, 42d Inf. Div., March 1945; Intelligence Summaries, 42d Inf. Div., March 1945; Orders, 42d Inf. Div., March 1945; Operations Reports, 42d Inf. Div., March 1945.



ALABAMA - Birmingham's "Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter" met January 17 at a Dinner Meeting set up for us in the Green Room at the Bankhead Hotel in Birmingham, our regular headquarters for many years.

These Dinner Meetings are arranged every second month, alternating with regular meetings and committee meetings in between and this last one was so well attended, partly by several regulars and their wives who overlooked making reservations, assuming that their presence would be taken for granted, that Jimmie Wall, our Chapter Secretary had to bring in a stool and squeeze in at the corner of an already crowded table. Jimmie booked the reservations so he knows who were the offenders and next time he says that he will come extra early - "just in case."

Otis Dodge was back with us after an absence during his wife's illness, who passed on in early December. Otis, originally a buddy of mine in 149th Illinois F.A. has been one of the mainstays in Alabama Chapters for many years and had a great deal to do with the 1940 Reunion in Montgomery, Alabama. Our hearts go out to him and we hope that the ever abundant Rainbow Comradeship will, in a small measure, help to alleviate his loss.

The old 167th Alabama Infantry has again gone to War - or is it "Police Action Extraordinary"? It is now in Federal Service with the 31st Dixie Division at Fort Jackson, So. Carolina and just today General MacArthur sent its Commanding Officer, Colonel Dent Williams of Birmingham a message in which he recalled the Regiment's outstanding achievements under his Command in the Rainbow Division in the first World War.

We are proud of our Stewart M. Jackson, who has been honored in his

community by being chosen as "1950 Best Citizen." We, also, appreciate the fine work he continues to do for Rainbow in Alabama.

All Alabama Rainbowers have a big party to look forward to February 17, 1951 in Montgomery, Alabama. This is an annual affair commemorating our entry into the Luneville-Baccarat Sector back in 1918. Any Rainbower that can arrange to get to Montgomery for this shindig will have no difficulty finding us at either the Jefferson Davis Hotel or the Whitely Hotel and will be more than welcome.

And don't forget - all National Rainbowers have a much bigger party to look forward to July 12, 13, 14, 1951 in Birmingham, Alabama. We hope that all Chapters are talking it up at all meetings. Keeping your anticipation in an active state is a sure way to make it possible to rejoin your fellow Rainbowers on this highlight occasion of the year.

--Lindsay L. Cox

MICHIGAN - National President Foster's Xmas Message, in the Reveille, was certainly the most meaty morsel of thought and fact we've read for some time and it surely expressed, in well chosen composition, that which is deep within the hearts of all true Americans, particularly MEN OF RAINBOW.

Michigan again will take its "Front and Center" when on the evening of Saturday, February 24, 1951 the Chapter will present to the Civilian, Fireman and Policeman, who during the past year enacted the most outstanding act of heroism, the now coveted Michigan Rainbow Medal of Valor. Befitting the occasion the affair will include an informal Dinner-Dance starting at seven o'clock in the Crystal Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel. Invitations have been extended, formally, to National President Hugh Foster, and Mary Jane, also National Auxiliary President Bernice Harper, and Floyd. We anticipate their presence as our honored guests. If you liked the Reunion, YOU'LL LIKE THIS PARTY so to all Michigan BE THERE and to all others who bivouac in the Mid-West, or those traveling to Washington who can travel home via Detroit - WE BID YOU A MOST CORDIAL WELCOME. Note to Editor Swazancans; Michigan has the floor again - we'll yield if you Swedes will come over - hows about it?

All who attended the reunion will remember Michigan's wheel chair Rainbower, Henry Shreve, who in spite of his arthritic ailment was loyally in attendance. We regret to announce that Henry answered Last Call December 23, 1950. Wilber Brucker spoke at a special memorial service held by the chapter.

ITS WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 22nd., AND HOW - THEN DETROIT

FEBRUARY 24th., COME TAKE A BOW.

--Sharon C. Cover, Scribe

NEW JERSEY - The Gen. C. T. Menoher Chapter will hold its annual Rainbow Valentine Jubilee at the Silver Glen Restaurant, Rt. 17, Paramus, N. J., on February 17th. The proprietor of the Silver Glen is a Rainbower. Don't, tho, know his name or outfit. You north Jersey boys should make this little party a "MUST"! Ray Wingerath (165 Inf), president of the Chapter, claims: "This can be a real Rainbow party if you will come and bring your Valentine." So why not do just that? Dinner from the menu about \$2.50 - at 8:30 P.M. Dancing 'till...? Harry Young (167 Inf.), 326 New York Ave., Jersey City, is chairman. Contact him for further particulars. Better still! - just be there and let the further-particulars take care of themselves..... The N. J. Chapter has 41 WWII members. Let's make it 50! Also: How about you delinquents sending in dues? The N. J. Chapter now meets the second Sunday of every other month, instead of every month, at the Legion Home, Red Bank. I have it on good authority that the wives of some of the more indulgent members arranged this schedule. Next meeting - February 11th. It's nice to receive a letter or card when you are ill and confined. Don't forget Andy Egan, 43 Morse Ave., East Orange, N. J., and Charlie Garon, VA Hospital, Montrose, N. Y. - 165th Amb. Rainbowers.

In Memoriam: Jacques Lawrence.

--Stan Barrow

OKLAHOMA - The annual Christmas party at Oklahoma Natural Club Room brought out 60 Rainbowers, also a new member, Arthur T. Hindle (232 Infantry). The excellent dinner was prepared and served by the Auxiliary. Members from out of town were the Weisers from Ponca City, and the Gruenbergs and Bohannons from Chelsea.

Kenneth Keith (167th Amb. Co.), our Long Beach, California member, stopped in Tulsa last week for a visit with the gang at a luncheon December 27 at the Alvin Hotel.

The guidon of the Ambulance Co. has finally been located by Dr. S. J. Bradfield, C.O. of the outfit. These colors and those of the 117th Ammunition Train will be presented for deposit, with the other divisional colors, in the Memorail Building at Kansas City. The Mo-Kan Chapter is arranging for a formal presentation at a dinner at Kansas City in the near future.

Two more weddings of Rainbow sons to report. Robert Todd November 10, son of Bess and Amos, and Bill Havenstrite, son of Paul and Margaret, December 31. Otto Wiley is up and around again. One of our old standbys, Ed Dale.

has purchased a new home in Sapulpa, which is a suburb of Tulsa. Glad the Dales are to be permanent members.

Our Chapter now has 101 paid-up members, forty of which are W.W. #2 veterans. In looking over the membership tabulation in the December Reveille this number exceeds W.W. #2 membership of any other chapter in the country. Hats off to John and Lorena George for a swell job as President of the Chapter and Auxiliary.

The February 22 dinner will be at Michaelis Cafeteria, and the tentative date for the Gruenbergs at Chelsea is Sunday March 25.

--Leonard J. Hill

TEXAS - I see by The Rainbow Roundup that the paid membership is only 80% of what it was this time last year. Shame on us! We should be ahead of that.

You know, boys, if you are eligible to membership in the Rainbow Division Veterans Association and then do not join, not only are you losing something in this short life, but we all lose. The Chapter needs your dues and your comradeship, and you can get something from that comradeship that money cannot buy. Something greater than anything on this earth.

I may never get to attend a meeting of my Chapter, due to my extreme bad health, but I shall always belong to it. Every time I send in my dues I get that wonderful feeling, a feeling of well being and contentment, a feeling that I would not swap for anything in this world.

--Fred Cornelius

WISCONSIN - The "Rainbow" in Wisconsin is rolling along at the same old pace, not setting them on fire but consistent as it has been, year after year.

APPLETON Chapter were delighted to entertain their old Company Commander (later Commanding the Battalion) Major Graef on his return home during the holidays. He is now living in Beaver Falls, Pa. where he manages a lumber company. Glad to report that the intervening years have been very kind to the Major as he appeared in the pink. Delicious lunch served, and his old gang gathered around to re-live some of the amusing things that occurred while serving under him.

We all regret to learn of the illness of that grand old Rainbower Jim Rolfe of Orlando, Florida, who has been ill the past month. Guess that old heart of Jim's is finally feeling the results of the gait. His war time disability slowed him but little as you all know from his activity during National Re-union. We are all pulling for a complete and speedy recovery.

--Frank H. Bellew

CHAPTER STANDINGS

CHAPTER	LAST YEAR'S RECORD	WW II 1949-50	1950-51 as of Jan. 15th	WW II 1950-51					
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	10	0	0	0	Missouri-Kansas (Kansas City)	174	19	1	0
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	75	1	50	0	Chanute	38	1	39	1
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	108	5	102	3	St. Louis	22	17	7	5
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	115	3	124	7	Topeka-Manhattan	20	4	19	2
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	19	0	0	0	MISSOURI-KANSAS TOTAL	254	41	66	8
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	8	0	7	0	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	30	6	17	4
ALABAMA TOTAL	335	9	283	10	Omaha	24	15	0	0
Los Angeles	96	9	76	0	NEBRASKA TOTAL	54	21	17	4
San Francisco	69	15	84	14	New Jersey (Red Bank)	104	29	125	35
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	9	6	0	0	Gen. C. T. Menoher (Newark)	30	3	30	4
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	174	30	160	14	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	134	32	155	39
COLORADO (Denver)	36	3	50	7	Father Duffy (N.Y.C.)	651	40	450	26
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	80	28	60	16	Long Island	21	1	20	0
Jacksonville	1	0	0	0	Westchester	20	0	14	0
Miami	73	6	40	6	NEW YORK TOTAL	692	41	484	26
St. Petersburg	0	0	15	5	Ohio State Association	13	4	12	2
Gen. C.P. Summerall (Orlando)	51	4	61	9	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	31	0	1	0
FLORIDA TOTAL	125	10	116	20	Cincinnati	43	7	37	8
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	37	0	34	0	Columbus	126	9	110	2
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	32	12	20	5	Newark	36	2	31	2
GEORGIA TOTAL	69	12	54	5	Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	23	2	16	0
Illinois (Chicago)	663	106	475	46	Akron	7	0	2	0
Danville	65	4	27	1	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	20	1	22	0
ILLINOIS TOTAL	728	110	502	47	Paul Hume (London)	2	0	0	0
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	218	15	228	16	O Toledo	16	6	9	3
Bloomington	79	0	67	0	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	17	1	1	0
Fort Wayne	26	2	0	0	Lancaster	50	1	37	1
LaFayette	37	0	20	0	Cleveland	51	12	13	4
Martinsville	35	1	36	2	Springfield	16	0	7	0
South Bend	23	9	38	13	Vets Co. G 166th Inf. (Greenfield)	111	1	145	3
INDIANA TOTAL	418	27	389	31	Pickaway (Circleville)	18	1	0	0
Iowa State Association	0	0	41	0	132nd Signal Co. Chapter (New, -	—	—	20	0
Col. E.R. Bennett (Des Moines)	200	22	134	11	O. G. Fuller (New - Chillicothe)	—	—	44	43
Cedar Rapids	30	3	20	0	OHIO TOTAL	580	47	507	68
Oskaloosa	36	0	32	0	Gruber (Muskegoe)	10	9	0	0
Creston	47	0	50	0	Oklahoma City	75	36	35	9
Lee County (Ft. Madison)	2	0	0	0	Tulsa	90	27	101	40
Fort Dodge	4	0	3	1	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	175	72	136	49
Mason City (North Iowa)	19	3	8	1	OREGON (Portland)	19	8	18	10
Mathew A. Tinley (C'nail Bluffs)	40	0	42	0	Easton	110	12	80	5
Cedar Valley (W'loo-C'dar Falls)	40	4	30	2	Pittsburgh	101	37	75	17
Ottumwa	37	1	20	1	Bethlehem	46	12	23	2
Southwest Iowa (Shenandoah)	11	0	0	0	Lancaster	142	14	110	16
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	30	1	12	0	Reading	32	0	29	2
Dubuqueland (Dubuque)	12	2	8	0	Philadelphia	39	14	29	11
IOWA TOTAL	508	36	400	16	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	470	89	346	53
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	32	11	34	11	SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	16	0	10	0
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	66	11	49	10	TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	4	3	1	1
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	61	30	37	21	TEXAS (Dallas)	184	42	145	25
MICHIGAN (Detroit)	253	87	175	43	Virginia State (Roanoke)	85	8	75	6
Minneapolis	256	20	236	18	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	36	3	34	3
St. Paul	58	6	33	2	Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	16	7	15	5
MINNESOTA TOTAL	314	26	269	20	VIRGINIA TOTAL	137	18	124	14
					Washington State (Seattle)	2	0	1	0
					Fort Lewis	20	20	12	12
					WASHINGTON STATE TOTAL	22	20	13	12
					Wisconsin State Association	3	0	2	0
					Appleton	49	2	47	0
					Gen. D. MacArthur (Milwaukee)	29	10	19	6
					Fond du Lac	39	0	31	0
					Oshkosh	40	1	39	0
					WISCONSIN TOTAL	160	13	138	6
					WYOMING (Cheyenne)	4	2	0	0
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR I	5	—	4	0
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR II	19	19	12	12
					GRAND TOTALS	6,128	898	4,754	598

NOTE: Membership is 212 behind same date last year;
WW I is 161 behind, WW II 51 behind.

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