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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

BY THE TIME THIS MESSAGE has been read the year 1950 will be laid to rest and I can think of no better time to give you a summary of happenings since I assumed office as your President last July.

MARY JANE AND I have never been treated with such splendid hospitality as we received by all the Chapters we have been fortunate enough to visit. We have been made to feel at home, and nothing, (or so it seemed,) was too good for us. There is no finer spirit of comradeship than that shown by Rainbowers -- and it was always at its height everywhere we went.

I HAVE WRITTEN EVERY MEMBER of the Executive Committee, the Vice Presidents, and the State and Chapter Presidents asking them to do everything in their power to keep RAINBOW alive by endeavoring to increase their membership. This is the only way it can be done . . . an all out effort by everyone. We must have an increase to take care of the loss in membership of those comrades who have gone to the "Rainbow's End".

I HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED by the answers received from these letters. Marx Rosenthaler has helped tremendously by dropping in on the various Chapters as he covers a large part of the country in his travels. Our membership nationally is a little
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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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REUNION IN BIRMINGHAM

As is historically recorded, there were many members of our beloved division who performed heroically on the field of battle; and there were many others who conducted themselves just as heroically in the rear echelons in the performance of the less spectacular, but highly essential, functions that made it possible for the men on the firing line to carve out the achievements that made our division so outstanding.

But I think it is peculiarly appropriate at this time to give recognition to a gentleman who was truly a citizen-soldier of the Rainbow Division.

Borden Burr, for many years an outstanding lawyer of Birmingham, and presently financial adviser to the Reunion Executive Committee, while not officially enrolled in the ranks of the organization during its life as a combat division, occupies the unique position of being as integral a part of our outfit as the colors that compose our divisional shoulder patch.

As a "Y" secretary extraordinary during World War I, Borden was assigned to and accompanied the Alabama regi-

ment into battle with all the eagerness and enthusiasm of the most ardent.

Typifying the spirit and cheerful courage of this patriotic Alabamian, this writer well remembers the occasion in the Chateau Thierry Salient, near the CroixRouge Ferme, when Borden passed the Third Battalion with elements of the First Battalion headed to the firing line. He wore no helmet or sidearms, but was carrying a German rifle. We asked him what he thought he was going to do with an empty rifle. He modestly replied that he hoped to be able to find some captured German cartridges.

In many ways Borden Burr endeared himself to the boys of the 167th Infantry. And down through the more than three decades that have sped by since those days of '17-'18, his interest in and his helpfulness to Rainbow have remained constant -- rivaled only, I believe I may say, by his unflagging interest in the fortunes of the Crimson Tide of Alabama, with which he played around the turn of the century.

For many a long year I, along with countless thousands, have seen him trotting up and down the gridiron sidelines with one end of the chain that indicates the first downs -- ever faithful to the things he loves.

This comrade did not have to go to war -- he easily and gracefully could have stayed at home and enjoyed a lucrative law practice. Instead, he volunteered to serve his country in the war zone through the best, if not the only, medium available to him. And he served so well that he was made a permanent honorary member of our postwar association at its inception.

This fine old Southern gentleman will be much in evidence during our forthcoming reunion.

-- Joe F. McCartney,
Reunion Publicity Chairman.

FATHER DUFFY RESOLUTION LAUDS GENERAL MacARTHUR

At the regular meeting of Father Duffy Chapter held in New York City on December 8, the following Resolution was adopted by the membership:

WHEREAS criticism in certain quarters has been directed against General MacArthur for conditions that now exist in the Korean War, now be it

RESOLVED that we of the Father Duffy Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans, highly commend General MacArthur as the outstanding Commanding General of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED that we wish to go on record as being against those who criticized General MacArthur for the conditions that now exist. And be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to National President Hugh S. Foster, and that the same be published in the Rainbow Reveille.

(Signed) John J. Horan, President
(Signed) Eugene F. Eagan, Secretary

FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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below that of last year. But I am sure with all the effort of the "workhorses" of Rainbow and the great enthusiasm shown all over the country in the fact that the Reunion is to be held in Alabama next July, we will have an even greater membership than we had last year.

Mary Jane and I were royally entertained by the Virginia MP's in Roanoke on October 28th. The Gibbons' and the Dent's went all out to make our visit an enjoyable one.

We then returned to Birmingham to make plans for our Armistice Day Banquet and to receive our distinguished guests. They included National Auxiliary President Bernice and Floyd Harper of Martinsville, Indiana; Jean and George Seaman of New York, Allen Gibbons and Jim Dent of Roanoke, Joe Dickerson, Ernest Pritchett and Sol Monsky of Montgomery, and many others. Everyone seemed to have a grand time.

I promised Hook Young of Indianapolis that I would be on hand for their Fall party, but thanks to me I asked them to set it up for the 25th of November. Instead of a Fall party it became a Winter party. . . . Indiana had its worst snowstorm in 20 years. After giving up the idea of driving, Mary Jane and I hopped a train and arrived right in the thick of it. Hook was waiting for us and drove us to the airport to meet Larry Woods and Billy Gee from Oklahoma. That night we attended a party such as only Indiana can put on. Some members had driven as much as 120 miles in that snowstorm to be on hand at the Banquet. It was Rainbow spirit shining at its highest.

The following morning we attended a brunch at Benny Cook's lovely home. We then took a trip to the War Memorial and Rainbow Shrine in the beautiful building erected in Indianapolis to honor the heroes of all wars. We spent the remainder of our trip with the Harper's, where we had a most enjoyable time.

On December 9th we visited the Julian Strassburger Chapter in Montgomery as a guest of the Ladies Auxiliary - feasted on fried chicken and all the trimmings. After the Banquet, a visit out to Joe Dicks to the "unfurnished" . . . (No Rainbow party in Montgomery is complete without winding up at the "unfurnished", as Joe Dick affectionately calls his home.)

All in all, I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful half year as your President. I only hope that the New Year brings as much happiness to you as I experienced in 1950.

BEST OF WISHES FOR A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

-Hugh S. Foster

LIBERTY NETWORK TO CARRY RAINBOW BROADCAST FEBRUARY 22

The Liberty Broadcasting System will carry the Annual Rainbow Broadcast on February 22, from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, from the Tri-State Reunion Dinner, South American Room, in the Statler Hotel, Washington.

NOTE: Phone your local Liberty System station and request them to carry the program. Enough such requests and we will put this program over but big!!!!

News & Views of World War IIs

GET THE MESSAGE THROUGH

By John M. Janosik (132d Sig.),
Guest Editor

That's an odd title, isn't it? To some of us -- yes. To Signalmen -- no! That is our motto.

But why use the Signalmen's motto for a title? To "GET A MESSAGE THROUGH" to all of us Rainbowmen -- World War I and World War II -- and especially to "comrades" of World War II.

Recently, I had the good fortune of attending a meeting of the trustees of the Ohio Rainbow Division Chapter. I must admit that I hesitated to go because there I would be -- the only "youngster" among a bunch of "Old Fogies," especially those from the first Rainbow.

"They think they know it all. They want to run the whole show. They're not friendly and sociable. They don't want us World War II Rainbowers" -- these are some of the thoughts that flashed through my mind before the meeting. And I'm sure the rest of you World War II'ers had the same thoughts in your minds before you attended your first meeting.

Was I wrong! They all treated me as if I had known them all my life. They were friendly. They showed me a swell time. And most of all, THEY WERE SINCERE. We all know that a man must be sincere if people are to believe in him.

Now that I was among the "old-timers" and saw who they were, what they were, and after their hospitality, I knew they were sincere and wanted us World War II Rainbowers to join them.

If you want to have friends -- and real friends are the richest gift in life -- you all should join a Rainbow Chapter. Here is where you will find real friends. They are loyal through thick and thin. They will stand up for you. They will rejoice with you in your successes, comfort you in your sorrows, and help you make the path of life pleasant and cheerful for you. Yes, these are "Rainbowmen" -- your friends, your buddies.

So World War II's, let's knock down that iron curtain which we THINK exists between us and the World War I Rainbowmen. There really is no barrier between us. Let's "let our hair down" and mingle with them. Join a Rainbow Chapter and become active in it. Take over willingly any duty that is given you. Let's show the World War I Rainbowmen that we are not "stuffed shirts," but are really "good mixers."

May I repeat -- JOIN A RAINBOW CHAPTER NOW! You'll never regret

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RAINBOW'S FIRST REUNION PROGRAM

The following reproduction of the cover and of a number of excerpts from the first Reunion Program, put out by Birmingham in 1920 will prove of keen interest at this time not only because of their historic nature, but because of the intrinsic interest of the items included. They are just as good "Rainbow" today as they were the day they were published. Your Editor has had this copy of the Program for many years; he regrets that he cannot acknowledge through whose kindness it was supplied to him.

FIRST RAINBOW VETERANS REUNION

Birmingham, Ala. July 12-14-1920



FRANCE'S GRAND OLD MAN LAUDS BRAVE MEN OF RAINBOW DIVISION

While the Rainbow Division was at sea on the Leviathan en route home from France, in April, 1919, Major General Read, in command, published the following commendatory letter from Clemenceau, France's grand old man, who is credited with transforming a broken-down machine into a winning army and government during the early years of the war:

"FRENCH REPUBLIC, Paris, April 9, 1919.

"To Premier, Secretary of War,
"To the Commanding General, Forty-Second Division,
Dear General:

"At the moment when the Forty-Second is about to leave the soil of France, I wish to express to you in the name of the Government of the (French) Republic, our admiration for its wonderful achievements. Its memory will always remain alive among us.

"The Forty-Second Division has been in France since the month of November, 1917. It began its schooling in war the Vosges, first, regiment by regiment, and then as a whole unit. At the beginning of 1918 it was ready to face the greatest battle which was to put an end to the war.

"It was in the Champagne that it stood the shock of the foe, side by side with the French troops. It was with these same troops that it took part in the great counter-attack that marked, at the end of July, the final retiring movement of the German army. Your soldiers will assuredly not forget the hard attacks of the village of Serzy, which changed hands four times.

"Your splendid unit took part in all the battles in which the American Army has rendered itself illustrious. The Forty-Second Division participated in the offensive of St. Mihiel where it captured, by itself, more than a thousand prisoners. In October it was in the Argonne. In the first days of November, full of spirit, it pursued the enemy from the Argonne to the Meuse.

"The name of Buzancy will remain its last trophy. At the end of the war it had reached the Meuse at Remilly.

"All those names, I feel sure, will forever remain in the memory of your soldiers and in the annals of their families.

"For us, as you are about to leave France, our thoughts go with

respect and emotion to all the soldiers of the Forty-Second Division, who have given their lives for the love of their country and of liberty. Just as in the joy of victory and with pride of their achievements, your troops are embarking for the belived shores of their fatherland, we unite with you in a feeling of gratitude for the living and for the dead.

"I beg you, dear General, to interpret my sentiments to all those who are under your command and to believe me yours very cordially,
"CLEMENCEAU."

RAINBOW DIVISION RECORD READS LIKE PAGE OUT OF FICTION

When the United States entered the war against Germany in April, 1917, the administration was confronted with the huge task of raising and equipping an army of sufficient magnitude to turn the balance in favor of the Allied countries then in a death grapple with the Teutons.

The standing army of approximately 200,000 officers and men was a mere drop that would be wiped out in one first-class battle such as many that had been fought in France during the preceding three years.

Millions of men were engaged in the business of killing each other across the Atlantic and to send a force of 200,000 men to join the combat would have been both futile and foolish.

For several years the National Guard of several states had been mobilized along the Mexican border to watch the contending factions beyond the Rio Grande who were then engaged in the pastime of exterminating each other. They had succeeded reasonably well and in doing so made frequent raids across the border onto American soil. National Guards from Alabama and a number of other states had been down there anywhere from one to three years. They were seasoned soldiers, hardened to camp life and the right material for European warfare, as it was then conducted.

National Guard units from twenty-six states and the District of Columbia, were selected to form a division which should be among the first to cross over to France. Units that had been in camp along the Mexican border were selected for this service.

The states represented in this division, subsequently designated as the 42nd, or Rainbow, were, Alabama, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The full strength of the division was about 28,000 officers and men.

The various Guard units were mobilized at Camp Mills, near New York City in August, 1917, and the following November embarked at Hoboken, N. J., for France.

The division arrived at Vancouleurs, France, in November, 1917, where for thirty days the men were put through a course of strenuous drilling.

On February 2, 1918, units of this division saw their first front trench service in Lorraine, and on March 4, 1918, they captured their first German prisoners.

NINE MONTHS THROUGH SHOT AND SHELL BOYS CARRY ON

From February 16, 1918, until November 11, 1918, the Rainbow Division was never in a quiet sector, except for a brief period in August when, exhausted, it was withdrawn from the front lines for rest and recruitment.

The Division entered the Baccarat sector on February 16 and almost immediately thereafter skirmishes between it and the Germans, only a short distance away, began. The Baccarat was called a quiet sector by the French veterans who had been in the war for three and a half years, but to the American boys, who had not yet realized the hell of battle, it was anything but quiet.

With night forays into No Man's Land, dodging exploding enemy shells and airplanes, hand-to-hand battles in the dark with prowling Huns, and crawling through barbed wire entanglements did not meet the idea of quietude entertained by the men from this side of the Atlantic.

The combat record of the Rainbow Division, compiled from the official history of the organization, shows the following activities in France:

February 21 to March 23, 1918—Dombasle-Luneville-St. Clement-Baccarat sector.

March 18 to June 21—Baccarat sector.

July 5-17—Souain-Expanse sector.

July 25 to August 3—Trugny-Beaumarais.

Septembre 12-30—Ansuville-Essey-Bois de Pannes (St. Mihiel salient).

October 13-31—St. Georges-Landres Cote de Chatillon.

November 5-10—Autreuche-Grands Armoises and Maisonnell, south of Sedan.

From March 21 to 23 the Rainbow Division was with the French Eighth Army and Seventh Army Corps; July 15-18 this and other American and French troops stopped the German drive towards Paris; and October 13-31 they were engaged on the Argonne front, passing to the Argonne-Meuse offensive which ended with the capitulation of the Germans.

The Rainbow Division took fourteen German officers and 1,303 men prisoners; captured twenty-five pieces of artillery and 495 machine guns, and made a total advance, on front lines of fifty-five kilometers, or 34-3-8 miles.

The Division arrived in France on November 1, 1917, and landed back in the United States in the spring of 1919, after nearly eighteen months of service.

RAINBOW DIVISION ORGANIZATION AND THE THINGS IT STANDS FOR

Shortly before starting on its homeward journey after finishing the task assigned it in Europe, the Rainbow Division effected a permanent organization.

The bonds of friendship and comradeship that had been welded among the men in this famous Division during the year and a half they had been associated in the "pleasant" pastime of killing Germans made them feel the necessity of keeping in touch with each other and of meeting at stated intervals for the exchange of news, recollections and experiences and for the renewal of the friendships thus formed.

Unlike any other Division in the American Army, the Rainbow contained complete units from more than half the states of the Union. They represented the densely populated states of the East and the less populous states of the West and the South.

Col. William P. Screws, of the One Hundred Sixty-Seventh Infantry, Alabama's famous fighting regiment, presided over the first meeting held at Bad Neuenahr-on-the-Rhine, while the Division was serving as an army of occupation subsequent to the signing of the armistice.

Among the purposes of the organization, as set out in the Constitution, are to "perpetuate that spirit of comradeship and unity which has been the greatest single factor in the success of the Division, and to keep alive the memory of the departed comrades."

Not only does the organization embody the fraternal feature, but it purposes to assist Rainbow boys wherever and in whatever way it can, in the problems that confront them in business, in securing proper recognition from the government, the allotment of bonuses, awards of decorations, medals, etc., and help to straighten out their insurance.

In fact, the organization, as planned by its originators and promoters, intends to be helpful to members of the organization at all times and in all ways.

Service in the Rainbow Division, and honorable conduct while in the service, are the only requisites for membership.

The national organization includes every state represented in the Division. The state organizations have jurisdiction over their respective states.

Nearest relatives of Rainbow men who died in the service are eligible to honorary membership.

When the representatives of the various units met at Bad Neuenahr to perfect the organization, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the Division, was elected honorary president, and Col. Benson Hough of Ohio, active president.

Sergeant Major Albert J. Brown of Ohio, was elected secretary.

At the organization meeting it was decided to hold the first annual convention in Birmingham on July 16, the second anniversary of the first major engagement participated in by the Division—the battle in which the American boys stopped the German drive on Paris and broke the offensive power of the Teutonic empires.

Later it was discovered that July 15, 16, 17 would come Thursday, Friday and Saturday, so the date was changed to the twelfth to avoid the

necessity of holding meetings on Saturday.

At the Bad Neuenahr meeting representatives of the various states held conferences that resulted in the organization of state chapters, later designated as state divisions.

Col. William P. Screws was elected president of the Alabama chapter; Lieut. Col. Dallas B. Smith, Sergeants P. E. Love and C. L. Ragsdale, vice-presidents; Sergeant H. L. Carter, secretary; Sergeant Clarence Renfro, treasurer; Major George A. Glenn, historian, and Captain Smith, chaplain.

HOW BIRMINGHAM GOT THE FIRST ANNUAL RAINBOW CONVENTION

Over in France shortly before the Rainbow Division started for home the men in the service formed a permanent organization. With organization perfected and officers elected the question of the time and place of the first annual convention came up.

Alabama's old 4th, rechristened the 167th, wanted the convention for Birmingham, and so did the Illinois artillery put in a bid for Chicago. Rivalry was strong, and press reports received in this country set the boosters of the two cities pulling the wires.

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce cabled to Col. Screws, commanding the 167th, inviting the Rainbow boys to come to Birmingham in 1920 and urging him to use every influence he could command to secure it.

On the day the selection was to be made the rivalry had become intense and the result was in doubt. Chicago had behind her the Rainbow organizations from that section of the country, while the far west, the south and some of the northern companies gave their votes to Birmingham. Birmingham won by six votes.

FIRST OFFICERS OF THE RAINBOW DIVISION

The Rainbow Division, which did such valiant service in France during the World War was made up of National Guard units from twenty-six states and the District of Columbia, the old Fourth Alabama, famous for its fighting in the Civil War, being selected to represent Alabama in this new world famous organization.

Following the signing of the armistice and while the Division was doing the "Watch on the Rhine," a permanent organization was formed, national officers elected and Birmingham selected as the place in which to hold the first annual reunion or convention.

The following officers were elected:

Honorary President, Douglas MacArthur, United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

President, Benson W. Hough, Delaware, Ohio.

First Vice-President, Henry J. Reilly, Winnetka, Illa.

Second Vice-President, Sidney E. Manning, Flomaton, Ala.

Third Vice-President, Cooper D. Winn, Jr., Macon, Ga.

Treasurer, Albert G. Brown, Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary, George E. Leach, Minneapolis, Minn.

Historian, Walker B. Wolf, Chicago, Illa.

Chaplain, Francis P. Duffy, New York City.

STATE SECRETARIES

Alabama, Harry I. Carter, Montgomery, Ala.

California, James E. Clausen, Sacramento, Calif.

Colorado, Edward J. Luth, Denver, Colo.

District of Columbia, M. Manning Marcus, Washington, D. C.

Georgia, James H. Palmer, Macon, Ga.

Illinois, Hugo W. Clander, Chicago, Illa.

Indiana, Sidney S. Miller, Indianapolis, Ind.

Iowa, Charles W. Aiken, Winterest, Iowa.

Kansas, Erling C. Theller, Emporia, Kans.

Louisiana, James O. Breaux, Demopolis, Ala.

Maryland, Walter E. Doyle, Baltimore, Md.

Michigan, A. F. Lockelder, Detroit, Mich.

Minnesota, Harry D. Cory, Minneapolis, Minn.

Missouri, H. L. Brown, Kansas City, Mo.

Nebraska, William S. Randall, Lincoln, Neb.

New York, Daniel B. J. O'Connell, New York City.

New Jersey, William S. Nevius, Newark, N. J.

North Carolina, Edwin F. Troy, Wilmington, N. C.

Ohio, Albert G. Brown, Columbus, Ohio.

Oklahoma, Josiah C. Chatfield, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Oregon, Albert L. Boatwick, La Grande, Ore.

Pennsylvania, Francis H. Lehr, Easton, Penn.

South Carolina, Harry C. Wannamaker, Jr.,

Tennessee, Sherman A. Briney, Memphis, Tenn.

Texas, P. P. Johnson, Houston, Texas.

Virginia, R. B. Wilmer, Lynchburg, Va.

Wisconsin, Martin G. Peeters, Appleton, Wis.

WITH OPEN ARMS BIRMINGHAM WELCOMES RAINBOW VETERANS

Birmingham deems herself fortunate in having the Rainbow boys with her in their first annual convention. She is proud of the Rainbow boys because they are all Americans and fought bravely for their country.

She is proud of the Rainbow boys because some of them are her own boys. Under the sod in France lie some of the bravest boys that ever marched to battle and among these are several of our own—boys reared in Birmingham who answered the call to duty when the summons came.

Birmingham receives the veterans of the Rainbow Division with open arms. The best she has is not too good for them.

It is an honor to be the first city in which these veterans assemble in convention to renew the dark days "over there," and to renew friendships made on the battlefield and cemented with their blood.

Birmingham's doors are open to the Rainbow boys. She wants them to have a good time, and to the end that they may do so the committee in charge and the citizens generally have contributed of their time, their money and their thought in planning for them.

it. In fact, you'll regret that you had not joined sooner and had become acquainted with the World War I'ers. You join and bring a buddy along to join with you. It's always hard to attend the first or second "get-together." After that, you won't want to miss another.

Well, "Men of the Rainbow," I hope I "got the message through." I feel like a Negro preacher who, when asked how he composes his sermons, said, "First I tells 'em who I'm goin' to tell 'em; then I tells 'em; then I tells 'em what I told 'em."



ALABAMA - The Julian M. Strassburger Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans Auxiliary entertained December 9 with a dinner at Narrow Lane Inn.

Earnest Pritchett served as master of ceremonies and the invocation was given by Wheeler McDade.

Hugh Foster, National President, Dr. William S. Armour, State President and Ted Hagen, National Reunion Chairman were special guests. All gave previews of the National Rainbow Reunion to be held in Birmingham in July. (Of course Mary Jane and Mrs. Armour were there. We regret that Mrs. Hagen was unable to be with us.)

Joe Dickerson gave some high lights of the Rainbow banquet to be held in Montgomery February 17. We are looking forward to seeing all Alabamians and any one else at this party.

Following the dinner Christmas films were shown.

Mrs. Clayton Gardner and Mrs. Ruth Temple were in charge of decorations and arrangements.

Later the group journeyed to Elizabeth and Joe Dickerson's "Unfurnished Ranch," for the usual after party gathering.

The Julian M. Strassburger Chapter can boast of two W. W. I. Rainbows who are still in there pitching. They are Gene Beasley and John McGuire. Gene's baby girl was one year old December 21 and John's boy will be eighteen months old December 25. These two had a happy time discussing their off springs at the "Unfurnished Ranch." They will be glad to give some advice in Birmingham in July.

Alabama is looking forward to seeing all Rainbowners and Auxiliaries at the National Reunion in Birmingham next July.

LOUISIANA - The Louisiana Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans staged a Christmas party in cooperation with the auxiliary, on December 12, 1950, at the office of the secretary. Those attending included the children of the members. The unit of the members in attendance may be of value to others in the association who may wish to learn of their whereabouts and they follow:

A. C. Edmondson, 149th. F. A., Hacker Mayronne H. Q. 151, F. A., Malcolm Strehle, Co. L, 222 Inf., Carroll Montet, Co. C. 242, Inf., William G. Sirera, D. C. Keller, Edward F. Baldo, and George D. D'Aquin, H. Q. Troops.

The members of the auxiliary exchanged a present of token value. After several hours of partaking of refreshments the party was disbanded with a resolution to have a similar gathering each year.

The auxiliary to the chapter is the first formed in the history of the State and it has already contributed to the increase in membership, interest and pleasure within the chapter.

--Carroll Montet

NEW JERSEY - Received a letter from a Rainbowner requesting that we accept his resignation as a member of the Rainbow Division Veterans, as he found it difficult to attend meetings. I mention this because occasionally, and only occasionally, someone gets the idiotic notion that he can get out of Rainbow. Who ever heard of a Rainbowner resigning? It just can't be done! It's not in the cards! To try to resign is like trying to quit -- and who ever heard of a Rainbowner quitting? Whether you like it or not, you are a Rainbowner, and you are so marked for the rest of your natural life and as long thereafter as you can cheat the Reaper. It's too late now to resign, quit, withdraw, retire, retreat, or whatever you may wish to term it, from Rainbow. All you can do now is be either a good or poor Rainbow - "good" if you pay your dues, "poor" if you don't. While I have received the one resignation, I have also received dues from the following new members of the N. J. Chapter: Andrew R. Romanelli and Elwood F. Ewan, Hdqts. 1st Bn., 242 Inf.; Fred F. DeAngelo, Co. E., John Novak, Co. A., and Eugene Pawluk, Hdqts., 222 Inf.; John J. Uvages, Jr., Co. C. and Sheldon I. Evans, H & S Co., 142 Eng. Bn.; William C. Croll, Bat. A, 392 F. A. and Raymond J. Austin, Bat. A., 232 F. A. So if you have any silly ideas about quitting Rainbow, - Forget 'em! In memoriam: Abe Benjamin; Dr. William Chalfant.

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM JERSEY RAINBOW!

--Stan Barrow

NEW YORK - On Friday evening, April 6, 1951, the Father Duffy Chapter will hold its Thirty-second Annual Rainbow Ball and Reunion in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore.

The Ball Committee under the chairmanship of Bob Morrison has been busy for the past month formulating plans to make this the biggest and best Ball and Reunion ever. Each year more and more of the boys we haven't seen in years, have been making their appearance, and it has been grand seeing them. In fact one never seemed to have enough time to visit.

This year the Committee has decided to omit the entertainment feature so as to permit more time for visiting with that old buddy. For those who are able and care to dance, there will be plenty of room and the best music available.

Instead of awarding an automobile in this year's raffle, the prizes will consist of \$1,000 in cash and each winner can purchase what they please or use the money for a trip to the reunion in Birmingham.

As usual, the Auxiliary to the Father Duffy Chapter, sent or delivered Christmas presents to all the disabled Rainbowers in hospitals or at home. For over thirty years, the boys who were sick or disabled have never been forgotten by the Auxiliary and we are deeply grateful.

OKLAHOMA - Returning from the "frozen north" to find Oklahoma shrouded in ice and snow also, I have promises of warmer weather for the Christmas party Dec. 10, here at our home. The occasion will be a Reunion for four members of Co. L, 165th Inf., -- Stephenson, Lynch, Wright and Bertrum -- the latter coming from Shamrock, Tex., weather permitting. Bill Gee celebrates his birthday then, too. He and I had a flying trip to Indianapolis for their November party for the Fosters. Wonderful hospitality made up for the foul weather. Rainbowers wanting to be of service to a disabled comrade, may order hand made articles such as stencilled pillow cases, towels, figurines, etc., from Gus Johnson, 3929 Liberty Ave., Okla. City. Gus is confined to his home and makes these things to keep busy and to augment the family income, which is exceedingly slim. Please help if you can. Rainbowers hereabouts save the second Saturday of each month for our parties -- we meet on Jan. 13 with Gen. and Mrs. Bill Key. Dues are still slow coming in. Shell out, you guys!

--Lawrence G. Wood

PENNSYLVANIA - A sadness came over the Pittsburgh Chapter the latter part of November when news reached many of its members that

our own Danny Gordon had passed away to his reward in the eternity. His dear little wife proved to be the brave little soldier that she has always been during these many years. Rainbowers in reunion at the Pittsburgh Re-Union remember her as Danny introduced her to each and every one of his buddies.

Danny was one Rainbower who seldom missed a National Reunion and it is safe to say that he averaged more than any member of the Pittsburgh Chapter. He loved his buddies and especially those of his old regiment -- the "Fighting 69th".

Danny knew his end on earth was near and had made all arrangements to meet the inevitable. We feel that we know he is among his buddies in the beyond and no doubt making a report on Rainbow Activities briefing them up-to-date. It must be a great relief to be able to face the end here on earth as Danny did.

--Leo F. Moquin

VIRGINIA - National Secretary, R. Allen Gibbons and Jim Dent made a flying trip to Birmingham, Ala. for their Armistice Day Party, and if the entertainment and hospitality shown us is a sample of what we will get at the Reunion, Boy, O, Boy, what a Reunion we will have. One cannot afford to take a chance of missing the Alabama Reunion. Those Rainbowers are on the ball. Better be there.

After over a year of almost dormancy, the Maurice L. Tyler, Jr., Chapter, of Richmond, was reorganized at a meeting held at the Hotel John Marshall November 20.

Elected president of the chapter was M/Sgt. Harry L. Hardy, USAF, who served with the Rainbow in World War I and with other units since. He is in charge of public relations for the local Army-Air Force Recruiting Office.

Other officers elected are Jack Broughton (Hq.-232d Inf.), Richmond, first vice president; Elliott Hickman, Jr. (B-392d F. A.), Hampton, second vice president, and Morton Marks, Jr. (F, H2B, & Hq.-222d Inf.), secretary-treasurer.

A dinner-meeting was planned for January, during which the main speaker will be a veteran of the Korean campaign. It was expected, but not known at this writing, that the veteran would be from the Second Division, the unit which had taken so many former Rainbowers to Korea, and which had been commanded by General Collins. The Korean vet will show some motion pictures of the initial campaign.

"Judge" Hardy said that Rainbowers from neighboring chapters would be invited to the meeting in a more complete notice to be mailed out well in advance of the date.

--Marks

CHAPTER STANDINGS

CHAPTER	LAST YEAR'S RECORD	WW II 1949-50	1950-51 as of DEC. 15th	WW II 1950-51				
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	10	0	0	0	Missouri-Kansas (Kansas City)	174	19	1
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	75	1	50	0	Chanute	38	1	39
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	108	5	102	2	St. Louis	22	17	7
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	115	3	123	7	Topeka-Manhattan	20	4	19
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	19	0	0	0	MISSOURI-KANSAS TOTAL	254	41	66
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	8	0	7	0	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	30	6	17
ALABAMA TOTAL	335	9	282	9	Omaha	24	15	0
Los Angeles	96	9	76	0	NEBRASKA TOTAL	54	21	17
San Francisco	69	15	81	14	New Jersey (Red Bank)	104	29	125
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	9	6	0	0	Gen. C. T. Menoher (Newark)	30	3	30
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	174	30	157	14	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	134	32	155
COLORADO (Denver)	36	3	50	7	Father Duffy (N.Y.C.)	651	40	450
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	80	28	50	6	Long Island	21	1	20
Jacksonville	1	0	0	0	Westchester	20	0	14
Miami	73	6	40	6	NEW YORK TOTAL	692	41	484
St. Petersburg	0	0	15	5	Ohio State Association	13	4	12
Gen. C.P. Summerall (Orlando)	51	4	60	9	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	31	0	1
FLORIDA TOTAL	125	10	115	20	Cincinnati	43	7	37
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	37	0	34	0	Columbus	126	9	97
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	32	12	20	5	Newark	36	2	31
GEORGIA TOTAL	69	12	54	5	Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	23	2	16
Illinois (Chicago)	663	106	450	46	Wkron	7	0	2
Danville	65	4	27	1	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	20	1	22
ILLINOIS TOTAL	728	110	477	47	Paul Hume (London)	2	0	0
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	218	15	224	15	O. G. Fuller (New - Chillicothe)	16	6	9
Bloomington	79	0	67	0	OHIO TOTAL	580	47	459
Fort Wayne	26	2	0	0	Gruber (Muskegee)	10	9	0
LaFayette	37	0	16	0	Oklahoma City	75	36	28
Martinsville	35	1	36	2	Tulsa	90	27	100
South Bend	23	9	37	12	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	175	72	128
INDIANA TOTAL	418	27	380	29	OREGON (Portland)	19	8	18
Iowa State Association	0	0	98	0	Easton	110	12	62
Col. E.R. Bennett (Des Moines)	200	22	118	11	Pittsburgh	101	37	75
Cedar Rapids	30	3	14	0	Bethlehem	46	12	21
Oskaloosa	36	0	30	0	Lancaster	142	14	110
Creston	47	0	37	0	Reading	32	0	29
Lee County (Ft. Madison)	2	0	0	0	Philadelphia	39	14	29
Fort Dodge	4	0	3	1	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	470	89	326
Mason City (North Iowa)	19	3	4	1	SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	16	0	10
Mathew A. Tinley (C'nail Bluffs)	40	0	41	0	TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	4	3	1
Cedar Valley (W'loo-C'dar Falls)	40	4	29	2	TEXAS (Dallas)	184	42	145
Ottumwa	37	1	14	0	Virginia State (Roanoke)	85	8	75
Southwest Iowa (Shenandoah)	11	0	0	0	Horner A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	36	3	33
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	30	1	4	0	Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	16	7	7
Dubuqueland (Dubuque)	12	2	8	0	VIRGINIA TOTAL	137	18	115
IOWA TOTAL	508	36	400	15	Washington State (Seattle)	2	0	1
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	32	11	34	11	Fort Lewis	20	20	12
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	66	11	49	10	WASHINGTON STATE TOTAL	22	20	13
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	61	30	37	21	Wisconsin State Association	3	0	1
MICHIGAN (Detroit)	253	87	150	37	Appleton	49	2	46
Minneapolis	256	20	236	18	Gen. D. MacArthur (Milwaukee)	29	10	11
St. Paul	58	6	33	2	Fond du Lac	39	0	31
MINNESOTA TOTAL	314	26	269	20	Oshkosh	40	1	36
NOTE: WW I membership 57 behind same period last year, WW II membership 28 behind.					WISCONSIN TOTAL	160	13	125
					WYOMING (Cheyenne)	4	2	0
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR I	5	-	3
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR II	19	19	12
					GRAND TOTALS	6,128	898	4581

R. ALLEN GIBBONS, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans,
P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.

Dear Allen: I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow Division.

I served with the
(Name of Unit in 42nd Division)
and wish to join our Association. I enclose \$2. Please send me my membership card and send *The Reville* to the following address:

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