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THE MID-YEAR MEETING AT CLEVELAND WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

The National Executive Committee Meeting and Mid-Year Reunion was held at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on February 21st, at 1:30 pm, with 30 members present and President C. Edwin Johnson presiding. As many more interested Rainbowers sat in on the meeting.

Following an invocation by PNP Al Hoyt, the Secretary read greetings and messages from those unable to attend, and gave a brief report, showing a membership of 5,081 on Feb. 15th. He urged all present to assist in securing the co-operation of Chapter officers in increased membership efforts to overcome our 102 deficit in membership, compared to the same date last year.

Treasurer Stanley S. Barrow reported total receipts of \$5,088.33 thru Jan. 31st, and an excess of income over receipts of \$1,565.89.

PNP Dan Glossbrenner gave an interesting account of his participation in the ceremonies at General Gouraud's tomb at the Champagne Monument last July 20th; and deplored the fact that the U. S. Government is overlooking an opportunity to improve friendly relations with France by not being officially represented at such ceremonies. His motion

to appropriate not to exceed \$75 for a wreath at the Gouraud tomb this year was unanimously adopted.

Historian George Seaman called attention to the savings we are effecting by using a tape recorder, rather than a stenotypist, to record our meetings. He also reported he had been requested to read advance proofs of a book which Rainbower Herbert C. George (165th F. H.) is preparing for publication, about his experiences in War I. It was ruled that whereas numerous books have been written by members of and about the Division, the Association has withheld from any participation in such publishing enterprises except in the case of its own official histories. In the light of this precedent the Historian was instructed that he should not in any way participate in this enterprise.

After adjournment of the meeting, the Cleveland Chapter was host to visiting Rainbowers and their ladies at a most delightful refreshment hour, followed by a delicious banquet and an evening of typical Rainbow fellowship. Many expressions of appreciation were heard for the Chapter's fine hospitality.

--R. Allen Gibbons

Rainbow "Big Time" Events

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| April 10 | New York City. Ann'l Reunion, Entertainment. Hotel Henry Hudson. |
| April 11 - 12 | Des Moines, Iowa. State Homecoming Reunion. Hotel Savery. |
| April 25 | Dodge City, Kansas. Annual Meeting, Dinner. Lora Locke Hotel. |
| April 25 | Detroit, Michigan. Michigan State Reunion. Fort Shelby Hotel. |
| May 23 - 24 | Orlando, Florida. Florida State Reunion. Angebilt Hotel. |
| June 6 - 7 | Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Annual State Meeting, Dinner. |
| June 6 - | Tulsa, Oklahoma. Annual Reunion, Dinner-Dance. Alvin Hotel. |
| July 12 - 14 | Chicago, Illinois. NATIONAL REUNION. Sheraton Hotel. |

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON THANKS CLEVELAND FOR MID-YEAR FETE

It is my pleasure and privilege to extend the thanks and appreciation of the National Association to the Rainbow men of Cleveland for the most excellent entertainment and program they provided for the mid-year meeting of the National Executive Committee meeting February 21st.

The Hotel Hollenden presented an ideal setting for a Rainbow gathering. The local General Chairman Sam Neiburg, had an organization that proved to be a very efficient, well-oiled machine of the 1953 model. From the cocktail party for the earlier arrivals to the farewell room-hopping, every item proceeded on schedule. PNP Al Hoyt handled the billeting and thru his intercession choice rooms were allotted to the Rainbow folks. Chapter President John Bahl and Secretary Bill Johnson were everywhere present and ever thoughtful of the comfort and pleasure of their guests. Leland Whitney, National Judge Advocate, was an M. C. of unusual ability, and succeeded-

ed in getting the voices of every officer and every Past President recorded for "posterity" on the recording tape.

Summarizing, Cleveland did itself proud, and their excellent meeting will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present at an outstanding Rainbow meeting.

--C. Edwin Johnson



OFF THE HOOK

by "Hook" Young

Chairman,

Membership Chairman

Well, my fine-feathered friends, the Equinox is almost upon us and here come the Ides of March - but brother in this year of our Lord, 1953, you better be darn sure you list all your income on that return. After that is all taken care of, think of the poor Dues Collector and dig up 3 bucks or whatever your dues happen to be.

Last report I had from Allen Gibbons gave the standings as of 1/15/53. Allen, being a kindhearted guy and not wanting to hurt your feelings says we are just 201 behind the same date last year. That ain't the way I figger it, bub - we had a total membership last year of 5927, and right now we are practically 1200 BEHIND that figure. Can you give me one good reason why 1200 of you jerks should wait until the last three months of the year to pay dues that should have been paid last July? And another thing; 5 will get you 10 that 90% of this 1200 are dumb clucks that pay their dues year after year - but that somewhere along the line they conceived the brilliant idea that it would be a big help to their Chapters to hold out until the END of the year. And these are the birds that show up at a meeting now and then, full of bologna and suggestions - and fade away when the Secretary announces that he will accept dues.

Looking over the records Allen sent me I can find only a few States that have really done a job this year. New Jersey and Detroit, Michigan, each within 3 of last year; Oklahoma within 6; Wisconsin and the District of Columbia within 5; Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana and Oregon within 7. The rest of 'em so far behind their records stink. Indiana, my own State, just about as lousy as it could be with 64 behind last year. Yes sir! They get behind you here in Indiana - so damn far behind you can't even find 'em!

Looking 'em over I can't see that Illinois, New York, Ohio, Alabama, Iowa or Minnesota have so dam much to be proud of. Look at 'em, the States that furnished all the doughboy and artillery regiments - and now they turn in lousy membership records! Oh well, hasta la vista & adios mio amigos! --Hook

LEAVES FROM A NOTEBOOK WITH SOME PAGES MISSING

The Barfly nodded sympathetically to Baxter. "Sure," he said. "The guy's nuts. The stem is the best part of the glass."

"Dear Editor Rodier:

Here is my roundup story on the Cleveland meeting. Sorry to be late, and very sorry to say that I had lost some of my notes. Just one of those things."

(Signed) (Name on request)

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Ruby Garrett, who never misses a mid-year meeting, missed this one... he was missed by everyone but especially by Doc Beryl Canaday... late of the 117th Field Signal Bn... who had come up to Bagdad on Lake Erie from the Empire State to have his first reunion with the Old Man (military sense only, Ruby) since 1919... Doc liked what he saw at Cleveland... is coming back for more of it...

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The Sooners were well represented, with Bill and Ruth Butts maintaining their unbroken attendance records by trekking from Tulsa; while from Oklahoma City came Larry Wood and, dad blame it, young Billie Gee... Bill Rheney, from Homestead, Florida, may have come farther... you look it up...

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Aux President Micky (& Red Cap) Brenner observing that there were enough Aux PNPs present to make a quorum... let's see, there were Rose Barrow, Bernice Harper, Irene Colston, Ruth Butts, Kitty Riekert, Lilymae Weitzel, and... and... gosh, they'll hate me for this... can't remember the others!...

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Walker and Irene Colston, Stan and Rose Barrow dropped in on Wealthy Hoyt, who was quartered in the Hollenden but unable to party because of a touch of the Virus --- When the gals got back to Washington they both "came down" with a mild attack... If they picked it up from Wealthy they couldn't have got it from a nice gal.

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Edith and Hook (the poor man's Westbrook Pegler) Young, down from Indianapolis in spite of Hook feeling like the Wrath of God... the way this Rainbower carries on in spite of his arthritis... he has more guts than abuse for non-dues-payers...

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Barre Blumenthal, who lingered for some time in and out of a group of Barber Shop Chordettes up in someone's room... we never DID find out whose room... is reported to have disclosed that VERY SPECIAL arrangements have been made for the entertainment of Barber Shop Quartettes during the Chicago National Reunion... We wonder if... But NO!!!!...

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Historian George (Tape-worm) Seaman assisted the Emcee by explaining to each

speaker, "Cut it short, the tape is running out; we just want your voice for Posterity"... Posterity is going to get sick and tired of hearing that it is a great pleasure and honor to be here tonight...

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President Ed Johnson publicly apologizing to Syd Anderson that he would have to wait until the smorgasborghad caught up with a few more Swedes before he could break into the Club... How about a little arsenic on the sill, Ed?...

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Sam and Ann Neiburg entertained an apartmentful of slightly run-down Rainbowers on Sunday afternoon... and wound them up again... a lovely apartment... lovely party... lovely time... Bill Rheney and Marx (Louis XIV), Rosenthaler trying manfully to keep Sam from living on fancy sandwiches for the next three days...

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PNP Al Hoyt complaining that the Cleveland Chapter from time to time took away his Chaplain's insignia and put him on a garbage detail... and Prex John Bahl indignantly denying it... What's wrong with Al for a garbage detail, John?...

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BIG RIDDLE DEPARTMENT. What hard-working Rainbower exhorted his Frau on the way to Cleveland, "Remember, honey, no yakettyakking and no scotch-and-sodaing here"... And who was pulled from out under the bed the morning after the night before, murmuring "... remember, no yakettyakking..."

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Old MacDonald and his lovely wife came on from Baltimore. (You know he traded his Farm for a Grave Marker Factory.) On a trip combining business with pleasure... The business may have been... trailing Jack Clarke... Jack looked like the Prospect of the Year... Gould and Grace Rollins also came on... two very swell kids... all except Gould...

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Editor Rodier was in evidence at all the parties and in so-so form in spite of his being a twototaler... this means that after a total of two drinks he explains that he wants a girl just like the girl that married his dear old Dad...

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PNP Eddie Riekert collected a sum (later estimated by the Cleveland Better Business Bureau to be in excess of \$15.00) for the purpose of purchasing a memorial wreath for PNP Eddie Riekert... The object of the fund was disclosed AFTER the donors had kicked in their half dollars.

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Dan Glossbrenner urging Ruth Butts to run for Reveille Editor on a platform of bigger type and more gossip... So you want gossip, Dan?...

--Fading Fast

JOIN THE RAINBOW AND SEE THE NICEST PARTS OF THE WORLD

To countless Rainbowers, the RDV is much more than just an organization to which they belong; it is an important segment of their way of life. Part of that way is their habit of journeying each July to the scene of the Reunion. As this is by custom held in a different section of the country each year, to this custom many Rainbowers owe an extensive knowledge of the geography of America. Our Reunions are not merely delightful and refreshing experiences; they are also occasions to broaden and enlighten our understanding.

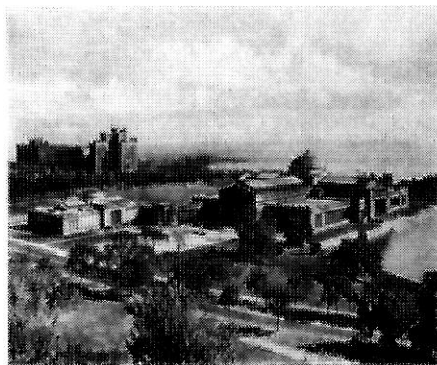
Let us cite the Annual Reunion to be held in July as an example. The Chapter has assumed its role as host with characteristic enthusiasm. It expects this Reunion to top all records with the size of its attendance and the quality of its program.

"But beside a truly great Reunion," said Chairman Syd Anderson, last week in Cleveland, "we offer the City itself as a great attraction, and Chicago will not disappoint those who attend the Reunion." President Ed Johnson pursued the point. "Chicago is sometimes naive," he said, "often surprising and always colossal. It grew from a hamlet to the country's second largest city in a sensational sixty years. It has the world's largest hotel, as much railroad track as all of New York State, and it produces nearly half of the nation's candy and radar equipment. Its principal amusement park is larger than Coney Island.

"The city has never received its proper due. Visitors to London, Paris and New York expect, and therefore get a thrill. When people announce, 'I'm going to New Orleans,' or even 'I'm off to San Francisco,' they say it with a lilt as an exciting adventure. Yet, there is more to do in Chicago after 4 a.m. than there is in Paris.

"The man who made Chicago a gathering place for celebrities was the late Ernest Byfield, who gave the town its famed refreshment stands, the Buttery, and the Pump Room, and whose father opened the first night club in America in 1902, the College Inn.

"Aside from Byfield's celebrities, some of whom don't know a truffle from a painful case of smorgasborg, Chicago doesn't attract many gourmets. But some of its beaneries could readily become widely celebrated. No better Italian food can be found than at El Blanco. The Black Forest has excellent German food and Little Bohemia is a haven for those who know native dishes. Nowhere outside of Hawaii is exotic Oriental food better than at Shangri La.



MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

"But Chicago offers more than food for the gourmet," continued President Ed Johnson. "It feeds the spirit, the mind. Let us consider an exhibit for which Chicago is famous, the fabulous Museum of Science and Industry, which resembles an ordinary museum about as much as South Pacific resembles Goldsmith's 'She Stoops to Conquer.'

"This exciting institution contains a coal mine where you see real coal being mined by real miners. There is an exact copy of a small town Main Street of 1910, gas lighted and with a nickelodeon where for five cents you may be entertained with the flicker pictures of the period, such as 'The Great Train Robbery.' There is an exhibit of old time autos, fire engines and railroad engines. And a mammoth miniature railway.

"Most of the exhibits are designed to be operated by the visitor. Push a button, and a cutaway model of a new jet engine - the kind we're flying in Korea - commences operation. Kids, young and old, climb up into the cab of a modern railway locomotive and see and feel the controls they have long yearned to handle.

"Yes," President Ed concluded, "Chicago is quite a town. And there'll never be a better time to visit it than next July 12th, 13th and 14th!"

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ARIZONA - ATTENTION RAINBOW IN ARIZONA!!!!

Why not a Rainbow Chapter in Arizona? We are sure that there are enough good Rainbowners in this State to make up a Chapter -- so what are we waiting for? Let's get together; if you live in Arizona, drop a line to the writer, and also keep alert for other Rainbowners living here who might not be getting the REVEILLE and get THEM to contact us. Contact:

Frederick W. Goldsmith,
1038 North 24th Place,
Phoenix, Arizona

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ALABAMA - It is rumored that in this present-day Army all bugle calls have been eliminated. Say, Buddy, can you imagine an Army without bugle calls? Of all the calls that sounded off in the days of 1918-19 from the lips of the Rainbow Division buglers, about the only notes that the "old soldier" can remember are those that comprise "Pay Call" and "Mess Call." No doubt the notes of the last mentioned call made the most indelible impression on the minds of the lads that made the "40 & 8s" famous, for nowadays - some thirty odd years since they listened to the sweet refrain of this call - all you have to do is just toot it somewhere in the States, and the "mess hounds" come in from every neck of the woods.

That is what the buddies comprising the Julian Strassburger Chapter of Montgomery did on their Anniversary Party and Banquet on February 21st at the Hotel Whitley. Hats off to Joe Dickerson, Sol Monsky, Myles Simpson, Clayton Gardner and the many, many others of Alabama's largest Chapter for the very swell party staged on this occasion for the Rainbow Veterans of Alabama. Everything was tops. Of course the highlight of the whole affair was the trip to the "Dickerson's Unfinished Ranch" after the Banquet.

To those of Rainbow who have never attended one of these affairs words are inadequate to describe these parties and there is no need to try -- just attend one sometime. Again thanks to the grand bunch in Montgomery for an evening of entertainment and comradeship that will linger in our memories for many years to come. --"Rags"

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CALIFORNIA - The only word from the West Coast for this issue is the unhappy word that Rainbow's Grand Old Man, Bill Williamson, has finally passed to his reward. Bill died at 9:20, Saturday evening, February 21st, after a long and valiant struggle with the Grim Reaper. The hearts of Rainbowners everywhere go out to Karen in her great loss. Bill's most impressive memorial will always be the undying love he kindled in the hearts of his countless friends by his magnificent spirit and courage. Karen's address is 4911 Floristan Avenue, Los Angeles 41, California.

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FLORIDA - All of us in the Sunshine State mourn the passing of two of the Old Timers, Jack Lichter and Bill Hemme - both real friends and wonderful Rainbowners. They can't be replaced.

Noted in Red McKee's report on Miami meeting that two of the Father Duffy Chapter's members were in Florida recently. Noticed Editor's Note in Norman McClelland's piece in Kubik's Korner. To this let us add that if in the rest of the country the younger guys are doing as well in having families as they are in Florida - they'll have to build more and bigger schools pronto.

Florida State Association Reunion will be held at the Angebilt Hotel in Orlando, Saturday and Sunday, May 23 - 24, with Annual Breakfast Sunday Morning. This meeting is wide open to all Rainbowners even if they are not members of any Chapter in the State.

Daily, Rainbowners are moving into Florida. If they do not notify Allen Gibbons we do not get their address. Any of you brand new Floridians who are not getting Florida state bulletins, please get your name and address to me at 1604 Auburn Avenue, Orlando, Fla. Will appreciate it greatly. As ever, God be with you always.

--Jim Rolfe, State Secy-Treas.

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IOWA - Yes, looking forward to April 11 - 12, as a real highlight in Iowa Rainbow. Those are the dates for the Annual Reunion of the Iowa State Association at the Hotel Savary in Des Moines. We have been extending our roster of W I officers of the 168th and have added many old names to our new list. From the looks of things a good number of our former 168th Infantry officers are going to make plans to attend our Reunion for the first time. We certainly are looking forward to seeing them. Special notices will go out to all of them.

More and more Rainbowners are appreciating the "give 'em hell" type of caustic humor-with-a-purpose being put out by our beloved long-time comrade Hook Young. It is almost too much to expect all those old mossbacks, however, to pay much attention after those many years. But we understand that Hook usually hooks another one for the time being - so we just hope he keeps right on getting 'em on the Hook.

Iowa is also looking forward to the July Reunion in Chicago. We believe we will have the largest delegation on hand outside Illinois. Having attended other Rainbow shindigs in Illinois, I know how worthwhile it will be for everyone to be in on this one! We'll see you there!

--Homer

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MO-KAN CHAPTER - Old Soldiers may "fade away," but Kansas Chapter showed no signs of fading at their annual Washington's Birthday Reunion in Kansas City, February 21st. The veterans of the 117th Ammunition Train and the 117th Signal Battalion were as spry as ever as they sat at mess in the Fairfax Airport cafe. Reinforced by several World War II Rainbowners, several from the 149th, 166th and 168th, the 60 oldtimers recalled the Rainbow's entrance at the front 35 years ago.

Colonel Ruby D. Garrett gave a sparkling account of Rainbow's glorious achievements. Leonard Hill and his Oklahoma delegation were our welcome guests. The Dodge City-Pratt (Kansas) Chapter extended an invitation to all Rainbowners to attend its Reunion at Dodge

City on April 25th.

Victor H. White was elected President in recognition of his faithful service to Rainbow and in appreciation of his skillful manipulation as the Chapter's bartender prior to the banquet. Paul Mueller, who will soon move from Milwaukee to Kansas, and Lewis Campbell were elected vice presidents. Ray Ramsey, the perennial treasurer, was re-elected. Clyde Bowers, Knowlton Carson and Louis Bradbury were appointed as hospital chairmen, with instructions to keep tab on comrades on the sick report. Glen Denham is the Chapter Chaplain.

--Carl Lambert

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NEW JERSEY - A dinner meeting was held at Max's Restaurant in Jersey City on January 13th. As our guests we had our wives, and Maj. Angus J. Walker, who recently returned from Tokyo and the Korean war zone. Major Walker had formerly been a personal photographer for General MacArthur. The writer has been corresponding with Major Walker for some years, and he recently was kind enough to send a set of pictures of our great General. There were fifteen at the dinner and a grand Rainbow evening was enjoyed by all.

--Harry Young, President

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NEW YORK - Uncle Mittie Mason estimates that there are 1500, Rainbowers of WW I in and around New York City that we keep in touch with, and there are perhaps an equal number that have lost contact. There are also a large number of WW II men of the "Arc du Ciel" (Rainbow to you!) that we have no way of reaching. What a pity we can't have one whale of a big Round-up and get them all together again for a big time. It is easy to lose contact -- and 35 years had a lot to do with it.

When you read your Reveille or your Chapter paper and have gleaned everything out of it - why not mail it or hand it to some Rainbower you know who does not come around to our gatherings any more; they will surely be interested.

At one of the recent Reunions of a company group of the 165th, one man attended who had not been seen for over 30 years. He said he would never miss another one.

New York's big Reunion will be coming up on April 10th, at the Hotel Hudson, in New York. We hope that any out-of-towners who are in the City on that date will join us.

St. Patrick's Day will see a brave turnout from our Chapter; some of the oldtimers will be hoping that the wind will be with them. But with them or not, they will finish the march and have a real get-together afterwards.

Any New York Rainbower who now belongs to another Chapter in some other part of the country and who would like to get a copy of the Rainbow Barrage can be supplied by sending a postcard to the Editor -- 54 Beekman Street, New York 38, New York.

--Dunc Campbell

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OKLAHOMA - The Tulsa Chapter held its annual Dinner-Dance at the Alvin Hotel December 13th, with 65 Rainbowers present including the ladies. Elmer Hoxie (242d Anti-tank)

gave a very interesting talk on his experiences in Japan and Korea. Bill Murchison did his usual fine job as Emcee.

February 14th, Vice President Tommie Atkins was host to the group at his home. The Annual February Dinner was at Ware's Cafeteria. With President Whayman running the show it just had to be a success. Plans are under way for a picnic at Walker Milam's place on Grand Lake, just north of Langeley. This is a beautiful spot and gives those members living in that area a chance to attend. The date has been set for Sunday, May 17th so make your plans now to be there.

We report with sorrow the death of Ott Wiley, a Past President of the Chapter and always a loyal Rainbower thru all the years. We were sorry to learn of the deaths of the mothers of George and Hazel Brooks.

Reservations have been made with the Veterans Club and the Alvin Hotel for the Annual Reunion on Saturday, June 6th. National President C. Edwin Johnson has promised to be here for this event. More details in the May REVEILLE.

--Leonard Hill

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PENNSYLVANIA - The Pittsburgh Chapter feels mighty proud to have had the pleasure of entertaining the first lady of the National Auxiliary at a very nice banquet February 7th, at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh. Our own Pennsy Mickie Brenner and her grand little REDCAP John, who is Mr. Rainbow in the State of Pennsylvania, did us the honors. This affair was engineered by our Auxiliary, with Hazel Rechenwald, President, and her Committee taking over in a grand manner.

The Flu Germ has hit some of the members but the attendance was exceptionally good despite this. We missed Dorothy Winslow, but George was present and accounted for. We trust that you are on the mend, Dorothy, and will be with us at the next meeting. Several new faces made their appearance at this party. Kenny Pyle, who just returned to the States after a few years with the Pennsy National Guard in Germany and is a WW II veteran, made an informative and most interesting talk on his travels in France, Germany and other countries. The attendance was evenly divided between the WW I and WW II Rainbowers and their wives. And this is a healthy condition, to be sure. The Chapter has been headed by WW II men during the past few years.

The John D. Brenner Chapter at Lancaster will hold their Annual Banquet Saturday evening, June 6th, and the State Meeting will be held the following day. Lancaster Rainbowers have been holding grand parties for the State Meetings.

Pennsy is moving right along, and we will hold up to last year, at least, by all reports. Here we still say that our members are the best guys who ever shouldered a rifle; and the only trouble is that some of our lads are apparently a trifle careless about paying their dues. This happens in the best of regulated Chapters. Our meetings are always nice and chummy and those of us who are consistent in attending feel mighty privileged. Wouldn't it be nice for all of us to get together at the State Meeting next June in Lancaster?

--Leo Francaise Moquin

KUBIK'S KORNER

Bob Kubik, 528 N. Morgan, Rushville, Ind.

This is just a line open to all you WW II Rainbrowsers: You will never know the true meaning of living if you fail to come home from work and find a mail trayfull of letters from Buddies you knew back when the going was tough. Have lots of addresses of men of all three Regiments. If you wonder about your old buddy, the chances are he is wondering about YOU. Write me and tell me about you and yours. I'll be only too happy to send you the addresses I have. So... it's up to you... Here's some of the mail:

"Enjoyed reading about the boys of the Triple Deuce because I knew most of them when I served with the 122d Medic Bn, Co. "A." Would like to hear from the boys. --John Soltys, 1548 Summit Ave., Hillside, New Jersey. (Pres., N.J. Chapter)

"Att. Sgt. Broadley: Do you still remember when you were thankful and happy that you were older and slower than some of us "youngsters?" The time some German planes began to strafe "G" Co. as we crossed a field, pock-marked with evacuated German foxholes, and you and I ran for the nearest one -- and how I got there first and jumped in withold Broadley on top of me -- only to find that it wasn't a foxhole at all but a well-used open air latrine? Those were the good (?) old days -- but I lost all of my "close" friends & had to walk a wide 'flank security' but alone... alone... until my "decoration" for speed had run its course. --Donald P. Zedler, Attorney-at-Law, 223 No. Water St., Milwaukee 2."

"First signed up when our Co. was in Badgastein, Austria, in the winter of '45-'46. Our Company signed up almost 100% at that time. Gene Delagorgendiere was the fellow that worked to sign up the whole outfit. Never been in contact with him since he was discharged, so don't know if he is still active or not. His address then was 252 Pilgrim Avenue, Worcester, Mass. --Donald L. Fedrick, Roue #3, Freeport, Ohio."

News of the 242d from Al Kirby, our West Coast Reporter for WW II:

Art Dettweiler (Serv) is now a big wheel in the wholesale florist business in L.A.; recently returned from a tour of duty as a Captain of - you guessed it - Infantry, with the 38th Regt. in Korea. Married, has two kids.

James Floyd (H1B) has settled down in Richmond, Kentucky, where he operates the Floyd Distributing Co., purveyors of all sorts of liquids (Miller's High Life, etc.) Married, taking life easy in that old Kentucky way.

Ed Kelley (H1B) now Purchasing Agent for the State of New Hampshire. Says he's not the real top man yet, but is trying hard. Has bought a summer cabin up in the New Hampshire wilds, but he spends most of his time at home in Concord.

Jack Powers (M1B) active in YMCA work since leaving school. Presently at the Southwest YMCA of Los Angeles as Program Director.

Robert Bradley (Serv) who was the A-1 "truck pilot" of Service, 242d, has stuck to his MOS and is currently piloting a huge steel truck out of Fulton, Ohio.

Phil "Smiley" Egeth (H1B) is taking a course in Hospital Administration and currently working as Purchasing Agent for a hospital in his hometown, Newark, New Jersey. Married on May 31, 1953.

Peter Opoka (H1B) also heard wedding bells last summer, then took a trip to New York for a honeymoon. Rumor has it that there's a new, third member in the Opoka family now.

Bob Hine (Serv), the one-time Dispatcher for 242d's Service Co., is now dispatching his own vehicles as part-owner of Cannonball Trailways, out of Durango, Col. He threatens violence if an ex-Rainbrower smashes into one of his snappy busses along the Colorado roads.

Donald Timm (H1B), the demon telephone & gadget man for Red-242, is now a happily married character out of North Syracuse, New York.

Carroll Kirby (Serv) wasn't content to leave the uniform behind him, so joined forces with the Los Angeles Police Department, where he is assigned to the Planning & Research Department - sort of a G-3 unit. Is also attending the University of California, from which he'll graduate in Public Administration in June.

"Just a few lines from a WW IIer of H3B, 232d, to tell you I certainly look forward to the news of men of the Rainbow. Let's hope the years to come will enable us to carry on the fine work that has made the Rainbow Division Veterans a great outfit. --Bill Walz, 6951 Gloria Dr., Cincinnati."

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For a number of years we were unable to obtain Rainbow Grave Markers. Now, thru the efforts of the Maryland Chapter, these bronze markers are again available.

The price of these markers is \$12.00 each, which includes an anchor pin. They will be shipped express charges collect.

When ordering please give the name, rank, serial number and Rainbow outfit. Before ordering it is best that this information be copied from the deceased's discharge, to make absolutely certain that the data is correct.

All orders are to be accompanied with money order or check and are to be sent to the National Secretary:

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CHAPTER	LAST YEAR'S RECORD	LAST YEAR (WW II ONLY)	THIS YEAR AS OF Feb 15, 1953	WW II AS OF SAME DATE					
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	0	0	11	1	Mo-Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	119	13	77	7
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	76	2	50	0	St. Louis	7	5	0	0
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	113	6	76	0	MISSOURI TOTAL	126	18	77	7
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	128	6	105	5	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	39	6	18	3
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	23	0	5	0	Omaha	30	20	0	0
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	17	2	13	1	NEBRASKA TOTAL	69	26	18	3
ALABAMA TOTAL	357	16	260	7	New Jersey (Red Bank)	125	40	125	23
Los Angeles	131	8	52	0	Gen. Chas. T. Menoher (Newark)	14	1	13	2
San Francisco	67	8	50	0	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	139	41	138	25
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	198	16	103	0	Father Duffy Chapter (N. Y. City)	575	19	500	16
COLORADO (Denver)	54	6	50	7	Long Island	26	2	20	0
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	70	21	65	18	Westchester	16	0	15	0
Miami	67	11	50	6	NEW YORK TOTAL	617	21	535	16
St. Petersburg	19	0	19	0	Ohio State Association	9	2	9	2
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall (Orlando)	75	12	65	13	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	23	0	26	0
FLORIDA TOTAL	161	23	134	19	Cincinnati	42	9	39	7
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	33	0	11	0	Columbus	156	4	117	3
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	30	11	16	4	Newark	35	2	31	2
GEORGIA TOTAL	63	11	27	4	Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	22	0	22	1
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	600	63	600	55	Akron	5	0	3	0
Danville	46	1	51	1	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	19	0	6	0
ILLINOIS TOTAL	646	64	651	56	Toledo	22	9	14	5
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	230	17	222	16	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	18	1	24	0
Bloomington	87	0	60	0	Lancaster	52	2	43	2
Fort Wayne	18	3	0	0	Cleveland	31	8	36	9
Lafayette	40	0	43	2	Springfield	15	0	13	0
Martinsville	37	2	38	11	Vets Co. G 166th Inf. (Greenfield)	126	5	137	15
South Bend	27	9	24	10	Pickaway (Circleville)	--	--	10	1
INDIANA TOTAL	439	31	389	29	Orville G. Fuller Chillicothe	12	0	11	1
Iowa State Association	106	0	51	0	132d Signal Co. Chaptr (Youngstown)	84	81	56	53
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	200	18	145	9	OHIO TOTAL	671	123	597	100
Cedar Rapids	32	3	37	4	Oklahoma City	52	16	42	10
Oskaloosa	36	0	33	0	Tulsa	117	50	126	53
Creston	56	1	41	1	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	169	66	168	63
Fort Dodge	5	0	1	0	OREGON (Portland)	16	4	9	1
North Iowa (Mason City)	20	2	11	2	Easton	65	3	35	2
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	40	0	19	0	Pittsburgh	78	20	84	21
Cedar Valley (Waterloo-Cedar Falls)	40	5	24	3	Bethlehem	27	3	21	1
Ottumwa	53	1	56	1	John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	116	14	105	12
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	23	1	21	0	Reading	41	2	26	0
Dubuque (Dubuque)	16	3	14	3	Philadelphia	34	14	32	10
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak) (New)	--	--	22	0	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	361	56	303	46
IOWA TOTAL	521	34	475	23	South Carolina (Columbia)	15	1	13	1
Chanute	43	1	50	1	Fort Jackson	26	24	0	0
Dodge City - Pratt	31	0	38	0	SOUTH CAROLINA TOTAL	41	25	13	1
Topeka - Manhattan	21	5	0	0	TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	17	7	2	1
KANSAS TOTAL	95	6	88	1	TEXAS (Dallas)	197	37	160	29
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	33	11	26	7	Virginia State (Roanoke)	92	8	82	7
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	68	11	65	9	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	27	2	30	3
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	56	31	57	34	Maurice Tyler Jr. (Richmond)	23	7	2	1
MICHIGAN (Detroit)	169	43	166	43	VIRGINIA TOTAL	142	17	114	11
MINNEAPOLIS	200	13	203	9	WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	4	1	1	0
St. Paul	58	6	19	2	Wisconsin State Association	1	0	1	0
MINNESOTA TOTAL	258	19	222	11	Appleton	54	2	55	4
					Gen. Douglas MacArthur Milwaukee	31	10	23	7
					Fund du Lac	26	0	37	0
					Oshkosh	40	0	40	0
					WISCONSIN TOTAL	152	12	156	11
					WYOMING (Cheyenne)	5	3	2	1
					NATIONAL CHAPTER WW I	3	--	1	0
					NATIONAL CHAPTER WW II	10	10	9	9
					GRAND TOTALS	5,927	810	5,081	592

102 behind same date last year;

WW I 2 memberships behind,

WW II 100 behind.

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