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OUR THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

In the city of Neuenahr, Germany, on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen, delegates from the various units of the Rainbow (42nd) Division in convention assembled, organized our Association.

Little did we dream, thirty-five years ago, that our resolve to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which had been the greatest single factor in the success of the Division, and to keep alive the memory of our departed comrades, would become such a live and vibrant thing.

Instead of slowly petering out and fading away, as a good many such organizations have done, ours has continued to grow; and the spirit of comradeship remains truly wonderful. The esprit de corps formed in combat has continued to burn in the hearts of Rainbowers. As we grow older this spirit mellows into a feeling of happy comradeship with our buddies --- of whom we are justly proud.

Untiringly, our workers strive to have all Rainbowers enjoy this fellowship by becoming members and enjoying the meetings and Reunions. Their reward is the satisfaction of a job well done, and the happiness they have afforded their comrades.

With the exception of a few laggard Chapters, we are doing remarkably well in membership, considering we lose over 250 of our Comrades each year. I believe you all share with me the pride of being a member of an Association that can boast of a record such as ours.

--George E. Seaman, President

RAINBOW BIG-TIME EVENTS

- April 24 - PRATT, KANSAS; Dodge City - Pratt Annual Reunion; Roberts Hotel.
- May 8-9 - LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA; Pennsylvania State Reunion and Banquet; Hotel Brunswick.
- May 16 - SANFORD, FLORIDA; Annual Reunion, State Ass'n; at the home of Al Rector, Box 254, Route 2.
- June 5 - TULSA, OKLAHOMA; Annual Reunion; Luncheon, Veterans Club; Dinner-Dance, Alvin Hotel.

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MAKE THIS A "BUDDY" REUNION

If there is some very special war-time buddy that you'd give an arm to see again, why don't you sit right down now and write to him urging that he meet you at the Boston Reunion. And if, as was generally the case, there was a little group that stuck pretty closely together, why not write to all of them and urge a real get-together in Boston? Ask them to "work" on each other to put this project over, and the first thing you know the idea will get red-hot and you'll have the old gang together sure enough. Try it, anyway. What can you lose?



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The "Big Search" Continues
By "Mel" Horne
National Membership Chairman

GREETINGS to the Ladies of Rainbow:

I am assuming that most of our Rainbow Ladies read the Reveille, and I am sure that the men of Rainbow owe the ladies a debt of gratitude for their help and assistance in keeping the traditions of Rainbow alive. I am also thinking and wondering how much most of us appreciate the honor the ladies shower upon us. Just what would happen to our Rainbow Association if we did not have the ladies to depend on. While attending the Executive Committee Meeting and Tri-State Reunion at Roanoke, Va., I had the pleasure of talking to several of the Rainbow Ladies and listening to several compliments paid us by these same Rainbow Ladies. They are really a helping hand, and I am asking you to join me in a great big salute to them, THE LADIES OF THE RAINBOW. Yes, and I am also sure they are a great help to us in securing new and renewal members for our Association as well as their own. May we always respect our Rainbow Ladies and give them the credit which they so richly deserve.

And now my greetings to the men of Rainbow, especially the "deadheads" who depend on their hard working Buddies to "Carry the Pack." Why, oh why can't we get more members? You men who were fortunate enough to serve in the Rainbow Division in either War I or War II owe it to your buddies who gave their lives to keep these Buddies' memories alive. This is the foundation of Rainbow. You can do all these things with so little effort. The financial effort is nothing; one of these days you are going to find that the old Rainbow "wheel horses" are going to let you down and insist that you help carry on the traditions of Rainbow. As a matter of fact the day has arrived now when we are insisting that you do your part. May we depend on you? I shall be delighted to have your reaction in the form of a letter or a postcard!

To the Chapters who are showing their Rainbow Colors with increased membership, I certainly extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations. Keep up the good work! To the Chapters who are NOT showing their colors with increased membership, activity and interest I say, "LET'S GET GOING, before it's too late! I am sure your efforts will be appreciated by all active members of Rainbow. I'm asking every active member to pledge at least one new or renewal member before April ends. BEAT THE BUSHES—and you will find these members. When you complete this project I will thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!
--"Mel"



"Mel" Horne

BOSTON REUNION NOTES

The Boston Reunion Committee pictured here consists of President George E. Seaman; Reunion Chairman Harry Marshard, (formerly an aide on Gen. Collins' Staff); Reunion Treasurer William H. Rodgers, (117th Engineers); and Auxiliary Reunion Chairman Edith Laats, (wife of Ed Laats, President of the Boston Chapter.



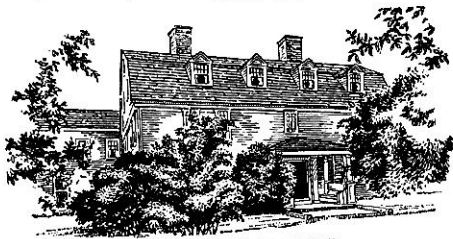
The Boston Chapter was organized on February 22, 1944, and chartered on July 14, 1944.

Most of the members live outside of Boston at distances varying from 5 to 100 miles. This tends to make it difficult to have a large attendance at meetings. However, for the past two months there has been an excellent attendance.

The ladies have formed an Auxiliary to work with the Chapter and everyone seems enthused about the forthcoming Reunion. Suggestions of every sort are being made for the entertainment of visiting Rainbowers. By the time July arrives we will have a program arranged that should appeal to all.

In the next issue of the REVEILLE we will print a reservation form listing the prices of rooms at the Statler Hotel for the Reunion. The Registration fee for the Reunion will be ten dollars, per person. If you have never had the good fortune of visiting Boston this will be a fine opportunity to enjoy seeing New England's historic shrines, in the company of your good Rainbow friends.

--George E. Seaman, President



WAYSIDE INN

We wish every Rainbower could have a copy of a little booklet entitled "Fascinating Trips to Historic Spots in and about BOSTON," which was sent to us for use in preparing Reunion material. We honestly think you couldn't read this without getting the big urge to come to Boston next July. It describes so many places in the vicinity of Boston that you are just obviously going to want to visit.

A FAIR WARNING

Old Boston is a lovely town, With parks and rivers all around; Where everywhere one goes one finds, Exciting old historic shrines; As famous Breed's (or Bunker) Hill-- Remember? "Are ye free men still!" Here was our Nation,



GLOUCESTER

(Come to think of it, I guess you can get hold of this booklet; it is put out by the American Oil Company, Park Square Building, Boston, and in the back they say they'll send a copy if you write in!) But we feel just plain sorry for any Rainbower who can't make Boston come July. It looks like it's going to be one of the best Reunions yet, "Inside and Out," if you know what we mean!

refuge of the free, Of Heroes' strain, "Conceived in Liberty." Here are the landmarks, aye, on every side, Proclaiming still, "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride." But here in Boston, we must tell you--all, They still do not serve Bread with One Fishball.

ALABAMA Rainbowers from every section of Alabama as well as several of our neighboring states gathered in Montgomery on the night of February 27th for the Annual Affair of the Julian M. Strassburger Chapter held at the Hotel Whitley. Thanks to Joe Dickerson and his most capable committeemen this party, as usual, was "tops" in entertainment and good food. All the would-be orators had a chance to sound off at the Banquet, but the highlight was the address of Judge Simpson, of the Alabama Supreme Court.

As has been the custom for many years after the festivities were concluded at the Whitley, all of the Rainbowers and their wives formed a convoy, and proceeded to the "Unfurnished Ranch" of the Dickerson's. There they were fortified by more eats and the usual liquid refreshments and the history of both War I and War II was rehearsed and rewritten. How in the world the Dickerson's can hold these much talked-about parties annually and still stay in the good graces of their neighbors is something for Dr. Einstein to figure out. Needless to say, our Rainbow Association could certainly stand a few more couples as loyal as Joe and Elizabeth Dickerson.



THE UNFURNISHED RANCH

In looking over the Chapter Standings in the current REVEILLE, it is noted with dismay that the Wm. M. Peters Chapter of Tuscaloosa, is our only Alabama Chapter that has not sent in any dues for this year. A word to Mike O'Hara, Arden Allen, et al: you guys get the "leaditis" out of your systems, put the pressure on the comrades and let's make old Alabam 100% in the paid-up department. Let's not wait 'til July to send in these dues!

--"Rags"

ARIZONA The February meeting was held at the home of William M. Harris, and an exceptionally good "bull session" was enjoyed.

Any of his buddies who wonder whatever became of Harold S. Everill, (Svc Bat-402 F A), are advised that he lives at 2002 N. Oxford Street, Phoenix, and is now the 25th member of Arizona Chapter No. 1.

We were glad to have an out of town visitor who is here enjoying our winter sunshine, Don Campbell, (C-151 MGBn), of Jackson, Michigan.

Father Duffy Chapter friends of John J. McKeogh will be glad to hear that he is now back home in Yuma, Arizona, and hopes that he won't have to return to Brentwood Hospital, where he was a patient for several years.

Sorry we couldn't have a representative at the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting. It must have been a good one.

--Don Trent

FLORIDA "Warning from the Land of Flowers"

This is to warn all the real guys working with Mel Horne to build up Rainbow membership that there is a no-good nik traveling around who is liable to call you up with, "How do you do. I understand you are connected with a Rainbow Chapter in this area, and I've just recently arrived, I'd like to join your Chapter. You get all excited that the miracle has finally happened, a guy who looks YOU up to join! You go into your sales talk, finally ask his name and it turns out to be, of all people, our Little Gypsy Sweetheart, Harold Rodier.



So what could we do but offer to Elsie and the big bum, a real Florida welcome. He was to be in Orlando for a short time only, so we arranged for them to come over to the house the next night for a cuppa coffee 'n sandwich. Then we got to the phone and called up some of the fellows who always come to the meetings --- no time to get out a card. Present were Harold and Elsie, D.C., (I-168 Inf); Mrs. Howard Paxton, Titusville; Al and Eileen Rector, Sanford, (149 F A); Wayne and Gladys Earhart, Orlovista, (168 Inf); Bill and Joyce Kay, Orlando, and Mrs. Kay's Mother, Mrs. Cox, who was visiting the Kays, (165 F H); Shelley and Lela Radney, (149 MGBn); John and Lucille Gardiner, (167 Inf); Jim and Marie Rolfe, 150 MG Bn, all of Orlando. Some of the young 'uns contacted couldn't make it on such short notice. As there were the needed "three or more" persons present, the Reunion got going "toot sweet." Harold told all about the MYEXCOMMEETING at Roanoke, and how wonderfully the Virginia hosts treated everyone. Harold told us he is now retired (poor old guy!) and that he was looking around the state for a nice spot to buy. All present tried to convince him that it was a privilege to live in Central Florida.

Reporting on the State in general, thanks to the hard work of Melvin Dixon and his staff of service officers, of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, Rainbow's Florida State Association again remembered every eligible hospitalized Rainbow veteran of both wars in the three Florida Veterans Hospitals with a five-dollar cash gift at Christmas. To those who gave to this fund, our hearty thanks!

Membership? We've flopped badly this year so far but it's still not too late

for some of you guys to pay your dues in either Miami, St. Petersburg or Gen. Summerall Chapter in Orlando.

Miami Chapter held another covered dish eating-meeting at Charlie McCord's home on Sunday, March 8th. Summerall Chapter will hold its next covered-dish eating-meeting, with election of officers, on Sunday, April 11th, at the Wayne Earhart home in Orla Vista. The State Reunion, with election of officers, will be held at the country home of Al and Eileen Rector, near Sanford. We are all working hard on this and hope we have at least 100 present. Best of everything to you all!

--Jim Rolfe

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KANSAS Another year has slipped by, and it will soon be time for the men of old Company C to get together again. The Pratt boys will be our hosts this year, and they plan to make the 1954 Reunion the best ever. The date is Saturday, April 24th, the place is Roberts Hotel, Pratt, Kansas, and indications all point to a large attendance. We'll all be under one roof this time, for lunch, dinner and hotel "bullfests." The ladies are going to be there again, and a luncheon is being arranged for them at the Rainbow Room in the K. & M. Cafe.

Each of us has had a birthday since that wonderful Reunion at Dodge City and some of us are looking backward at 60. These happy Company C parties can't go on forever, we know; so let's all of us go out to Pratt. Just visiting again with old buddies of the Ammunition Train is well worth the journey. All Rainbowners of both Wars are invited.

And by the way, that new road thru Wichita to Pratt should appeal to you men living east of the Ninescah.

Those days at Glonville, Bussy, Courpoil, Aubreyville and Altenahr are only memories now, but we can still live them over again. We'll see you at Pratt!

We are sorry to report the death of Ernest Durkes. Oscar "Biz" Obley and Carl Laughlin are convalescing from operations and we hope they can make the trip to Pratt. Leonard Hill reports that he recently visited Pat Segraves at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Cliff Robinson at Siloam Springs. They both plan to be in Pratt.

--Cal Lambert, Emporia, Kansas

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MASSACHUSETTS A highly successful meeting was held on March 14th at the Statler Hotel in Boston, together with the ladies. Faithfully, our National President George Seaman commuted from New York City, bringing with him, Jim Lennox. Mike Attas and his wife also drove up from Hartford. President Seaman installed the Officers of the Auxiliary, as a Deputy for his wife Jean, National Auxiliary President, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Much missed at recent meetings has been "Baldy" Fraser, of Providence. We expect you, "Baldy," at the next meeting.

The nominating committee appoint-

ed by your President is expected to offer their selection of candidates for office for the ensuing year, at our next meeting.

A letter has been received from William J. Sullivan (F-165th), now in the Soldiers Home in Chelsea, Mass.

Home-cooked goodies promised by the Auxiliary for our next joint meeting, scheduled for Sunday, April 25th, at 3 pm - at the Statler Hotel.

--Ed Laatz

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MICHIGAN Rainbow's "Baby" Chapter, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, is moving along at a pace that is very encouraging to all of its 22 members.

We are shooting for at least 40 by July 14th. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8 pm, in the 40 & 8 Chateau, located at 600 Douglas, N. W. Any and all Rainbowners are invited to attend our meetings. Friendship, Comradship, and Socialability prevail.

Officers are: Chett Lowe, President; Ed Ransome, Vice President; Dale Kelly, Secretary, and Joe Bender is the Keeper of the Shekels.

No doubt we will be represented in Boston at the July Reunion, because these boys have been bitten by the Rainbow Bug!

--C. C. L.

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OKLAHOMA Except by hearsay I am out of touch with Rainbow activities in my home area, due to my work keeping me out of Oklahoma for the past few months. I am told that a series of seemingly unavoidable circumstances, chiefly illness, has cut down attendance to the point where it was decided to meet only every three months. It becomes increasingly difficult to stimulate interest to the point where members send in their dues unsolicited --- note where we are five below our membership standing of last year. Perhaps a solution to this problem would be for the writer to pass along the Secretary's job, held since 1946, to someone with more spare time.

I understand General Collins is now stationed in Colorado Springs. I hope to contact him there some weekend soon. Members of the 167th Ambulance Co. will regret to learn of the passing, on March 4th, of Dr. Hector G. LaReau. I attended funeral services in Chicago. Rainbowners in command there would be wise to contact Mrs. LaReau with regard to her presenting to Rainbow, her husband's extensive and valuable collection of World War I mementoes and records.

--Lawrence G. Wood

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VIRGINIA It was indeed an honor and a pleasure for the Old Dominion to play host to the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting and the Tri-State Reunion. We assure you that every moment of your visit with us was a pleasant one, and one we shall cherish always. Our only regret is that more of Rainbow did not show up. The weather man was not too hard on us, even though we did have some rain on Saturday.

We sincerely hope you all had a

good time and will again honor us with your presence. It will be a pleasure to see any of you any time you are traveling this way. --Jim Dent

WISCONSIN Observing the 36th anniversary of the Division entering the front lines, the Fond du Lac Chapter held a dinner meeting February 20th at the home of Ted Vogt. Memorial services for 63 former members of Co. B, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, were conducted by former Captain John E. Smith. A poem inspired by the first casualty list of Co. B, in 1918, was read by Herbert Rosenow.

George H. Van Pelt, Chapter President, presided at the dinner program, and announced that the annual State Reunion will be held at the Tanner Paull Legion Post Club, in West Allis, Sunday June 6th, at 2 pm. Delegates to the Reunion will be named by President Van Pelt. With 30 members in attendance, cards and letters from absent comrades were read. Among those heard from were: Leo Moquin, Pittsburgh; Amory Miller, Monrovia, Calif.; Emmett Sullivan, Tucson, Arizona, and Lloyd Kindness, Chicago.

The group signed a "Get well" card to be sent to Arnold Washbush, now in a V. A. Hospital.

Henry Vogt addressed the group and cited the significance of the 42nd division entering the front lines in WWI. He quoted National President George E. Seaman, "The Rainbow Division exemplified the National Guard, which not unjustly had been received with little confidence by our regular military establishments since the dark days of the American Revolution," said Vogt. "How would these troops, the best of our citizen soldiers, stand up against the force of the militarily magnificent German Army? If the 42nd could hold its own against the enemy then there could be hope that the great army of American citizen soldiers could break the deadlock which had gripped Europe for nearly four years."

"The troops of the 42nd demonstrated qualities which astounded our Allies and staggered our enemies," Vogt continued, "as they took heavy casualties in their stride, easily adapted themselves to trench warfare, and showed fortitude in enduring physical hardships. These are the things we commemorate when we celebrate February 22nd, this year."

The group recalled experiences of World War I, and made plans for future meetings. Lloyd Kindness, of Chicago, although unable to be present, had served as Chairman of the program.

--Thomas E. Sullivan, Secretary.

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MORE NEWS FROM BOB DYAS

BLANCHARD, Captain William K., (S-1, 3rd Bn, 1st Bn, and Rgt., 242nd); 565 Fairfield, N.E., Warren, Ohio. Marvin Turner reported last fall that he had met Blanchard in Manhattan along with a group of officers from nearby Fort Riley. Apparently Blanchard had been recalled to active duty in 1952 or early '53. I have no other word, and the above address is two years old.

BODE, William T., (PFC, also with Co. I, 242nd, for a short time.) Apt. B, 517 Park Drive Manor, Philadelphia 44, Pa. Bode is very busily engaged in the TV industry in Philadelphia. He was assisting in the direction of programs; I'm not certain of his present assignment.

CLARK, Ira, (Cook with us while in Camp Gruber), Webber Falls, Oklahoma. He is still receiving hospital treatment for injuries received from a runaway machine gun on the Gruber infiltration course.

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HEY, MEDICS!

Bill Barton writes that he knows Boston will be crowded with you WW II Medics --- he has sent out over 100 letters and REVEILLES to you men, giving you all the information.

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The fastest growing Chapter in Rainbow --- that is the claim made by K Company, 222nd, Chapter. Their old Commanding Officer, now Col. Woelfer, who is serving in Germany, is backing them to the hilt.

Jim Hannigan's daughter has yellow jaundice; hope she is better, by now - Jim. If you haven't joined K Company, Chapter, send your dues and news to: Jim Hannigan, 624 E. North Street, Greensburg, Indiana.

--Bob Kubik

THE EXTRA, ADDED ATTRACTION

A couple of weeks ago your Editor went down to Miami for a conference with Associate Editor Ralph Liptak. We had a nice visit with Ralph and Mary at their lovely home, and conferred mightily on Rainbow affairs. In the course of our talk we asked, "Are you going to Boston, Ralph?" "Of course we are going," he replied. "Why are you going?" we inquired.

"Why the hell do you think!" he exploded. "Simmer down," sez we, "the question is rhetorical, and is intended to introduce a little Reunion propaganda." "Well," he responded, "in the first place, when Mary



Ralph Liptak

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THE ODDS OF MARCH

By I. T. Danos, Major, Inf., ORC
(Formerly S-1, 222nd Inf.; also C. O.
Companies L and F)

To many people in the United States March 15, 1945, might have meant a birthday, an anniversary, a big rain, or perhaps just another uneventful day of a seemingly endless war. To the men of the Triple Deuce, who survived that day to reminisce, March 15th should appear on the universal calendar in big, bold letters, a red letter day in the history of one army, one division, or at least one regiment, the 222nd of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division.

It was a day planned long in advance, designed specifically to be a means to an end. It was to become one of the last major pushes of the American Forces in that sector. The results that followed were to reveal how well the plan had been prepared. It was generally agreed that it would be a costly drive against a weakening enemy. The enemy was weakening, they said, yet it remained a stubborn enemy, entrenched in a so-called fortress wall --- the Hardt Mountains and the Siegfried Line.

Of course the operation was classified; therefore only a few people were in "the know" before "the" day --- the Odds of March. However, in spite of its secrecy, one could feel the fast growing tension. Units were being relieved, others were resting in the rear, lines were being straightened and strengthened, supplies were pouring in, pack mules were being delivered to regiment, mule-skinner were being called to volunteer; reinforcements were being requisitioned and received; water and food discipline was making headway in the minds of the doughboy; patrolling was on the increase. Rest for the fortunate ones was recommended, vehicles were on the move, food fuel and ammunition were being dumped; leaders were being schooled and briefed; maps were being studied and everyone's house was being made ready. Men of the Rainbow sensed that "D" day and "H" hour were near at hand.

In the hours of darkness it came. An officer messenger delivered the long awaited overlay from Division. In the margin it read, "You are to . . . , etc. and etc." It was the attack order, all right. Like a streak of lightning, things started to buzz a la Rainbow. Things were clearing up, now, as old rumors gave way to new ones. Rest for the weary was at a premium, time and space factors were all important. "Move at ----. You will relieve the ----, report

222ND ACTIVITIES PLEASE C. O.

Colonel Luongo, former Commanding Officer of the 222nd Infantry, forwarded Major Danos' article to us. In his letter he expressed the belief that the article would prove of general interest. He further said:

"I am very pleased to learn of the various activities and news concerning the 222nd Infantry Regiment.

"I am sure that I am speaking for all members of the Regiment when I say the Rainbow Reveille publication is doing a wonderful job and we all look forward to receiving our copy."

Yours in Rainbow,

HENRY L. LUONGO,
Colonel, GS,
Chief, Res Com Div,
G3, Hq, Second Army
Ft. George G. Meade,
Maryland.

when you have closed in. It is now . . . Any questions? It is now . . . Move out." The time was now zero-six-hundred. The date was March 15, 1945. The day was the Odds of March, and the test was at hand. History was in the making; that is the history of a Regiment; the 222nd. Death and destruction reigned, and courage overcame weakness. Bravery overpowered fear; defeat meant doom; victory spelled survival. Those were the odds. Did the enemy expect the push? Undoubtedly. Could they hold? That was to be seen, yet we of the Triple Deuce hoped not. Nevertheless they certainly would delay us . . . they might capture, kill or even torture. Was it a gamble? Yes, war is; however that is the price one must pay to enjoy the blessings of liberty. Was the Triple Deuce in this game of chance? You bet it was!

For three days and nights, every step in the Hardt Mountains was forward, never backward. Packed mules challenged vehicles, men imitated machines, rifles replaced cannons, chocolates furnished essential energy, and finally the offensive overcame the defensive. The tide of battle was receding, and we won the odds.

The American might had shattered a German ideal: American discipline had destroyed German fantasies, American skills had overcome Naziism: American courage had bewildered German morale, and American determination had rendered German defeat.

ADDED ATTRACTION (from page 6)
and I attended our first Reunion, we had such a swell time we made up our minds we'd never miss one. And we've had an even better time at each successive one, as we got to know and love more swell Rainbowners. The big thing at a Reunion, of course, is the golden opportunity of seeing old buddies from the Division

and living our big moments over with them. Why we find every moment of a Reunion packed with thrills, fun, and relaxation! Mary chimed in, "It will be nice to see Boston, too. We've always wanted to visit New England!" "Yep," said Ralph, "Boston will be the Extra, Added Attraction. But I hope I NEVER miss a Reunion!"

CHAPTER STANDINGS

As of March 15, 1954

Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	11	1	12	0	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	21	4	28	7
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	50	2	50	0	Omaha	17	11	20	16
M. H. Jordan (Montgomery)	116	7	126	2	NEBRASKA TOTAL	50	38	15	48
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	108	6	93	5	New Jersey (Red Bank)	125	26	125	24
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	16	0	0	0	Gen. Chas. T. Mencher (Jersey City)	14	2	10	1
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	13	0	8	0	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	139	28	135	25
ALABAMA TOTAL	314	16	289	9	Father Duffy Chapter (New York C)	528	21	500	22
ARIZONA (Phoenix) (New Chapter)	---	---	---	---	Long Island	24	2	25	0
Los Angeles	77	5	78	4	Westchester	16	0	18	0
San Francisco	53	7	1	1	NEW YORK TOTAL	568	23	543	22
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	6	0	16	4	Ohio State Association	10	2	10	2
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	136	10	95	4	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	32	0	33	1
COLORADO (Denver)	50	7	38	2	Cincinnati	39	7	43	8
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	65	22	50	10	Columbus	146	3	121	4
Miami	57	8	56	8	Newark	32	2	33	2
St. Petersburg	19	0	0	0	Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	23	1	22	1
Gen. Chas. P. Sumner (Orlando)	65	13	71	10	Akron	3	0	5	1
FLORIDA TOTAL	141	21	127	18	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	19	0	27	0
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	15	0	21	0	Toledo	16	5	16	4
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	17	5	29	8	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	24	0	26	0
GEORGIA TOTAL	32	5	50	8	Lancaster	46	2	51	2
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	625	78	500	39	Cleveland	49	15	58	21
Danville	53	2	52	3	Springfield	16	1	17	0
ILLINOIS TOTAL	678	80	552	42	Vets. Co. G 166th Inf (Greenfield)	164	28	202	57
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	228	16	207	15	Pickaway (Circleville)	10	1	0	0
Bloomington	70	0	59	0	Orvil G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	11	0	11	0
Fort Wayne	8	3	18	1	132nd Signal Co. Chapter (Youngs)	70	67	58	56
LaFayette	44	0	30	0	OHIO TOTAL	710	134	733	159
Martinsville	38	2	37	2	Oklahoma City	47	14	42	14
South Bend	28	12	25	9	Tulsa	127	54	131	53
INDIANA TOTAL	416	33	376	27	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	174	68	173	67
Iowa State Association	0	---	10	0	OREGON (Portland)	11	1	3	1
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	184	14	187	14	Easton	51	6	35	6
Cedar Rapids	44	5	36	3	Pittsburgh	85	24	85	24
Oskaloosa	35	0	43	1	Bethlehem	23	1	28	2
Creston	48	1	48	0	John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	105	12	95	10
Fort Dodge	3	0	2	0	Reading	28	0	26	1
North Iowa (Mason City)	12	2	10	2	Philadelphia	34	11	27	9
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	34	0	35	0	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	326	54	296	52
Cedar Valley (Waterloo-Ced. Falls)	29	3	25	3	SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	16	2	11	2
Ottumwa	61	2	48	1	TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	3	2	1	1
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	27	0	22	0	TEXAS (Dallas)	166	30	140	23
Dubuque (Dubuque)	14	3	10	2	Virginia State (Roanoke)	92	9	75	3
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	24	0	24	0	Home A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	30	3	26	1
IOWA TOTAL	515	30	500	26	Maurice Tyler Jr. (Richmond)	15	5	17	6
Chanute	50	1	54	2	VIRGINIA TOTAL	137	17	118	10
Dodge City - Pratt	38	0	41	0	WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	1	0	1	0
KANSAS TOTAL	88	1	95	2	Wisconsin State Association	3	0	0	0
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	30	8	36	10	Appleton	58	4	51	2
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	71	10	65	7	Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	28	9	24	6
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	61	37	68	43	Fond du Lac	40	1	35	1
Michigan State (Detroit)	173	53	170	35	Oshkosh	41	0	38	0
Grand Rapids (New Chapter)	---	---	21	16	WISCONSIN TOTAL	170	14	148	9
MICHIGAN TOTAL	173	53	191	51	WYOMING (Cheyenne)	3	1	15	11
Minneapolis	214	9	207	9	NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR I	1	0	2	0
St. Paul	54	5	43	5	NATIONAL CHAPTER - WAR II	16	16	6	6
MINNESOTA TOTAL	268	14	250	14	GRAND TOTALS	5,620	763	5,236	693

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

SUMMARY

World War I membership this time last year	4,584
Current World War I membership	4,543
World War I BEHIND last year	41
World War I Percentage Achievement	99.09%
World War II membership this time last year	624
Current World War II membership	693
World War II AHEAD of last year	69
World War II Percentage Achievement	111.05%
Total REVEILLES currently mailed	7,054
Less REVEILLES mailed to nonmembers*	587
Net REVEILLES mailed to members	6,467
REVEILLES mailed to World War I members	5,438
REVEILLES mailed to World War II members	1,059
WW I % paid-up members to REVEILLES	80.44%
WW II % paid-up members to REVEILLES	65.43%
TOTAL % paid-up members to REVEILLES	80.59%

* Widows of Rainbowers and Gold Star Mothers

This month's report is an encouraging one, in that it shows a gain over the same date last year, of 28. From the summary it will be noted that this was strictly a World War II pick-up, as they showed an increase of 69 and thereby offset a loss of 41 by our War I membership.

Eight states have distinguished themselves by exceeding their total membership of the year ending last July --- this as of March 15th, with four more months in which to further distinguish themselves.

Notable in this list is Ohio, which not only made the greatest increase, 733 members as against last year's total of 710; but made it in the face of a splendid record last year. Ohio's total of 733 tops the list.

Other states on this Roll of Honor are: Georgia, with 50 members against last year's total of 32; Kansas, with 95 compared to 88; Louisiana with 36 thus far against last year's 30. Massachusetts Chapter shows 68 members against 61; Michigan 191 compared with last year's 173 for a nice gain of 18. Nebraska, with 48 against last year's 38, and Wyoming with the big percentage jump, going from a sad 3 last year to a cheerful 15. Fall in line, Rainbowers, the flags are moving ahead!

--R. Allen Gibbons