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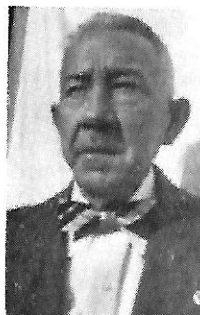
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My Recollections of Luneville

By Thomas P. Loughlin,
National Vice President

Back on Sunday morning, February 21, 1918, when we entered the City of Luneville, to the people of that city we were just another Division entering. Indeed, little did we ourselves realize that our Rainbow Division was about to make great history. On the afternoon of that same day the 165th Infantry assembled in the Place de la Ville for a Review. We were welcomed by Luneville city officials---and also received



National Vice President Thomas P. Loughlin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., served in Co. B of the "Fighting 69th" on the Mexican Border, and with Co. B of the 165th Infantry all through World War I. He was wounded during the St. Mihiel offensive and was returned to the States. Tom has been a most active member of the Father Duffy Chapter for many years, and has been Sergeant of the Colors for the past fifteen years. He has attended many National Reunions. He was elected Vice President of the National Association last July at Chicago.

a welcome from the German Army, as they dropped a shell into the city, which happened to hit one of our mess shacks.

The next day, February 22nd, we were at Camp Mud --- and then Front Line Trenches. We were welcomed there by French soldiers. They said that we were now on our own --- and bid us farewell. I believe General Sherman once remarked that "War is Hell!" I should like to go him one better by saying, "War is worse than Hell!"

I'll see you in Boston!

Sincerely in Rainbow,

--Thomas P. Loughlin

February 20 - 21	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA. Tri-State Reunion and Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting. Headquarters, Hotel Roanoke.
February 27th	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Julian M. Strassburger Banquet and Party. Whitley Hotel. 7 pm
April 3 - 4	DES MOINES, IOWA. Annual Reunion of Iowa State Association. Hotel Savery.

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Ed Johnson Answers Last Call

Rainbow was shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden death of Honorary President C. Edwin Johnson, at Chicago, on January 21st. He was stricken while at the Swedish Club, and died of a heart condition after being taken to his home.

Ed Johnson, who served with the 167th Infantry, gave a lifetime of love and service to Rainbow, and he was in turn loved and esteemed by Rainbowners everywhere. His labors for the Illinois Chapter can hardly be measured. Few know and recognize the endless hours of sheer hard work that is involved in the operation of an organization of the magnitude of the Illinois Chapter, and of the publication of such an organ as Illinois' Swazancans; Ed gave a generation of service to these tasks. He held every office his Chapter could bestow, and he made every office a working job. When he was elected National President in July of 1952, at Miami, Rainbow knew that he would add lustre to the office. His year as National President was splendidly successful, and a great Reunion crowned his administration.

The Big Search Continues

By "Mel" Horne

National Membership Chairman

My Rainbow Friends:

Silence is golden - When the shades of night come silently across the hills, most every living thing begins preparation for the night. As the hours carry us further into blackness of the long night, the noises and sounds so familiar during the day give way to silence. The songs of the birds, the happy chatter of the flocks and the mirth of little children, all so pleasant to the care of the day, in whatever line we toil, are behind us and we sit in our own little nook and reflect the joys of the day until the Sand Man carries us away to the "Land of Nod." The silence of the night, as it brings sweet sleep to man, is truly golden.

Almost every man or woman has a very dear friend that makes for fuller enjoyment of life. They can spend hours together discussing their problems of the day. Whether their lot is one of enjoyment or a serious happening, that friend's view is always one of much interest. When joy comes we want our friend to share that joy. When sorrow strikes, that friend is the one who can understand best. Every person, young or old, needs a good friend. If they do not have such a friend, much is missing in their world of understanding. When in the presence of such a friend we have freedom without restraint. If we want to talk, it is with great happiness; if we do not talk, silence is still golden.

Well, don't say "that old guy is growing sentimental in his old age," for this, my Rainbow friends, is my definition of Rainbow "FRIENDSHIP." If it had not been for the great Friendship that exists among Rainbow Men and Women, we could not have, and will not have, the feeling that we have for our Rainbow Friends, both men and women. "Well, just how could we get along without our very wonderful Rainbow Ladies?" I am supposed to write this in reference to membership; well if you can read between the lines you can readily see that I am more or less asking each and every one of you to go out and find these Rainbow friends of ours, the ones who have never enjoyed the great friendship of Rainbow, tell them what they are missing. I will lay you two to one that you will find these Rainbow men more than anxious to listen to you, and they are not so hard to find; some of you probably know some of these men who have never tasted or enjoyed the friendship of Rainbow. I love surprises, so get busy and surprise me with a big lot of new Rainbow members. So long for now, and I shall be waiting for the big SURPRISE.

--"Mel"

Ed gave greatly to Rainbow, and received much in return. Few have had the measure of respect and affection which was his. He is mourned by friends in every section of this nation. A great Rainbowner has gone to his reward.

The President's Message

With the passing of each year the spirit of Rainbow draws us closer and closer as our ranks are thinned by those who have gone to the Great Beyond to join our valiant comrades. These dear comrades will never be replaced, yet there are many who do not enjoy Rainbow membership who could fill in our slowly thinning ranks.

The esprit de corps of bygone days may be somewhat dimmed, but the pride of being a Rainbower will be with you always, and should spur you to keep our Association the active, virile organization it is.

To many it seems a long, long time between Reunions, so for the past ten years or more we have been having a Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee in February. Some years the Executive Committee Meeting is only an excuse for getting together. But this year there is business to transact, and all who can possibly do so are requested to attend. As usual there will be a Banquet at which all Rainbowers and Auxiliary members are welcome.

Plans for our Annual Reunion at the Statler Hotel in Boston on July 12th, 13th and 14th are progressing nicely. The City of Boston and the State of Massachusetts have been most cooperative and are doing everything in their power to show all visiting Rainbowers a wonderful time. In Boston you will be in the heart of the vacation area where the seashore and mountains are but a short distance apart.

You will never forget Boston, where history nudges you on every side. And Hospitality? Come and See!

--George E. Seaman

Roanoke Has Royal Welcome for Rainbowers

Rainbowers, when you read this item the Tri-State Reunion and Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting will be only days away, so if you have not already made your reservations, DO IT NOW! Hotel reservations should be made directly to the Hotel Roanoke, and Banquet reservations to R. Allen Gibbons, P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Virginia. The tab is \$5.00 per plate.

We of the Old Dominion are hopeful of having a large turnout for these affairs, and if the weather man will cooperate with us just 10% you will receive a warm welcome; but regardless of the weather you will be given a hearty welcome and a warm atmosphere of hospitality. Our Hotel Roanoke, of which we are justly proud, has a reputation for hospitality, comfort and excellent food.

We are sincerely hoping to see and welcome you to the Star City of the South. Please don't disappoint us. We are looking for you!

--Jim Dent

The Significance of our February 22nd Anniversary

Rainbow Veterans commemorate February 22nd as a date whose significance is second only to July 14th. But there was nothing especially dramatic about the entrance of our troops into the trenches and rear areas of the Luneville-Baccarat Sector. A number of raids --- back and forth --- followed our entrance into the lines, but on the whole it was a routine operation. The sector was held by the French, we were a green division getting our baptism of fire and our final training --- and so what? Well, several things made it an operation that was watched with keen interest by friend and foe.

The Rainbow Division exemplified the National Guard --- the "gee dee militiamen" --- which, not unjustly, had been viewed with little confidence by our regular military establishment since the dark days of the American Revolution.

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How would these troops --- which figured to be among the best of our citizen-soldiers --- stand up against the impact of the militarily magnificent German Army? There were many who were convinced that they would, under heavy fire, fold up like the bed in an efficiency apartment. If, on the contrary, they should measure up well, then one could hope that the great army of American citizen-soldiers would be able to break the Allied-Entente deadlock which had gripped Europe for nearly four years. If the Rainbow Division --- the cream of the citizen-soldier crop --- failed, then it would be evident that the Great Note-Writer had been called with a busted flush.

And so in the days which followed February 22, 1918, our performance was watched with eager interest, from Chaumont, from Paris, from London and from Berlin. And the Division measured up far beyond anyone's expectations. True, the French criticised a tendency on our part to ignore protocol. There existed a tacit understanding in that sector that neither side would do anything to make the other fellow mad. This conflicted with the American doctrine, which was, at that time, that the objective in a War was to win it, and that the way to win it was to fight it.

But the story of how the Rainbow Division turned a passive sector into an active one, while it had its beginnings in February, only developed notably later on when we took over a sector, adjoining Luneville, under our own command.

Long before then, however, our troops had demonstrated qualities which astounded our Allies and staggered our enemies. They took heavy casualties in their stride, proved themselves thoroughly adaptable to trench warfare and showed fortitude in enduring physical hardships.

The effect of their military quality upon the course of the War has been set forth in my article in the last issue of the REVEILLE.

These are the things we think about, these are the things we commemorate, when Rainbow celebrates February 22nd, each year.

--George E. Seaman



ALABAMA The big mid-winter event in

Alabama is the Annual Banquet and Get-together of the Julian M. Strassburger Chapter of Montgomery, which is held on the Saturday night of the week nearest February 22nd (the anniversary of our entrance into the trenches in War I). This party is open to all Rainbow veterans throughout the State, and the large attendance each year proves conclusively that the members of this Chapter are "tops" as hosts.

This year, according to advance information received from Joe Dickerson, the party will be held at the Hotel Whitley at 7 pm on the night of February 27th. After the Banquet the usual "after-math party" will be held at the Dickerson home, the "Unfurnished Ranch," where the "gastronomic hounds" will be able to feast to their heart's delight. If you are one of those poor souls who have to count your calories due to the expanding waist line, take fair warning: do not attend one of the Dickerson's famous "aftermath" parties.

It is rumored that since our National President has been made a Colonel in the "Confederate Air Corps" as of November 11, 1953, that he will visit the

"Cradle of the Confederacy" on the night of February 27th. We hope so, since the appearance of the Seamans at this affair will certainly add to the occasion. Any visiting Rainbower who happens to be in Montgomery on that date should certainly make it a point to take in this Banquet.

--"Rags"

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CALIFORNIA Out on the West Coast there is no better known Rainbower than Arthur C. (Top) Davis. Elsewhere in Rainbow Top is best known to that Loyal Legion of Rainbowers who have been active Chapter Secretaries, and to members of the staff of the National Association. To these, Top Davis is known as the man who has done the most to "keep alive the memory of our departed comrades." Top served as National Vice President in the Rainbow year 1924 - 1925, during the term as President of Fred Crawford. In 1931 - 1932, when Larry Gibbs was President, he served as National Secretary. He became keenly interested in establishing and maintaining an accurate record of the date and place of death and of Arthur C. Davis burial of deceased members of his regi-



ment, the 117th Engineers, and of the California Chapter. He would pursue this information with such persistence that he became known throughout Rainbow through his correspondence on the subject. This worthy example inspired many other Rainbowners to emulation, and there is little doubt that it has been to no small degree because of his efforts that Rainbow's memorial records are as good as they are today. They would be in far better shape if his example had been followed more closely. Because his work with the Automobile Club of Southern California makes it impractical for him to attend our July Reunions, many Rainbowners who know him well by correspondence have not met him. We are happy to be able to salute Arthur Davis in the REVEILLE, and to publish his picture. --Editor

SAN FRANCISCO Just finished a letter to our good friend Fred Cornelius, my only contact with Rainbow since the San Francisco Chapter folded up --- or has it? Of course when some member passes to the great beyond, a few of us manage to pay our respects and then we huddle in a corner and hold a little Reunion and wonder who will be the next to hear the call. Sure, I know we are scattered all over the Bay Area and it's tough to drive twenty miles, or a hundred miles, as the Lodi and Sacramento fellows have to. But let's try again and hear Tom, Pat, Louie, Mickie, Cal, Pinkey, Hal, George, Phil, Joe, Bonda, Vito, Charley and all the rest give out with a good old belly laugh at some joke we first heard over in France. then we can bury the "body," send the Charter back to Headquarters and write "finis" to a great bunch of fellows who no longer can take it and enjoy it. C'est la guerre!

--Fred L. (Doc) Edwards
EDITOR'S NOTE: When your Editor was in San Francisco several months ago he talked with Vito and with Joe Hester. No Chapter meetings had been held for some time and none was in the making, but from the account we received it is evident that there are plenty of great Rainbowners in San Francisco, plenty of Rainbow Spirit, and even (we understand) plenty of dough in the Chapter treasury! It looked like all they need is for one of their guys to build a fire under 'em --- and we suspect Doc Edwards' letter will do it. Just watch San Francisco!

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OHIO Want "news" of Ohio? We're always in the REVEILLE. Turn to the Chapter Standings item. Her many Chapters, and would-be Chapters, are named and mentioned. It tells pretty well the story of how YOUR Company Chapter and "Home Town" are doing in Rainbow. If she is down, perhaps most of the boys are like YOU, moved away, and are offering no support, either membership or financial, to make it go strong. \$2.50 per Rainbow year would attend to both. And at the same time stimulate some enthusiasm, "back home." Gets

pretty discouraging to the very few back home to carry the packs of a bunch of goldbrickers, year after year. Furnishing the money and all the work and effort to keep the Chapter going, and to provide a Company Reunion session, to which some may return, and look pretty, then after the party, depart and leave the "dishes" for those back home to do.

Ohio does not separate World War I and World War II Rainbow memberships. A Rainbow Division Veteran is a Rainbow Division Veteran. However -- since the 222nd Infantry was the successor to the 166th Infantry in the Rainbow Division for World War II, we feel that it is only fair to point to the membership shown in the Veterans of Co. G Chapter. Fifty-two as of the date of these presents. Forty-two of these members are Veterans of the 222nd Infantry. Thirty-three of the forty-two are veterans of Co. G, 222nd Infantry, with Co. K of that Regiment coming strong at this time. Company G, 222nd, "Adopted" the home-town of Co. G, 166th Infantry, as its own; and has in turn been adopted by the Village of Greenfield, Ohio, as her own. A Third Annual Company Reunion is coming up, in Greenfield, next August. Twenty attended last year, plus twelve ladies. Is that an answer for WWII Chapters? The 132nd Signal Company "adopted" Jonny Janosik's home town, Youngstown, Ohio, as her's, and the Chapter membership record for the past three years shows that WW II will join if they have some place to light.

Ohio has been hard hit with Comrades "fading away" during the first six months of this 1953-1954 Rainbow year.

After six months on this JOB, we well understand why Rodier keeps on the move. Dropping in on places like Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, to hop "Hook," then El Paso, Texas, for a short visit with Fred Cornelius, just long enough to "bend the elbow" and to "pass the buck" by saying, "get some REVEILLE news in," and then running. Wish we could join you on the run, Harold.

Well --- February is a BIG month in Rainbow, and particularly in Ohio Rainbow --- February 22nd Dinners and meetings all over the State --- Newark, Marion, possibly Marysville, Toledo, Columbus (Feb. 20th), State Trustees, Alternate Trustees, and Service Officers, at Deshler-Wallick (Hilton) Hotel, Sunday, February 21st; possibly the 132nd Signal Company Reunion at Columbus, Saturday and Sunday, February 20th, 21st and 22nd, taking advantage of parties already arranged, and making it possible to get acquainted with several Rainbow groups in this State; Lancaster and Cincinnati Dinners, February 22nd.

Ohio's State Reunion is set for June 4th and 5th, 1954, at Indian Lakes, Russell Point, Ohio. Early Bird Session on the 3rd; rest-up period, Sunday, June 6th. This is a repeat site to last year's Reunion there, by popular request of the membership. Prices reasonable, accommodations adequate for the purposes.

Informal, friendly! All Rainbowers are invited. Hotel rooms and cottages available, reasonable. Squad rooms, company cottages... Start planning NOW. We want to see you. The Secretary invites your inquiries. Address: Orville Carson, 1626 E. Arlington Ave., Columbus 11, O.

Ohio's National Vice President and Membership Chairman has set February 22nd for V-M (Membership) Day. He suggests that the Chapter Officers, and members, install a RAINBOWMATIC DRIVE on the old membership car, throw it into high speed and get her really rolling. Thirty-six years ago on that date Rainbow first took over the trenches - ready for "Over-the-Top" action. Ohio is well trained at this time --- and will definitely go "Over-the-Top" on this February 22nd Anniversary date. Hope some other Chapters have joined us by then --- V-M Day --- Over last year's State and National Membership by Feb. 22nd, 1954.

---KIT

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IOWA It is time that we begin to think about the Iowa State Association Reunion in Des Moines April 3rd and 4th. In the days of our youth we held these Reunions on March 5th each year, commemorating the first battle that the 168th had with the Prussians in 1918. Regardless of the weather, snow, blizzards, ice and sleet, you could always count on a real turn-out. But time passed, and the young blades finally realized that it was not the best of traveling under those conditions, so the Reunion dates were moved into April. It has proved to be for the best, and as usual, come April 3rd and 4th the gang will drag their aging bones to Des Moines and there partake of that one and only true comradeship which came out of the War, meaning Rainbow comradeship. Over the years this "blue chip" comradeship has become precious to all of us who have partaken thereof. Our only regret is that so many who were proud of their service in the Rainbow of WW I and WW II have failed to realize the true worth of the "platinum" of veterans associations. But the writing of a million words over the past 35 years has been to no avail to thousands. Our only hope is that WW II Rainbowers will not follow in the footsteps of these unnamed thousands.

But to one and all, the doors of the Hotel Savery in Des Moines will be wide open to all Rainbowers. We'll be looking for all of you!

---Homer

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MARYLAND This story should have been written by our ace correspondent Harry Stansbury; but that rich b - banker is obviously too busy foreclosing mortgages during this snowstorm to get his copy off. So while he is busy with the widows and orphans we will cover the story of the 1954 Trench Mortar Battery Dinner, for we - are you listening, Jack? - were there.

You know the Baltimore Chapter

has a character of its own, and we are not referring to Jack Clark. It has somehow retained a closer identification with its parent outfit, the 117th Trench Mortar Battery, than have most Chapters. But why do I call it the "parent outfit?" The Baltimore Chapter is nothing but the old 117th T.M.B., a hell of a lot older, bolder, and I would say weaker. (A few years ago and I wouldn't have risked a crack like that!)

As an example of this close identification they call their annual dinner the "Battery Dinner;" and by the way, they were holding these battery dinners long before many Chapters had gotten well into their stride.

The writer has attended many of these affairs. The men have changed; all too greatly they have changed, alas! But the dinners have changed little indeed. It is true they serve soft rolls now rather than hard ones, to avoid injury. (But next year they go back to hard rolls, they've ceased to be deadly weapons in the hands of these elderly relics.)

They've change the locale; it's the Stafford Hotel instead of the former one; the dinner is better; and cheaper in that it costs about the same as before, but the pattern is just the same. A flow of wit at the head table and elsewhere just a flow. And, best of all, really, the same old crowd. Year after year, they turn out; when a face is missing an anxious inquiry as to the cause, for when one of the gang doesn't show up it usually means they are seriously ill. Those able to walk come on down. For example, you take Rip Cairnes and Abe Stout. They came down, even in their decrepid condition. And Jack Clark, for that matter.

It is somehow appropriate, writing about this Battery Dinner to be a little late mentioning the Guest of Honor, our National President. President George was on hand, and spoke briefly about the plans for Roanoke and Boston. Later he showed several films; one in color of the Activation Ceremonies at Tulsa, and a number of black and white reels of the Division (Class of '19) in France. These films were so interesting they even held the attention of this crowd, and such a thing hasn't been seen, no, not in these thirty-five years!

Emceeding the affair was that old smoothie and wit, Harry Stansbury, a worthy successor to Raymond Tomkins, who held this assignment until his death, some years ago. Hickman Chairmanned the dinner, assisted by Gould Rollins and another character we cannot recall.

Jim Dent was there, bent on drumming up business for the Tri-State Reunion in Roanoke. He got a lot of good promises and anyhow the writer gets the impression there'll be a good turnout, at Roanoke, from the Baltimore gang.

A bunch of great guys. But we can really appreciate the speculative gleam in Skeets Fanning's eye (with glasses, this time) as he looks 'em over. It won't be long now!

---Baltimore Barney

VETERANS OF CO. K, 222ND INFANTRY

Are you curious about what happened to that guy you shared a hole in the ground with for thirty days near Althorn, France? Would you like to get in touch with the members of the 2nd Platoon that served in the Battle of the Moder River in January, 1945?

It seems that we can set up an organization we can call the Co. K, 222nd Infantry Chapter, Rainbow Veterans Association. Many of us can't make it to local Chapter meetings, but we would like to keep up that friendship, made in the snow and mud. I heartily recommend such a plan, and would be very much pleased if King Co. could regain the lead we felt we held in the Rainbow Division. There were over three hundred men who served in the Company during its first year overseas. Some of you solid citizens get in there and help get things going.

As for me, I'm back in service in Europe, after stateside service in Ft. Benning, Stephenville, Texas, fifteen months in Korea as an Infantry Regimental Advisor in the Korean Army. A short tour at Ft. Riley, Kansas, 19th Inf. Div., and then I arrived in Heidelberg, Germany. My family, (four children) is with me. I have visited some of our old scenes of action, such as Cleebourg and Bremelback in the Maginot line, south of Wissembourg, where we were in Jan., '45. Things haven't changed too much, just the buildings in better repair. The bunkers are mostly destroyed. At Thienville, our rest area after the Moder River, looks better; much of the damage is repaired, the kids grown up. My host, Mr. Hesse, is going strong and we had an enjoyable visit. Wurzburg, Germany, still shows much of the war damage. The Rathaus and Museum we used as a Company C. P. looks about the same, just cleaned up. The U. S. 1st Infantry Division has its headquarters in Wurzburg. The Rainbow gone from the Castle wall facing the river.

I haven't seen many of the old-timers. Lieut. (now Captain) Hammer and I met in Korea; he is now a National Guard Instructor in North Carolina.

Marion Martin sells cars in Manhattan, Kansas. I saw John Pettigrew, Weapons Platoon, in Dallas, Texas, but understand he is now MIA Korea. As before, the men of King Company carry on. I would like very much to hear from anyone interested in writing. Surely, in eight years SOMETHING has happened that you can write about! Now, please, let's get back of this idea and push. King Co. always had a reputation for getting things done. NOW IS OUR CHANCE.

--Carlyle P. Woelfer, Lt. Col., Inf.,
G-3, Div. Hq., USAREUR,
APO 403, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

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CO. L, 222ND

These L Co. boys are rough. First word that Dick Spurlock wrecked his car but neither he nor his wife injured. Then comes word that Howard Freeman had a total loss on his car, also no major injury. Freeman is also a proud father

again, a baby boy. Congrats, Howard! For your information, L Co. Chapter is growing. All men of L Co. please write and send your dues to Dick Spurlock, Rt. #1, Box 74, St. Albans, W. Va., or Wm. L. Durr, 122 E. Leesway Dr., Lexington, Kentucky. Bill sends word that he expects all you guys to join now and be in Boston July 12 - 14. Don't put it off --- write now --- Back your unit, L - 222nd.

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ATTENTION ALL RAINBOW RANGERS: 2ND BATTALION, 222ND

James W. Gray, your Ranger Buddy, is a newly wed. He lives in Concord, N. C. Moved his new bride into a new house he built. He's a mighty handy one around the house and he still likes to hunt. Hope to be in Boston July 12 - 14.

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232ND F COMPANY

Don L. Tedrick is now working in the Post Office at Cleveland, Ohio. He says that he is very busy but that he is still waiting to hear from some more of you 232nd men. Send your dues to him at YMCA, Room 705, 2200 Prospect Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio. Get your charter this year in Boston. Robert J. Bailey, 1103 Amelia Ave., Rock Hill, S. C., formerly of 232nd A Co., would like to hear from any of you A Co. men. Write to him now! He was wounded Jan. 18, 1945. He would like to get a 232nd history. If you can help him, please write!

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HEADQUARTERS CO., 222ND BN.

John W. Kramer, formerly of Hq. Co., 222nd, who is now a real B. T. O. in Denbigh, North Dakota. He is a Beef Cattle Rancher, has 3 children, is a 4-H leader, on school board and active in Veterans organizations. He wants to hear from any man of Hq. Co. He is taking dues for A Hq. Co. Chapter. How about giving him a hand? Help him write letters, etc. Write to John today!

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242ND INFANTRY

From Bob Kyas, Rt. #5, Maquoketa, Iowa.

It was indeed a pleasure to meet in Chicago last summer - and especially to learn that there are some really full-spirited individuals among our "younger" group. My disappointments have been increasing year by year until last July.

Now I know that each of us is responsible, in part at least, and we must each bear a part of the burden if we want success. Success in Rainbow Reunions, to me, at least, means having a well-organized means of getting together with old buddies and having fun, yes, even making new buddies. Life is but the passing of time, as time passes, so does life. From the fleeting scene we learn in sorrow of two more of our fellow soldiers who have answered the roll call for the last time:

Wm. B. Thomas, Los Angeles, Cal., survivors, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Sr. Thomas was of K Company, 222nd Infantry.

Also of K Company, 222nd, K.I.A., in Korea, John Pettigrew of Dallas, Tex.

CHAPTER STANDINGS

As of January 15, 1954

	1952-53 Totals	1952-53 WW II	Current Totals	Current WW II
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	11	1	12	2
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	50	2	50	0
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	116	7	126	1
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	108	5	92	6
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	16	0	0	0
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	13	0	8	0
ALABAMA TOTAL	314	16	288	9
ARIZONA (Phoenix) (New Chapter)	--	--	22	3
Los Angeles	77	5	76	2
San Francisco	53	5	1	1
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	6	0	16	0
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	136	10	93	3
COLORADO (Denver)	50	7	38	2
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	65	22	50	10
Miami	57	8	32	4
St. Petersburg	19	0	0	0
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall (Orlando)	65	13	71	10
FLORIDA TOTAL	141	21	103	14
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	15	0	21	0
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	17	5	22	7
GEORGIA TOTAL	32	5	43	7
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	625	78	500	37
Danville	53	2	33	0
ILLINOIS TOTAL	678	80	533	37
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	228	16	193	14
Bloomington	70	0	59	0
Fort Wayne	8	3	17	1
LaFayette	44	0	30	0
Martinsville	38	2	37	2
South Bend	28	12	17	7
INDIANA TOTAL	416	33	353	24
Iowa State Association	0	17	0	0
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	184	14	168	11
Cedar Rapids	44	5	30	1
Oskaloosa	35	0	42	1
Creston	48	1	39	0
Fort Dodge	3	0	2	0
North Iowa (Mason City)	12	2	7	1
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	34	0	28	0
Cedar Valley (Waterloo & Ced. Falls)	29	3	24	3
Ottumwa	61	2	47	1
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	27	0	13	0
Dubuqueland (Dubuque)	14	3	10	2
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	24	0	23	0
IOWA TOTAL	515	30	450	18
Chanute	50	1	54	2
Dodge City - Pratt	38	0	41	0
KANSAS TOTAL	88	1	95	2
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	30	8	36	10
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	71	10	48	4
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	61	37	53	31
Michigan State (Detroit)	173	53	150	28
Grand Rapids (New Chapter)	--	--	7	5
MICHIGAN TOTAL	173	53	157	33
Minneapolis	214	9	187	9
St. Paul	54	5	34	3
MINNESOTA TOTAL	268	14	221	12

Mo/Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	100	9	35	3
St. Louis	3	2	3	2
MISSOURI TOTAL	103	11	38	5
Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	21	4	28	7
Omaha	17	11	20	16
NEBRASKA TOTAL	38	15	48	23
New Jersey (Red Bank)	125	26	125	17
Gen. Chas. T. Menoher (Jersey City)	14	2	10	1
NEW JERSEY TOTAL	139	28	135	18
Father Duffy Chapter (N. Y. City)	528	21	500	18
Long Island	24	2	25	0
Westchester	16	0	18	0
NEW YORK TOTAL	568	23	543	18
Ohio State Association	10	2	9	2
Ralph Berger (Marysville)	32	0	28	0
Cincinnati	39	7	39	6
Columbus	146	3	101	2
Newark	32	2	33	2
Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	23	1	22	1
Akron	3	0	5	1
Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	19	0	19	0
Toledo	24	0	22	0
Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	46	2	48	2
Lancaster	46	15	40	12
Cleveland	16	1	17	0
Springfield	164	28	195	53
Vets Co. G 166th Inf (Greenfield)	10	1	0	0
Pickaway (Circleville)	11	0	9	0
Orvil G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	70	67	50	48
132d Signal Co. Chapter (Youngstown)	710	134	652	132
OHIO TOTAL	47	14	42	14
Oklahoma City	127	54	130	53
Tulsa	174	68	172	67
OKLAHOMA TOTAL	11	1	3	1
OREGON (Portland)	51	6	35	6
Easton	85	24	85	24
Pittsburgh	23	1	28	2
Bethlehem	105	12	95	10
John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	28	0	26	1
Reading	34	11	27	9
Philadelphia	326	54	296	52
PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	16	2	10	1
SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	3	2	1	1
TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	166	30	130	23
TEXAS (Dallas)	92	9	75	3
Virginia State (Roanoke)	30	3	26	1
Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	15	5	1	0
Maurice Tyler Jr. (Richmond)	137	17	102	4
VIRGINIA TOTAL	1	0	1	0
WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	3	0	0	0
Wisconsin State Association	58	4	51	2
Appleton	28	9	20	5
Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	40	1	34	1
Fond du Lac	41	0	35	0
Oshkosh	170	14	140	8
WISCONSIN TOTAL	3	1	15	11
WYOMING (Cheyenne)	1	-	1	0
NATIONAL CHAPTER - War I	16	16	4	4
NATIONAL CHAPTER - War II	5,620	763	4,874	587
GRAND TOTALS				

Membership 79 ahead of same date last year;
WW I memberships ahead by 38, WW II by 41.

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

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