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RDV Only Personal Vets Outfit Says Dick Wayland

When Rainbow honored me with my election as a National Vice President, I thought I understood the duties of that office. I was mistaken; they want me to work. My first job was just assigned to me. I am to write a front-page article which will cause four or five hundred WW II Rainbowers to promptly join the Association. That number of Rainbow Twoers will kindly oblige me by promptly remitting their dues so that I may make good on this assignment. Now that this has been attended to, I would like to observe that I really can't understand why a man eligible to belong to the Association doesn't join without any fuss or high pressure salesmanship. A man who had the privilege of serving with the Rainbow could hardly fail to take pride in that service, and shouldn't want the memory of it to fade from lack of nourishment. Nor can there be any doubt that everyone who served with the Rainbow acquired a circle of friends and comrades that he just must want to retain.

Membership in the Association is a fine way to keep alive the memory of our wartime experiences. We didn't enjoy all of those experiences, but we all must realize that they were the greatest and most significant days of our lives. Membership in other veterans organizations falls far short of the Rainbow Association in keeping these memories in focus and personal. And only thru this Association have we a good chance to keep in touch with our old friends in the Division.

As I have noticed a recent tendency for WW II Rainbowers to establish this membership and this contact thru so-called "Company Chapters", it has struck me that this may not be quite the best way to accomplish what we are after. This need not be a "Mail Order" Associ-

National Vice President Wayland began his service with the Rainbow Division before it was activated. He was on duty at the Army War College when Colonel Jim Tanner picked him out as a "likely" assistant and took him with him when the division cadre was set up, with Col. Tanner as Adjutant General. Dick became his secretary, as a member of Division Headquarters, with rank of Staff Sergeant. He left Headquarters for a time and went to the 122nd Medical Battalion, later returning to Division Hq. He served with the Rainbow until July, 1945, when he went to Berlin with Headquarters, 1st Airborne Command. He returned to the States and was discharged in January, 1946. A month later he joined the District of Columbia Chapter. He became active immediately, heading up committees which put on successful dances and other affairs. He has served as Secretary, Vice President and President of Rainbow's Biggest Little Chapter. He was elected National Vice President at Chicago last July.



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ation. By belonging to a local Chapter and participating in its activities we not only keep alive our link with the Division and our contact with Rainbow friends; we form new and valued friendships with men with a common background of service with Rainbow.

The relationship between the WW I and WW II Rainbowers in my own Chapter has been an especially happy one. In the beginning we perhaps viewed these elder Rainbowers with a certain respect engendered perhaps by their grey hair and venerable appearance. That respect has all disappeared and has been replaced, I am pleased to say, with affection and fellowship uncomplicated by the difference in age. The Chapter has for some years elected a president alternately from WW I and WW II. It doesn't seem to make any change in the policies or the

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February 20 - 21 ROANOKE, VIRGINIA. Tri-State Reunion and National Executive Committee Meeting. Hotel Roanoke.

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The "Big Search" Continues

By "Mel" Horne

National Membership Chairman

Well, my Rainbow friends, here we go again. When you read this, six months of our Rainbow year will be history, and we will be starting the second six months of the Rainbow year. Now the big question is, what have we accomplished for Rainbow during the past six months. Yes, I know some of you have paid your dues, you have attended some of your Chapter meetings; perhaps have corresponded with some of your close Rainbow Buddies and the usual Rainbow doings that have become more or less an annual habit with some of us. But the big question is, have you tried to think and do something new for Rainbow, such as taking enough time to secure another member for your Chapter. I'll bet half of you who read this have not even thought about a new member! We all have a habit of coasting in any organization; just follow the old tradition "Let George do it." Here is where we are badly mistaken; we cannot depend on just a few active men to carry all the load. We have had, and will continue to have too much of this

in our Rainbow organization. When it comes to making a success of the BIG SEARCH for members, with the beginning of the second six months of our Rainbow year I am going to ask every dues-paying member, whether you are in the "Brass Ranks" or the "Buck Private Ranks", to turn over a new leaf and give your Chapter some "NEW HELP." Join in this BIG SEARCH; there isn't a Chapter in Rainbow which doesn't need new help, and all of us - myself included - owe this duty to our great organization. Why, the honor and glory which belongs to Rainbow is priceless; I am wondering how many of us really appreciate being ABLE to share in this honor! If every one of us would make (and keep) a pledge something like this: "EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER," then, my friends, we could and would accomplish what we are trying to do for Rainbow.

I have been hoping that the National Executive Committee members would at least try to do some active work in connection with this BIG SEARCH for members. I am wondering how many have become interested - I shall be glad to hear from any of you on this subject. We have another hardworking bunch, also, and I am referring to the National Vice Presidents. If each one of YOU fellows would do a little something and try to show your appreciation for the honor that has been bestowed upon you by Rainbow I am sure your efforts will really be appreciated.

Please, Gentlemen of the Rainbow, let's have more action, teamwork, co-operation! And just plain, down right hard work, in connection with this BIG SEARCH for members. You will be surprised how little effort it will take if all work together. I shall appreciate hearing from any of you with suggestions.

VINEGAR AND MOLASSES

Oh "Mel" Horne with his flattery,
Hook Young with his abuse--
They both are singing the same old tune,
So Golly, what's the use?

Pay your dues,

Pay your dues,

Pay them right away--

That's what they both are driving at
No matter what they say!

--Anonymous

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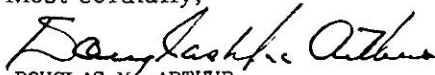
The President's Message

For some years SWAZANCANS, the splendid Chapter publication of Illinois Rainbow, has published a Christmas issue made up largely of Christmas messages from Illinois and other Rainbowners. This excellent idea has been splendidly executed, and we have looked forward to this issue each year with pleasure. This year the issue lived up to its tradition, and was filled with warm and timely messages from hosts of great Rainbowners. The lead-off message this year was from a Rainbowner who belongs to history, but who very particularly belongs to Rainbow. For the benefit of our members who do not receive SWAZANCANS, we repeat the message:

Dear President Wegner:

Thank you so much for your cordial letter of November 10th. It is always a great pleasure to hear from my old comrades-in-arms of the Rainbow. It was one of the greatest Divisions in American Military History. Please give my greetings to the Illinois Chapter and my earnest hope for all good things for each and every member.

Most cordially,


DOUGLAS MACARTHUR.

Rainbowners everywhere must take pleasure and pride in this gratifying tribute from the man whose military accomplishments have caused him to be described as not merely the greatest General produced by this war, but as the greatest General in military history.

This high tribute to our Division is especially inspiring because we know that in view of General MacArthur's pride in the many magnificent Divisions under his command in the last War, he would not lightly bestow such sweeping praise.

It is appropriate that we ask ourselves, however, "Does this tribute spring from the affection in which the General is known to hold the Division, or does he reflect the verdict of History?"

A critical appraisal of the accomplishments of the Division warrants the conclusion that General MacArthur did in fact express the verdict of History.

What were these accomplishments? Was it simply that the Division fought valiantly and victoriously in a long series of bloody campaigns, including THE decisive battle of World War I? It was more than this.

When Germany provoked America's entry into the War, they took a calculated risk. They well knew that American manpower thrown into the scale would inevitably tip the balance in favor of an Allied Victory. But they firmly believed, on the basis of perfectly valid reasoning, that American manpower could NOT become a decisive factor early enough to prevent a German victory. British manpower had become frightfully depleted; French losses had weakened their armies and brought them to the verge of demoralization. Russia's defection had renewed German hopes, and gave

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ALABAMA One of the most pleasant surprises to come our way lately happened when I picked up the phone about two weeks back and found that the party on the other end was our friend



Harold Rodier - that he was in Montgomery and that Elsie was with him. I asked them to lunch with us, pot luck, at our home, or to enjoy a good meal at The Ranch, one of Montgomery's leading suburban restaurants. Harold said they'd just breakfasted, were counting their calories and couldn't join us for lunch. But they were parked just a short distance from the Unfurnished; were given directions, and were waiting for us when we got home.

Joe Dickerson Rainbow, of course, was the subject of our conversation, much reminiscing was done and the names of many good Rainbowners mentioned. Harold raked me over the coals about our delinquency in sending in articles for the REVEILLE. I know we are delinquent, but we just don't seem to have many newsworthy incidents happening in our Chapter. However, I believe the following will be of interest to Alabamians and probably many other old timers.

Colonel Newman Smith, who organized the 167th Infantry's Machine Gun Company when we were called for service on the Mexican Border and who is now on duty with the Department of Defense as a civilian, was a recent visitor to Montgomery.

Wheeler McDade's daughter Sallie, and her husband Jack Clark (a Divinity Student and in nowise resembling Rainbow's other Jack Clarke!) with their son Billy Ray (one of the most attractive youngsters I have ever seen) are home from Weisbaden, Germany, where Jack was on duty with the Army.

Colonel Myles Simpson, formerly of the Supply Co., 167th Inf., is just back from a second tour of duty in Korea, and in civilian clothes.

Christmas greetings from Reverend Harry Carter makes no mention of his recent illness. We hope this means his health is fully recovered.

The December REVEILLE carried a story on the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter party. It was as good as represented, but we are just going to do them one better! So all of you nearby and far-off Rainbowners mark your calendars: "J. M. STRASSBURGER CHAPTER PARTY; WHITLEY HOTEL, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 27TH, 7:00 P. M."

Happy New Year to all, and a reminder: We are expecting you at the Unfurnished after the party on Feb. 27th.

--Joe Dickerson

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ARIZONA The meeting on Nov. 20th resulted in one more new member for a total of 22. We are getting ready to circularize, for the second time, a list sent us by National Headquarters. We didn't have much luck the first time, but now the Chapter is activated and we have something definite to offer, and hope for more success.

January meeting scheduled for Friday the 29th, and if any of you happen to be vacationing out here in the Valley of the Sun, we hope you'll get in touch with us. We're asking again for the names and addresses of any Rainbowners now living in Arizona. Our request in the November REVEILLE brought in two prospects from a loyal Rainbowner in Iowa, for which we are grateful. Send 'em in to Don C. Trent, 2201 N. 19th Pl., Phoenix.

--Don

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Rainbow's biggest little

Chapter has swung into another Rainbow year headed by WW I President Robert Ellicott. Harry Southerly is Secretary and Romeo Fagiolo, Treasurer. One business meeting has been held at the Press Club and two dinner meetings at Gusti's Restaurant -- with the ladies on hand for these events. It is always interesting to note how the Old Faithfuls keep this Chapter moving. A partial list includes Colston, Jackson, Fagiolo, McIntosh, Sommers, Erickson, our National Vice President Dick Wayland, Rhodes and Marshal Andrews. This list should include Bill Kay, basking in Florida's sunshine, and Harold Rodier, traveling our far-flung Nation.

The D. C. Chapter wishes all Rainbowners and their families a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

--Vince Pizza

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MASSACHUSETTS At our last meeting on December 1st, we were honored with the presence of our National President, George Seaman.

Plans for the National Reunion were enthusiastically discussed with Harry Marshard, Reunion Chairman. During the meeting a call was received from Arthur E. Mayo (117th Engrs.) who just returned home from many months in a V. A. Hospital. I am sure he would be only too happy to hear from any of his buddies while recuperating at his home at 17 Wentworth St., Dorchester, Mass. Another Rainbowner, George H. Sahagian, (149th F. A.) has been in the V. A. Hospital in Rutland, Mass., since March. Letters will be appreciated. Our elected Secretary-Treasurer, Anthony Milsaukas, has been having his troubles, too, and has not been able to make the last two meetings. We look forward to his joining us at the next meeting.

--Ed

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NEW YORK To sit down tonight and report for New York is most certainly quite a chore. Here we are in the midst of gift wrapping and endeavoring to stretch the pursestrings to the utmost and a phone call from our beloved President George Seaman calls for a

few lines to that indefatigable Harold Rodier - and with the further admonition that it be in the mails tonight! So we'll do our best. The greatest holiday of the year is upon us again, and I'm sure that all good Rainbowers at this time bow their heads in prayer for our departed Buddies, and for all our boys on sick beds or in hospitals, everywhere.

Major Jim Mason reports that our membership so far this year is ahead of last year. This is very encouraging and we feel that the credit for this showing must go to Major Jim for his untiring efforts on behalf of Father Duffy Chapter.

Right after New Years we will start working with a vengeance on our Annual Ball, to be held the first Friday after Easter. Our own Joseph J. Jones has been appointed by President Gene Egan to act as Chairman of the Ball Committee, and Joe has already reserved the Hall and the Band. We hope to make this affair a grand Rainbow highlight, and we hope to see all the Rainbowers that can make it to New York to be with us that night. You will hear more about it in the near future.

National President George Seaman and his charming wife Jean have been working very hard on the National Reunion to be held in Boston next July. They have been practically commuting between Boston and New York every week-end. From all reports this promises to be one of the best yet. You had better start putting your pennies aside now.

On behalf of all the members of Father Duffy Chapter we extend to you Rainbowers and your families, everywhere, a Prosperous and Healthful New Year!

--Dunc Campbell

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OKLAHOMA Everett Pope threw his annual big-time stag, and he really put on a big affair October 9th, in his home on Reservoir Hill, in Tulsa. In addition to the old soldiers' pastimes he arranged for the local Policemen's Barber Shop Quarter and inimitable Charlie Clark to entertain. Present was Orlie Lee (167th Amb.) attending his first meeting.

John George, Jr., was host at his home for the November Stag. Among those present was Tommie Atkins' "new member," Wesley Guliksen, (402d F.A.), and attending for the first time was Fred Gogoland (132d Sig.). The old Tulsa gang was happy to see Jack Boren at a November luncheon. Jack now lives in Pittsburg, Kansas, and we have missed him for 25 years. His membership brings our total to 129 members; 2 over last year's all-time high.

Jack and Mary Weiser are proud parents of a new boy. Tommie and Nora Alessio are proud parents of a new girl. We are sorry to report the death of our own Frank Hensley on November 16th, (167th Infantry.) We extend our deep and true sympathy to his wife, Grant Hensley, and family. John and Frances Ferguson have moved back to Tulsa. John is a sports writer on the Tulsa World. We lose Bill and Barbara Murchison to Denver, where Bill is organizing an oil com-

pany. While in Texas we visited Major Tom Giboney and Betty at Bryan. They have bought a new home, but still claim not to be dyed-in-the-wool Texans. (Texas papers please DON'T copy.) We are shocked to learn of the death in an automobile accident of Auxiliary Past National President Bernice Harper of Martinsville, Indiana.

--Leonard Hill

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TEXAS This Supply Train outfit had to draft another ex-doughboy this year to keep the Texas Chapter operating. Willie E. (Bill) West, an old member of Co. M, 165th Infantry, is our President. However, Bill started his Army career in Oklahoma, rather than in New York. He and the writer, who served in the 168th Infantry, have been trying to round up some other stray doughboys of ancient vintage to support our minority group. (EDITOR'S NOTE: We suggest that Ted try the Confederate Veterans. Doesn't seem likely he'd find many "ancient vintage" doughboys in the Rainbow.)

We managed to find one in Amarillo by the name of Scott King who marched around with that Alabama outfit. We still have room for a few more.

Harold Rodier was a recent visitor in Texas. Starting at El Paso he made his exit into Louisiana via Ft. Worth, Dallas and Houston, which is quite a trek. In El Paso he had better luck visiting Rainbowers than anywhere. The most famous member we have in the Texas Chapter is there - Fred Cornelius, who was just recovering from an attack of the flu when Harold and Elsie drove in to see him. Harold also saw our big-time author out there, Herbert George. In Dallas he didn't have such good luck. President Bill West was AWOL, and the writer was in Austin helping the Presbyterians spend some of their Texas money. The only one he could catch was ex-President Al Capy. There was no meeting scheduled so Harold trekked on East. We hope he will try again soon, and promise that Dallas will do better by him.

--Ted Jones

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VIRGINIA The Tri-State Reunion was originated in Washington, and the D. C. Chapter has staged some great parties on this occasion. But if genuine eagerness to make the Tri-State this year the greatest ever; if careful attention to every detail involved in staging an affair such as this; if placing the Reunion in the setting of one of the South's most beautiful Hotels; and if the marriage of Southern Hospitality with the Spirit of Rainbow can all accomplish what we hope it will, then, Rainbow friends, this is going to be the Tri-State Reunion to top all Tri-State Reunions! Please come!

--Jim Dent



NEWS AND VIEWS OF WORLD WAR TWOES

By Bob Kubik, Co-Chairman, Membership Com., c/o Omar Bakery, Rushville, Ind.

Some men have fame, some worldly goods, money, etc., some have brains, some wit, but all men are endowed equally of one thing: TIME. How we each use those golden minutes, only we must answer, it's not for anyone of us to condemn another for his choice -- one can speak only for himself -- if my choice is to spend on and with Rainbow, I do so because it is in my heart, in this time of "Goodwill toward fellow man" I think now of what is in your heart -- the good intentions of yesterday, the I'll do it tomorrow of today, and then live with the NOW! It's your Rainbow and my Rainbow -- but as the Rainbow is in the Sky, our Rainbow can live only in Sunshine

and in our hearts. If you can find within the scope of those golden minutes, a minute to spend with your pen and paper, write to that buddy -- NOW -- Ask him to join with you in Reunion, if only by mail, but if possible in some way, to be in Boston this year July 12 - 14, your golden time will radiate those golden sunbeams that make the Rainbow the promise of all "Goodwill to men from Him!"

It's your time, your decision -- make it now -- for YOUR Rainbow needs YOUR help NOW! Please, Buddy, it's later than you think!

--Bob Kubik

222nd Chatter

LeMoyné Anderson (B-222) reports game plentiful in Lake Nordan, S. Dak.; would like to hear from any of you who pass that way. Hopes to make Boston!

Men of E-222nd: Memberships from two more of your buddies, Willis J. Beaten (back in service now), A/2c, 1300 Fd. Sv. Sqdn., Box 3479, Great Falls Air Base, Montana. Write to Willis! A letter and dues from Mrs. Egidio Battisti reports Egidio (E-222) is in V.A. Hospital. Write him at RFD #2, St. Johnsville, New York. A letter and picture, taken in Florida, from Wilbert L. Fulp (E) 1511 Ridgewood Ave., Greensboro, N. C. Hope all you fellows get together in Boston; we'll tell 'em who won the war! Eddie Klope (G) is farming in Nebraska. How's hunting, Ed? Jack Lawrence (G) lives in Woodbury, Ga. S. M. Lebman (G & Recon) has swell pictures of the Chi Reunion. Jim Hannegan (K) your old Mail Clerk, is now in Greenburg, Ind. Jim wasn't well when I last saw him; hope he's better now!

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"You've Had It"

By Ken Pyle, R. D. #1, Harrisville, Pa.

Heard from Roy Bird, 131 1st St., So., Springfield, Utah. He's much interested in our program to get you fellows together. Look: You've got only ONE letter to write while I hope to have hundreds so pour it on! More news: Ralph Grundy, who stayed in Germany after 1945 returned last March, is now an insurance investigator at Volant, Pa. James Leidham is learning to be a word-butcher in Mebrose, Mass. He must be married now; never writes. General (now Col.) Linden - Ft. Belvoir, Va., wants to know why his driver doesn't write. Come on, Schaffer drop your old boss a line. Joe Sokolowski Carnegie 19 Pittsburgh, Pa., is working for a construction company; I see him now and then. He's still good old pill-roller Joe. On my second tour into Germany with the 28th Division I make a tour of all our towns and cities from Strasburg to Munich, and I have a good collection of pictures which I expect to have printed

into a diary, along with the help of other photos, but we MUST have help and that is where you come in. If you have any photos or such of any of your outfit while they were at Gruber or Europe, please send them in to me and you can help get a real pictorial review of our trip thru Deutchland. If you will kindly send me three measly dollars for one year, which will cover your National dues of two dollars for the REVEILLE and one dollar to put in reserve for that pictorial diary you will receive as soon as some of you guys get off that horse.

--Ken Allmen of Dog Co., 232d, YOUR Chapter is really rolling. If you haven't joined, send in your dues to Donald L. Fedrick, Room 705, Y.M.C.A., 2200 Prospect Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio. Don is a mail clerk so he'll appreciate being snowed under with letters with checks in 'em!

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Signal News

This is from your Jonny, men.

He needs a hand; how about it?

You can, you should, and I know you will!

I don't know if you realize how hard I have worked with the Signal Co. Chapter for the past few years. Just recently I have sent out close to 250 cards, all typed individually, pleading for dues and news. Up to this writing I've had FOUR replies. Shouldn't I be discouraged? Would you be discouraged if you didn't get response from your boys? All we can do, I believe is to take it with a grain of salt. How do you think I must feel about not getting even one issue of our NEWSLETTER out to my gang, when by this time in other years I have had three of them out? I'm actually sick about it because I know I am neglecting those whom I love best and who are closest to me.

On July 11, 1953, in Columbus, O., Dick Fix (WW II) married Mary Kristoff, the charming daughter of a WW I comrade, Dick's father being a WW I Rainbow comrade, he probably saw to it that the sons and daughters continue in the spirit of Rainbow. Mary's sister Helen married the son, Low Barnes, Cincinnati, Ohio,

of another Rainbow I comrade a few years back. All are active in the Cincinnati or Columbus Chapters.

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How About It, 242nd?

By Sergeant "Mac"

About the time the Rainbow Division (WW II) shipped overseas a majority of the men had already served in one or more other branches of the Army. All had been in long enough to have a clear idea of Army life. All knew men in every segment of the Rainbow Division, having served with them in other branches.

These friendships were in addition to those formed in the men's own units, in actual combat. Now that WW II has been over for eight years it is about time to renew these comradeships by joining a Chapter in or near the place you call your home. Then if at all possible attend your State and National Reunions. It is only by taking an active part in Rainbow that one is able to renew old comradeships built up during the war years, plus others built up by attending Annual Reunions and meeting other Comrades and their wives and children.

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"Medics Around the Rainbow"

President George Seaman had lunch with some of us fellows recently and he told me that extra copies of the November REVEILLE are being sent out to WW II men not on the mailing list. We can use some of these here in Georgia! This idea had already been discussed in our Chapter. Went over to Birmingham for their Armistice Party, and plan to get to the Tri-State Reunion in Roanoke in February. Will I see you there?

--W. R. Barton

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542nd - SGT. (SAD) SAK'S MUTTERINGS

The Neil Holmans visited with me in Detroit as a return engagement of our Chicago Reunion. We remembered how at a cocktail party in Chi, Sgt. George assembled the 542nd men present and marched them up to Gen. Collins. It took a fifth of Club to do it, but George, Holman, Retzer and Sak reported for the entire Artillery. The General's compliments to all of the 542nd, and we were informed that George A. (Combat Charlie) Carver is now a full Colonel. --Sgt. Sak.

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success of the Chapters activities.

This brings another matter to mind. Several published items by WW IIers in recent months refer to the imminence of the time when WW I Rainbows "will no longer be able to carry on"; and suggests that we WW IIers must be pretty alert to grasp the torch from their faltering hands. Now General MacArthur has said that Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away; but personally I don't think that these old buzzards are even thinking of fading! Might be more tactful to talk

in terms of carrying on WITH them instead of AFTER them.

All of this is just in passing. Personally I've gotten a terrific kick out of my association with the R. D. V.; and I look forward to seeing and having fun with Rainbow friends old and new at the Tri-State Reunion in Roanoke on February 20th and 21st and at the National Reunion in Boston next July. See you there!

--Dick Wayland

FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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promise of freeing vast armies for use on the Western Front.

It was not a question of how much strength America could bring to the Allied cause, but of how soon it could be effectively used. The German General Staff set up a timetable of American capability to become a significant factor in the campaigns coming up indicating that our military force would be, not too little, but a hell of a lot too late. Their calculations turned out to be wrong, but they were far from being stupid. They were based on their European experience, and upon authentic American military history. Actually their opinions on the subject were largely shared by our Allies and probably even by many of our own military leaders.

They were crossed up when our Army beat their timetables by a country mile. In this the Rainbow Division played a historic part. When the 42nd reached France a training program was set up for us based upon Allied, and especially French, experience. Our division staff revised this program upon the "American Plan." To do so they ran counter to the views of our Allies and even to the directives of our AEF headquarters. The results so quickly justified themselves as not only to save our division command from being cracked over the knuckles by Chaumont, but to cause our methods to be prescribed for other American divisions which had submitted to the European training procedures and were well behind the 42nd in the results they had achieved.

The Rainbow Division's training methods speeded up their entry into the line and enabled it to become the first American division to take over a front line sector under its own command.

The Division's performance under this responsibility so far exceeded the expectations of our Allies (and of the enemy!) that it resulted in the utilization of American troops weeks earlier than had been anticipated.

That the speedy utilization of our troops, and their surprising quality as fighting men, turned the tide of victory is beyond dispute. That the performance and example of the Rainbow Division played a major role in this upset, few will deny.

And General MacArthur's tribute to the Division as "... one of the greatest Divisions in American Military History," is gratifying testimony to this achievement.

--George E. Seaman

CHAPTER STANDINGS

As of December 15, 1953

	1952-53 Totals	1952-53 WW II	Current Totals	Current WW II				
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	11	1	12	2	Mo/Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	100	9	32 3
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	50	2	50	0	St. Louis	3	2	2 2
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	116	7	126	1	MISSOURI TOTAL	103	11	34 5
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	108	5	91	6	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	21	4	25 6
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	16	0	0	0	Omaha	17	11	20 16
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	13	0	8	0	NEBRASKA TOTAL	38	15	45 22
ALABAMA TOTAL	314	16	287	9	New Jersey (Red Bank)	125	26	125 17
ARIZONA (Phoenix) (New Chapter)	--	--	22	3	Gen. Chas. T. Menoher (Jersey City)	14	2	0 0
Los Angeles	77	5	76	2	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	139	28	125 17
San Francisco	53	5	1	1	Father Duffy Chapter (N. Y. City)	528	21	400 14
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	6	0	16	0	Long Island	24	2	25 0
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	136	10	93	3	Westchester	16	0	18 0
COLORADO (Denver)	50	7	38	2	NEW YORK TOTAL	568	23	443 14
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	65	22	50	10	Ohio State Association	10	2	7 2
Miami	57	8	32	4	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	32	0	21 0
St. Petersburg	19	0	0	0	Cincinnati	39	7	39 6
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall (Orlando)	65	13	71	10	Columbus	146	3	93 2
FLORIDA TOTAL	141	21	103	14	Newark	32	2	28 2
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	15	0	21	0	Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	23	1	21 1
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	17	5	21	7	Akron	3	0	3 0
GEORGIA TOTAL	32	5	42	7	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	19	0	7 0
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	625	78	500	37	Toledo	16	5	15 2
Danville	53	2	33	0	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	24	0	21 0
ILLINOIS TOTAL	678	80	533	37	Lancaster	46	2	48 2
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	228	16	188	14	Cleveland	46	15	28 7
Bloomington	70	0	57	0	Springfield	16	1	17 0
Fort Wayne	8	3	17	1	Vets Co. C 166th Inf (Greenfield)	164	28	185 45
LaFayette	44	0	29	0	Pickaway (Circleville)	10	1	0 0
Martinsville	38	2	37	2	Orvil G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	11	0	7 0
South Bend	28	12	17	7	132d Signal Co. Chapter (Youngstown)	70	67	38 37
INDIANA TOTAL	416	33	345	24	OHIO TOTAL	710	134	578 106
Iowa State Association	0	0	45	0	Oklahoma City	47	14	38 11
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	184	14	154	10	Tulsa	127	54	189 53
Cedar Rapids	44	5	26	1	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	174	68	167 64
Oskaloosa	35	0	41	0	OREGON (Portland)	11	1	3 1
Creston	48	1	36	0	Easton	51	6	35 6
Fort Dodge	3	0	2	0	Pittsburgh	85	24	85 24
North Iowa (Mason City)	12	2	7	1	Bethlehem	23	1	28 2
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	34	0	26	0	John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	105	12	95 10
Cedar Valley (Waterloo & Ced. Falls)	29	3	24	3	Reading	28	0	26 1
Ottumwa	61	2	46	1	Philadelphia	34	11	26 8
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	27	0	11	0	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	326	54	295 51
Dubuqueland (Dubuque)	14	3	10	2	SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	16	2	10 1
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	24	0	22	0	TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	3	2	1 1
IOWA TOTAL	515	30	450	16	TEXAS (Dallas)	166	30	130 23
Chanute	50	1	54	2	Virginia State (Roanoke)	92	9	75 3
Dodge City - Pratt	38	0	41	0	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	30	3	26 1
KANSAS TOTAL	88	1	95	2	Maurice Tyler Jr. (Richmond)	15	5	1 0
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	30	8	35	10	VIRGINIA TOTAL	137	17	102 4
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	71	10	48	4	WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	1	0	1 0
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	61	37	51	29	Wisconsin State Association	3	0	0 0
Michigan State (Detroit)	173	53	130	21	Appleton	58	4	51 2
Grand Rapids (New Chapter)	--	--	7	5	Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	28	9	20 5
MICHIGAN TOTAL	173	53	137	26	Fond du Lac	40	1	32 1
Minneapolis	214	9	175	8	Oshkosh	41	0	35 0
St. Paul	54	5	18	2	WISCONSIN TOTAL	170	14	1138 8
MINNESOTA TOTAL	268	14	193	10	WYOMING (Cheyenne)	3	1	3 1
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - War I	1	--	1 0
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - War II	16	16	4 4
					GRAND TOTALS	5,620	763	4,602 528

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