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"LEST WE FORGET"

May is such a pleasant month, with nature bursting forth in all its glory, that one cannot but feel happy to be alive. We who are able to enjoy all this, should pause in our daily routine on Memorial Day and pay homage to our departed comrades.

As our ranks gradually thin from year to year, the Spirit of Rainbow tends to draw us closer and closer. Let us therefore make every effort to meet each other whenever the opportunity offers and enjoy to the fullest the pleasure we have in each other's company.

On July 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th we will celebrate our Thirty-sixth Annual Reunion in the City of Boston. Here you will have the opportunity of enjoying the fellowship of many of your buddies whom you may not have seen in years --- and whom you may never see again. Plan your vacation so you may attend the Reunion and also enjoy historical and beautiful New England.

I look forward to seeing YOU in Boston!

--George E. Seaman

RAINBOW BIG-TIME EVENTS -

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| May 8 - 9 | LANCASTER, PA.; State Reunion and Banquet; Hotel Brunswick. |
| May 16 | SANFORD, FLA.; State Reunion; Home of Al Rector, Box 254, Route 2. |
| June 5 | TULSA, OKLA.; Annual Reunion; Lunch Veterans Club; Dinner-Dance Alvin Hotel |
| July 11 - 14 | BOSTON, MASS.; 36TH NATIONAL REUNION; STATLER HOTEL. |

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THE BIG SEARCH

By "Mel" Horne

National Membership Chairman

My Rainbow Friends:

Here we go again. I am wondering how many of you know the true meaning of THE BIG SEARCH, the slogan I have been using in this membership drive for our Rainbow Association. It could mean a lot of things, but in our Rainbow language it means "Continue to SEARCH for more members for our Rainbow Association, especially your own home Chapter." I'm beginning to believe that a lot of you believe in the following quotation: "Tomorrow is nice to have around --- it promises to do things put off today." But time neglected is time lost. "DO IT NOW" should be the daily rule. Unless you belong naturally to the lodge whose motto is, "Never do today what can be put off 'til tomorrow---and maybe by Thursday you won't have to do it at all!" I am beginning to believe that a lot of us belong to this lodge.

When you read this we will have approximately two months to go until our 1953-54 Rainbow Year will be history; all of you know the answer: WE NEED MORE MEMBERS AND MORE MEMBERS and the only way to get them is to go out and beat the bushes. Yes, they are out there and can be found. Did you ever try playing BIRD DOG? I am suggesting that you who depend on the other fellow getting the members and carrying your "PACK" try this BIRD DOG stunt. All of you know what I mean.

To the States and Chapters who are doing a good job in securing new and renewal members, I certainly extend my grateful thanks, and I am sure that our National Officers join me in extending these thanks.

Especially praise goes to the ten states which are already ahead of their entire 1952-53 membership. Among these is my "home" state of Ohio, and I just want to extend my very personal thanks to all my Ohio "Buddies" for a good job, and may I say further, "Keep up the good work and don't go to sleep now that you are growing spurs on your feet." There is plenty of room in our whole Rainbow Association, not only in securing members but in helping support your local Chapter. We want to finish this Rainbow year in grand style and the only way we can do it is to have cooperation from every active member. Get the inactive ones to become active; don't put off 'til tomorrow what you can do today; don't become a member of the LODGE who believe in waiting 'til Thursday, for when Thursday arrives you will wait 'til Friday! I could mention the States and Chapters who need more members and more activity insofar as Rainbow action is concerned; but all of you know how active you are and what methods you use in securing members for your Chapters; and how you stand in the membership standing nationally. So we are depending on all of you to finish the Rainbow year with flying colors. Oh yes, you can do it!

--"Mel"

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ATTENTION -- CHAPTER AND STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL REUNION: Each Chapter is entitled to one delegate for each ten actual paid-up members in the National Association, and two delegates at large. At earliest possible date kindly notify National Secretary of name and membership card number of each delegate from your Chapter.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-MEN: Each state is entitled to one member on the Executive Committee. Please submit choice from your state by June 30th to National President and mail copy of letter to National Secretary.

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MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

You're going to Boston?

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(Hi Barry! Hi Sharon! Hi Rosy! Hi Al!)

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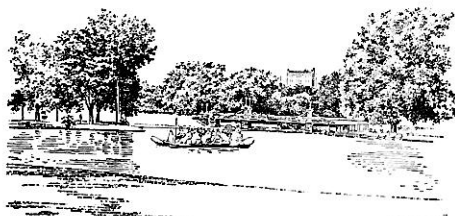
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of our Honored Dead----

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Colonel Orville E. McKim

HEADQUARTERS TROOP
Herman Luther

165TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
John P. Lee Hq. Co.
William Steen " "
William F. Hayes Med. Det.
John Larkin Sup. Co.
Leo F. Robinson " "
Frank X. Tormey " "
Harry J. Finn Co. A
Alfred P. Heinrichs " "
John C. Kyles " "
Henry Pilger " "
Frederick J. Coyne Co. B.
Hugh F. Gilnagh " "
Joseph P. McDonnell " "
James L. Tully " "
Thomas A. O'Neill Co. C
Thomas A. Blake Co. D
George A. Butcher " "
Arthur T. McLean " "
Martin McMahon " "
Grant Jackson Co. E
Paul F. Koenig " "
Charles B. McCann " "
Phillip H. Sheridan " "
Robert P. Bauman Co. F
Thomas J. Leddy " "
James J. Brennan Co. G
Edward P. Fitzgerald " "
John A. Nicastro " "
Thomas F. Donohue Co. H
James J. O'Keefe " "
Peter J. Shea " "
George F. Tolson " "
Bernard Coen Co. I
John Joseph Flynn Co. K
Maurice A. O'Neill " "
William J. Quigg " "
Harry A. Buckley Co. L
John F. Murray Co. M
Harry Joyce Co. Not Rep'd

166TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
Theodore Bundy Hq. Co.
Morris M. Cole " "
Nicola DiNunzio " "
George B. Foerster " "
Walter E. Hamner Hq. Co. & Co. B
James W. Hampton Hq. Co.
John G. Harvey " "
Hal M. Johnson " "
Charles E. King " "
Fern Leady " "
Bernard W. Miller " "
Esley J. Robertson " "
Alfred John Roth Hq. Co. & Co. I
Benjamin Harrison Sivedge Hq. Co.
Arthur J. McCrum Med. Det.
Edward C. Funk Sup. Co.
Wilbur S. Jones " "
Forrest W. Foust M.G. Co.
Harvey A. Poulson " "
Guy W. Ziesloft " "
Clifford M. Lovell Co. A
Theodore Earle Nelson Co. B
Cyril Fisher Co. C
Pasquale Petitti " "
Foster E. Thomas " "
Ray Reinchild Co. D

166th Infantry Regiment (Continued)
Earnest B. Wooster Co. D
Dana Daniels Co. E
Clyde Spain " "
Daniel C. Hughes Co. F
Edward M. Coleman Co. G
Leo J. Cummings " "
Henry F. Mel Hall " "
John Leon Hoffman " "
Elmer N. Null " "
Claude Orland Proctor " "
Clyde Sherrock " "
Darl Coakley Co. I
Claude Creeks " "
Howard F. Cummins " K
Orba Burns " L
George F. Chesser " "
Otto W. Corsen " "
Harry K. Duddleson " "
Martin J. Fleming " "
Cordis L. Hand " "
Charles W. Hobbs " "
John Sherman Hoover " "
Fern J. Lawson " M
Jesse J. Pendergraft " "

84TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
William U. Sealy Headquarters

167TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
Frank C. Hensley Hq. Co.
Roy Otis Yeatman Sup. Co.
William Clarence Lee Co. A
Paul J. Downing Co. B
Vander W. Faulk " "
James Arthur Dye Co. C
William J. Pitts " "
Paul A. Davis Co. D
Ernest R. McCreary " "
Harry H. Drysdale Co. E
C. Edwin Johnson " "
Earl L. Wildes " "
Taylor Rex Keene Co. F
Charles S. Maas " "
Fred D. Bettress Co. G
Carl Frank Litzel " "
Ernest L. Johnson Co. I
Bernard K. Foster Co. Not Rep'd

168TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
Dr. Wilfred B. Fetterman Med. Det.
Winthrop Franklin Tinker " "
Archie M. Hass M. G. Co.
L. J. Rose " "
Fred E. Bitting Co. A
Foss Davis " "
James R. Tabb " "
Albert R. Bartell Co. B
Elliott F. Hoffman " "
William A. Kelley Co. B & Co. F
Phillip D. Bertholf Co. C
Ernest A. Matheny " "
James Roules " "
Oval T. Rice Co. D
Alfred L. Amunrud Co. E
Leonard J. Beck " "
Ernest W. Chase " "
George N. Cutler " "
Waldo E. Elder " "
Nels A. Nelson " "
Frank A. Hengstebeck Co. F
Phil H. Newman " "
Nathan A. Yearous " "
Philip Blake Co. G

168th Infantry Regiment (Continued)
Harvey Dell Keith Co. G
George W. Piersol " "
Louis P. Rodenborn " "
Ray V. Priestley Co. H
Fred C. Spates " "
Clarence Dilworth Co. I
Frank E. Dunn " "
Ray C. McMillen " "
John Maxwell Murphy " "
Paul K. Patton Co. K
Harry M. Greene Co. L
Arthur E. Hallen " "
John Staley " "
William D. Tittsworth " "
George E. White " "
Bernard C. Wolcott " "
Flavil C. Gilbert Co. M
Oliver S. Reiley " "

117TH SANITARY TRAIN
Charles R. Measure 165th Amb. Co.
Arthur E. Monahan " "
Frank J. Reilly " "
Dr. Hector G. LaReau 167th " "
Paul Leo Laws " "
Dr. Frederick W. McAfee 168th Amb. Co.

Irving H. Silverberg 165th F. H.
Dwight D. Stebbins 166th " "
John L. Vickery " "

67TH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE
Hugh D. Cameron Headquarters
Max E. Payne " "

149TH FIELD ARTILLERY REG'T
Charles T. Roos Hq. Co.
Richard E. Sieben Sup. Co.
Charles E. LaForce Bat. B
Joseph F. Culverwell " "
John D. Clark Bat. D
Thomas J. Kenny " "
John V. Magee Bat. F

150TH FIELD ARTILLERY REG'T
Dallas Myrtle Smith Hq. Co.
Harry E. Cavanaugh Bat. C
Charles V. Burnett Bat. E
Everett Hamby " "
William C. Jackson " "
Fred A. Conkle Bat. F
Frank Albert Dobson " "
Edwin J. Simmons " "

151ST FIELD ARTILLERY REG'T
Orville G. Conover Headquarters
George W. Christenson Hq. Co.
Russell Kerr " "
Frank C. Horton Med. Det.
Charles F. Baird Bat. A
Channing M. Hall " "
Reuben A. Vashro " "
Andrew J. Kvalheim Bat. B
Peter B. Paulsen " "
Syrphene Edward Burgett Bat. C
Glenn L. Peterson " "
Elmer S. Faatz Bat. D
Levin C. Graham " "
John L. Mahlum " "
Obert L. Vangen Bat. E
Arthur T. Synder Bat. F

392ND FIELD ARTILLERY BN.
Harry S. Meadowcraft Hqrs.

117TH TRENCH MORTAR
William Walter Farnandis
Oden L. Mulcahy " "
William Thomas O'Brien " "

149TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION
George A. Keck Co. A
Harold E. Groman " "
Henry L. Schuster, Jr. " "

150TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION
Louis Hugo Keller Co. A
Joseph W. Brooks Co. B & Co. D
Charles Julius Co. B
John A. Laudolph " "
August Fisher Co. C

151ST MACHINE GUN BATTALION
William E. Coover Co. D
Raymond Earl Dennis " "
Gregorias Karabetos " "
Lewis J. Matt " "

117TH TRAIN HEADQUARTERS
AND MILITARY POLICE
Alexander Bowman Sheen Co. A
Ashford Emory Wilbourn " "

117TH FIELD SIGNAL BATTALION
Howard B. Stone Co. B
Thomas R. Berry Co. C
Harry Hodnett Brown " "

117TH AMMUNITION TRAIN
Ernest C. Durkee Co. C
Charles Leroy Simms " "
Erling C. Theller " "
Lloyd L. Trabert Co. F
Ellington W. Walters " "
Percy W. (Jack) Guyer Co. G
Orva A. Johnson " "
Julius M. Bennett Co. Not Rep't

117TH SUPPLY TRAIN
Milton J. Gaines Co. A
Richard Brownrigg Irion " "
Michael H. Fitzgerald Co. C
Fred J. Straka " "
Ernest E. Pritchard Co. E

117TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
Charles Dantzler Albergotti Co. B
Marion B. Barrentine " "
John S. Donato " "
Kenneth K. Wright Co. E

ORGANIZATION NOT REPORTED
H. C. Bayliss
Lester Pultz
Arthur Ward
Ralph C. Wentworth

222ND INFANTRY REGIMENT
Mansel C. Young Co. E
Horace C. Holbrook Co. G
James E. McLeroy " "
John Bob Pettigrew Co. K

232ND INFANTRY REGIMENT
Bernard J. Shively Co. F

242ND INFANTRY REGIMENT
Martin T. Lynch Svc. Co.
Willis R. Hetzel Med. Det.
Neil A. Maghielse Co. M

CALIFORNIA Our only word from California this month is in a letter from Corby Sutherland, who asks that we publish the following note:

EASTERN RAINBOWERS IN CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS

If you know of any Rainbower who is in a California Hospital, please communicate with the Los Angeles Auxiliary so that we can put them on our list to be visited and receive some Rainbow attention while here! Write Mrs. Kenneth A. Sutherland, 1213 Sonora Avenue, Glendale 1, California. (Telephone: Circle 3 - 2845)

Incidentally, Corby's letter indicates that she and Slim will be at the Boston Reunion --- and your Editor rates that as a first-class drawing card. Warner and Katherine Grassell, and Bobby, will also be on hand, as usual.

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GEORGIA What's the trouble? How did it happen? We can't figure it out! On March 10th, Cooper D. Winn and Auxiliary met in our usual room at Legion Post #147, and --- believe it or not --- the room was not large enough. It was necessary to open the folding doors leading to another room in order to accommodate the attendance. Even at that we were crowded.

We can't figure what happened. We even had Buddy Raymond Hirsch (242nd) from Savannah as a visitor. Of course we did have motion pictures of WW I, taken around the Luneville and Baccarat sections; also color pictures of the reactivation of Rainbow at Camp Gruber, Okla., on July 14, 1943, as well as motion pictures of the installation of the Rainbow Monument at Camp Mills, Long Island, New York. All those in attendance were might well pleased with the pictures and asked if it would be possible to get some more pictures to show at the next meeting, to be held on June 16th --- and which will perhaps include a picnic.

Before the showing of the pictures, Mr. Rainbow himself, Bill Barton, gave us a report on the National Executive Committee Meeting in Roanoke, Virginia.

We surely do wish that other WW II Rainbowers would take the interest in Rainbow that Bill Barton and some of the others are taking. Cooper D. Winn Chapter is practically being run now by



Bill R. Barton

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World War II boys --- President Reed, (a National Vice President,) Vice President Barrett, and Secretary Barton. As a courtesy to WW I veterans, the writer is serving this year as Second Vice President! We were all glad to hear that Rainbower Paul Webb was recuperating nicely from a recent operation, and that Rainbower T. D. Plummer is coming along nicely also. We understand that Coma Wilson is feeling fine these days after his very serious operation. We hope to see YOUR shining countenance at our next meeting on June 16th.

---Jack Callaway

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OKLAHOMA An invitation is extended to all Rainbowers and their wives to attend the Annual Reunion in Tulsa, Saturday, June 5th. The luncheon and meeting will be at the same place, the Veterans Club, 214 E. 13th Place; and the Dinner-Dance will be at the Alvin Hotel --- so if you wore the Rainbow Patch in either war, make plans to be here! You will have a good chance to see someone with whom you served and had not seen for years. All Rainbowers are invited. We will have an excellent lunch at noon, (paid for from Chapter funds,) followed by a short business meeting and election of officers; and the rest of the day will be free to renew old acquaintances or making new ones --- or participating in your favorite pastimes. Our newest member is Roy F. Sharp, (167th Inf.) who lives at Fayetteville and operates the Ozark Mountain Smoke House.

We were grieved to hear of the deaths of C. Edwin Johnson and Elmer Faatz; both had been very active for years and will be greatly missed by their Chapters as well as by National Rainbow. The mothers of two of our Chapter members passed away recently; Sherwood Lahman's mother, and Elmer Frasher's mother. Mrs. Lahman was the godmother of the old Tulsa Ambulance Co. Our deepest sympathy to Sherwood and Elmer. We have received word from Secretary Gibbons of the death of Captain Hector LaReau in Chicago on March 4th. He was the organizer of the Tulsa group, and Commanding Officer during most of the war period.

Congratulations to Tommy Alessio (132d Sig.) who has just opened Tulsa's swankiest Italian Restaurant, the VILLA VENICE. Shurles (Red) Meyers, manager of the Tulsa office of the National Accident Life Insurance Co., has been promoted. His new assignment covers Southern Kansas and Northern Oklahoma. The Warren Arthurs are the proud parents of a new son. Mrs. John George (Lorena) is recovering from a surgical operation. John and Lorena are Past Presidents of the Chapter and Auxiliary. The entire Chapter sends best wishes to Lorena for a speedy recovery.

---Leonard Hill

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(More CHAPTER CHATTER, Col. 2, p. 7)

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PROUD OF THE OUTFIT you were in?
TELL THE WORLD with a Rainbow Pin!

NEWS AND VIEWS OF WORLD WAR TWOES

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

When this issue hits your mail box time will be running out on the '53-'54 Rainbow year. Nine years have passed since that VEDay in '45. Furth, Schweinfurt, Dahn, Siegfried Line, Würzburg, Dachau, Munich---all were passed. We vowed we'd always remember --- and stick together. Fella, how long has it been since YOU wrote to that buddy? Time runs exceedingly short --- don't put it off --- it may be too late. Rainbow is common fellowship. Rainbow can be discussed in the farmyard, in the home, at the office, on the golf course, in the Church; it is that inclusive. However, Rainbow is YOU --- it is only as good as you make it. Live it up, man! Boston, on July 12-14, is a good place to start.

Come willing to be a part and to go that first step. Your buddy will have changed --- don't come if you expect someone to carry you around on a chip; step up and say, "Hello, I'm a Rainbow man --- 222nd, 232rd, 242nd; artillery, medics, signal, engineers, M.P., Hq., & etc." We all have one thing in common; WW I and WW II, we wore ONE patch--- fought bled, and our buddies died --- that Rainbow may shine today. Come on, fella, bring the wife and Rainbow will shine for you!

MEDICS

Ivan E. Wallace, Jr., the Florida Flash, sends word to all you medics that he is expecting to see you in Boston July 12-14. Also you who served with the 222nd, look at the registration desk for information about the Second Annual 222d Infantry Breakfast for all men and their wives. William Barton was a big wheel, at the Mid-Year Meeting, and is doing a wonderful job --- he has things humping. He writes he'll see you all in Boston.

1st Sgt. Wendall Earthman (D-122d Medics) writes he hopes to be in Boston.

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222ND INFANTRY

H. H. Kelley of Chester, Md., runs his own garage there; he hopes to see many of his buddies in Boston. Drop him a line. James W. Gray, that fighting man of E-222d, would like a word from any of you E Co. men. He's at Concord, N. C. May, 1954, and now it's DOCTOR Russell E. Gladney --- living in St. Louis 9, Mo. Congrats, Russ --- hope you make the Reunion. Phil E. Inebnit has had the job of keeping K well represented at our National Reunions.

To all you men of E Co., your buddy ANTHONY P. MILAUSKAS, is going all-out to make this year's Reunion a great E Company home-coming. So plan to be in Boston and see Milo in person. He would like to hear from you --- his address is 25 Canton St., Brockton, 39, Massachusetts.

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232ND INFANTRY

If I started this letter by a great big WHOOPEE you could get a vague idea of the enthusiasm I feel. I have just received letters from some of the most wonderful guys, MY buddies, YOUR bud-

dies --- guys we sweated out Camp Gruber and Deitchland with. Remember Sergeant Moss, the tall, R. Z. man who was acting 1st Sgt. of BC before Sergeant Balster came to us? He's now 1st Lt. Edward W. Moss, 504th M. P. Co., Fort Eustis, Va., after a tour through Korea and Japan, where he met Harry Smith, a Platoon Sergeant.

Mrs. Venus Thrasher writes that her son, Doil Thrasher, was killed in Luxembourg, Germany, Jan. 10, 1945. She wants information on his death. If anyone knows anything on this, please let's help her out. Her address is RR #1, Alloms, Tennessee.

Good old steady Armour L. Griffin (General Delivery, Bradford, Tenn.) writes me he is fine and wants to be in our B Co. Chapter. He hopes he can be in Boston, come July. Hope you make it, Griff! Gene dela Gorgardiero (D-232d) lives in Worcester Mass., hopes to see many of you in Boston.

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"SIGNAL"

John Soltys --- that New Jersey flash, is working hard to see that many of you signal boys are in Boston and have a real good time.

242ND INFANTRY

Bob Dyas writes that a buddy of yours, August G. Seibert, is now Captain and is in Hawaii. Dyas sends an open invitation to all 242nd men, "I'll see you in Boston --- if any of you want a ride I have plenty of room --- just write to R. Dyas, Rt. #5, Maquoketa, Iowa."

No word from Bob Harris or Russ Sweeny so far. See you in Boston!

---Bob Kubik

PENNSYLVANIA The John D. Brenner Chapter will be hosts

to the State Reunion at Lancaster on May 8th and 9th. The Brunswick Hotel will be Reunion Headquarters. National President George Seaman, and his lovely wife, Jean, National Auxiliary President, will be present, as will a number of Rainbowers from surrounding states. Past President Walker Colston will give a timely discourse. State President J. H. McGinnis will preside at the meeting. The Annual Banquet will be held Saturday evening, May 8, at 6:30 pm. The State Meeting will open at 2:30 pm the next day.

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TEXAS Well folks, Here I come with a spot of Texas news. Many of you know Bill Harris and his good wife, Dorothy. They have sold their home in Phoenix, Arizona, and are on their way East. They stopped by to see us and of course the four of us had a swell Reunion. Bill is being transferred to the East and they are heading back via New Orleans, Florida, and then on up thru the South --- clear up to Boston in time for you-know-what. Boy! How I wish I could do that.

Marian and I have both been sort of under the weather but glad to report we are better now. And that winds up the Rainbow news from this end of the line.

---Fred Cornelius

CHAPTER STANDINGS

As of April 15, 1954

	1952-53 Total	1952-53 WW I	Current Totals	Current WW I
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	11	1	12	2
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	50	2	2	1
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	116	7	126	2
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	108	5	96	5
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	16	0	0	0
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	13	1	8	1
ALABAMA (Total)	314	16	292	10
ARIZONA (Phoenix) New Chap'r	--	--	25	4
Los Angeles	77	5	78	3
San Francisco	53	5	13	2
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	6	0	16	0
CALIFORNIA (Total)	136	10	107	5
COLORADO (Denver)	59	7	38	3
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	65	22	50	12
Miami	57	8	57	8
St. Petersburg	19	0	20	3
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall (Orlando)	65	13	71	11
FLORIDA (Total)	141	22	148	22
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	15	0	22	0
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	17	7	30	8
GEORGIA (Total)	32	5	52	8
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	625	78	500	46
Danville	53	2	52	3
ILLINOIS (Total)	678	80	552	49
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	228	16	208	16
Bloomington	70	0	59	0
Fort Wayne	4	3	18	1
LaFayette	44	0	41	0
Martinsville	38	2	37	2
South Bend	28	12	26	9
INDIANA (Total)	416	33	389	28
Iowa State Association	0	0	48	0
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	184	14	187	14
Cedar Rapids	44	5	36	3
Oskaloosa	35	0	43	1
Creston	48	1	48	0
Fort Dodge	3	0	2	0
North Iowa (Mason City)	12	2	10	2
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	34	0	35	0
Cedar Valley (Waterloo-Cdr Falls)	29	3	25	3
Ottumwa	61	2	48	1
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	27	0	22	0
Dubuque (Dubuque)	14	3	10	2
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	24	0	24	0
IOWA (Total)	515	30	538	26
Chanute	50	1	54	0
Dodge City - Pratt	38	0	42	0
KANSAS (Total)	88	1	96	2
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	30	8	37	11
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	71	10	65	7
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	61	37	71	44
Michigan State (Detroit)	173	53	170	39
Grand Rapids (New Chapter)	--	--	23	16
MICHIGAN (Total)	173	53	193	55
Minneapolis	214	9	212	9
St. Paul	54	5	47	5
MINNESOTA (Total)	268	14	259	14

Mo/Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	100	9	53	3
St. Louis	3	2	3	2
MISSOURI (Total)	103	11	56	5
Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	21	4	28	7
Omaha	17	0	12	16
NEBRASKA (Total)	38	15	48	23
New Jersey (Red Bank)	125	26	126	24
Gen. Chas. T. Menoher (Jersey City)	14	2	10	1
NEW JERSEY (Total)	139	28	135	25
Father Duffy Chapter (N. Y. C.)	528	21	500	22
Long Island	24	2	25	0
Westchester	17	0	12	0
NEW YORK (Total)	568	23	543	22
Ohio State Association	10	2	13	3
Ralph Berger (Marysville)	32	0	33	1
Cincinnati	39	7	44	8
Columbus	146	3	147	5
Newark	32	2	34	2
Luther Swigert (Mansfield)	73	1	22	1
Akron	3	0	5	1
Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	19	0	27	0
Toledo	16	5	18	6
Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	24	0	26	0
Lancaster	46	2	51	2
Cleveland	49	15	60	22
Springfield	16	1	17	0
Vets Co. G 166th Inf. (Greenfield)	164	28	207	62
Pickaway (Circleville)	10	1	0	0
Orville G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	11	0	11	0
132d Signal Co. Chapter (Youngstown)	70	67	67	61
OHIO (Total)	710	134	778	174
Oklahoma City	47	15	42	14
Tulsa	127	54	131	53
OKLAHOMA (Total)	174	68	173	67
OREGON (Portland)	11	1	3	1
Easton	51	6	35	6
Pittsburgh	85	24	85	24
Bethlehem	23	1	28	2
John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	105	12	95	11
Reading	28	0	29	1
Philadelphia	34	11	27	9
PENNSYLVANIA (Total)	326	54	299	53
SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	16	2	11	2
TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	3	2	1	1
TEXAS (Dallas)	166	30	146	24
Virginia State - Roanoke	92	9	75	3
Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	30	3	26	1
Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	15	5	17	6
VIRGINIA (Total)	137	17	118	10
WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	1	0	1	0
Wisconsin State Association	3	0	4	0
Appleton	58	4	53	2
Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	28	9	27	8
Fond du Lac	40	1	40	1
Oshkosh	41	0	39	0
WISCONSIN (Total)	170	14	159	11
WYOMING (Cheyenne)	3	1	15	11
NATIONAL CHAPTER - WW I	1	0	1	0
NATIONAL CHAPTER - WW II	16	16	7	7
	5,620	763	5,408	733

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SUMMARY

World War I memberships April 15, 1953	4,677
Current World War I membership (Apr. 15)	4,675
World War I BEHIND last year	2
World War I Percentage Achievement	99.95%
World War II membership April 15, 1953	674
Current World War II membership (Apr. 15)	733
World War II AHEAD of last year	59
World War II Percentage Achievement	111.36%
Total REVEILLES currently mailed	7,054
Less REVEILLES mailed to non-members*	557
NET REVEILLES MAILED TO MEMBERS	6,497
REVEILLES mailed to World War I members	5,438
REVEILLES mailed to World War II members	1,059

WW I Percentage paid-up members to Reveilles	85.9%
WW II Percentage paid-up members to Reveilles	69.2%
TOTAL percent paid-up members to Reveilles	83.2%
*Widows of Rainbows, Gold Star Mothers, etc.	

April 15 found the membership 57 ahead of the same date last year. Once more credit goes to the WW Iers, who are 59 ahead while WW I membership stands at 2 less than mid-April of last year.

OHIO continues to show the way in membership achievement and, with 604 War I members and 174 from War II, is now 54 ahead of its previous all-time high of 724 set in 1945-46. You can't tell Ohio that Rainbow membership cannot be secured, if YOU will go after them!

Those who need to do some "going after" are Colorado, District of Columbia, San Francisco, the former "World's Greatest Chapter" at Chicago, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Add FLORIDA and IOWA to the list of states which have equaled or exceeded last year's membership. Several others need only a few more members to enter that charmed circle, and can arrive there by exerting just that little bit of extra effort. Don't delay! --R. Allen Gibbons.

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