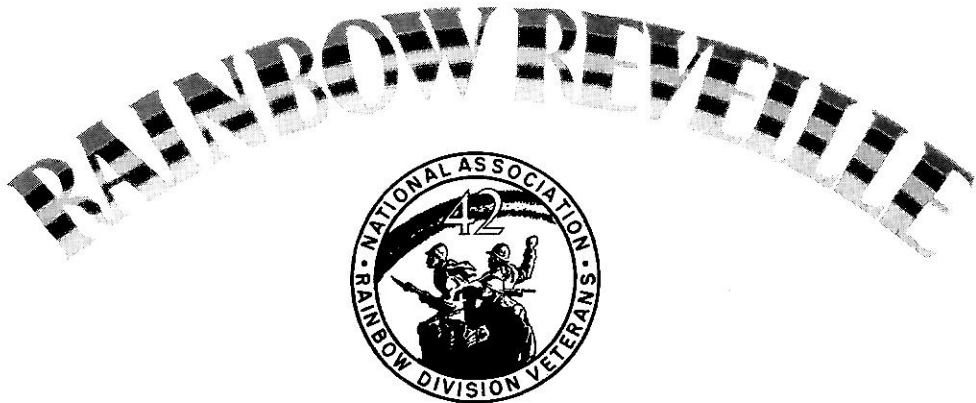




The President's Message

My recent swing through the South, the Deep South, and the Southwest, visiting Chapters in Atlanta, Georgia; Montgomery, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana, and Dallas, Texas, indeliably confirms my conviction that Rainbowers who have the spirit of Rainbow are the same everywhere you go. They are always cordial, and hospitable, and on many occasions extremely open-hearted.

And so it was on this trip --- all along the way I was regally received, my every comfort provided for, and most hospitably entertained by gracious persons. Some of these I had never been privileged to meet before. Yet, they turned out to greet me with a warmth that could only spring from a genuine understanding and appreciation of the true constituents of Rainbow fellowship.

Space does not permit me to name all who were so cordial. But I must make mention of those who really rolled out the red carpet, or were prominent in arranging my visits to the respective Chapters: Bill Barton, John Calloway, John Mertz and Israel Chalmers, of Atlanta, Georgia; Joe and Betty Dickerson and Ernie Pritchett of Montgomery, Alabama; Carroll and Dorothy Montet and Henry Enderline of New Orleans, Louisiana; Ted Jones, Nathan Bradley and Ben Schmid of Dallas, Texas.

As Rainbow neither offers nor yields commercial or political gains, nor aids in procuring veterans' benefits, the only return you may expect to derive from what you contribute to the Association is the privilege and pleasure of rejoining and being associated with the men of the Rainbow. --- men with whom you participated in a great adventure; men who were your buddies when sorely needed. Buddies; these are the men who have a place in your treasured memories. Each year about seven thousand men consider that more than an adequate return on their yearly investment in Rainbow. If you have not this year renewed your membership in your local Chapter, why not do it today? You will find that it will pay worthwhile dividends!

Your President's itinerary now calls for visits to Des Moines, Iowa, on March 26th and 27th, for the Iowa State Reunion; on April (Please turn to page 6)

RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

April 23	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA; Virginia State Reunion.
April 23 - 24	ORLANDO - SANFORD, FLORIDA; State Reunion.
April 30	DODGE CITY, KANSAS; Dodge City - Pratt Reunion; Lora Locke Hotel and Legion Clubhouse.
June 2 - 4	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO; Ohio State Reunion.
June 4	TULSA, OKLAHOMA; Annual Reunion, Luncheon and Meeting, Dinner-Dance; Hotel Alvin.
June 19	ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY; State Reunion.
July 12 - 14	OMAHA, NEBRASKA; NATIONAL REUNION; Hotel Fontenelle.

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10th Anniversary for WW IIers

When Rainbow meets in Reunion at Omaha, July 12th to 14th, this year, it will mark the tenth anniversary of the extension of membership in the Rainbow Division Veterans to World War II Rainbow men. In July, 1945, at Akron, Ohio, the Association amended their constitution to make eligible for membership, "... (b) All officers and soldiers of the Army of the United States of America who served honorably with a unit of the 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division of World War II, after July 14, 1941."

Within a year the membership from World War II Rainbows had reached the astonishing total of over 12,000. The current World War II membership stands at 700, with a probable total membership for the year of over 800, last year's total.

This membership is certainly not impressive, but anyone who thinks that this figure is necessarily discouraging in its promise for the future should look at the figures for our Association's membership in its early years.

We, too, started off with an impressive membership, and by a curious coincidence the figure was 12,000 plus. A year later the membership had dropped to 1670; ten years later it was 1449; and five years later it had dropped to 1059. (That was in 1933; and if you think that was quite a drop you should have noticed what had happened to the stock market.)

It is obvious that the membership at the organization period wasn't the significant figure. There was an intensive effort to build up a quick membership at the start. To illustrate how it was done, let us create an imaginary conversation in Austria, at that time. Sergeant Beaver has accosted Private Doakes and says, "Hey, Joe, gimme a buck!" Joe asks "What for?" Sgt. Beaver says, "Just gimme the buck; never mind what it's for!" Well, easy come, easy go, so Joe Doakes hands over the buck, but asks a bit plaintively then, "Okay, NOW do I get to know what it's for?" "Sure," says the Sergeant, "Now you're a member of the Rainbow Division Veterans." Asks Joe Doakes, "Is that good?"

Please, I would like to answer that one. You are dog-gone right it's good!

Let us look into the nature of the organization that Rainbower Doakes has joined. It is not a secret order, with idealistic and semi-religious aims such as the Masons. It is not a benevolent and mutually protective organization such as the Elks or Moose. It is not a military organization which has assumed civic and patriotic responsibilities, such as the

American Legion, or service and welfare obligations, such as the D. A. V.

It is in effect a fraternal and social association, made up of men who have shared a great experience together, an experience which had a profound effect upon their lives and characters. Side by side they shared privation, hardship, suffering and danger. Side by side they faced death and found glory. Side by side they lived through days and nights of terror and triumph. These days they cannot and would not forget. The friendships formed in those crucial days they will not abandon.

In the Association of Rainbow men they find the means to retain these memories and to maintain these friendships.

That these purposes are valid and worth while is demonstrated by the impressive success and vitality of our Association, which is far stronger today, after thirty-seven years of existence, than it was in its early years.

It is only logical to assume that this growth will be reflected in a growing membership from the World War II men.

At the end of ten years in which Rainbow men of two World Wars have maintained a common membership in our Association it seems to be appropriate to remind ourselves that although our membership is based upon service with the Rainbow Division in two wars, twenty-five years apart, we are one, homogeneous Association. While, with the object of helping to promote membership growth from Rainbow men of World War II there may at times seem to be a distinction of emphasis upon men from World War II, we are not two groups, but one. This is now and has been the intent of the Association from the beginning, and this is our strength. We have one Rainbow and one common bond of friendship.

--Harold B. Rodier

According to Len Hill--

The March 15th membership tabulation shows that three more states have joined the select group. They were Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas. Eleven more Chapters had exceeded last year's total, including Los Angeles, Cooper D. Winn, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Valley, Ottumwa, Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak), Lancaster (Ohio), Oklahoma City, John D. Brenner, Fond du Lac and Texas (Dallas). This makes a total of 41 Chapters that were over the hump and 15 that were ahead of the totals of March 15th last year. We are depending on the 24 chapters that were not up to quota to work hard these last few months to insure an increase over last year.

Total membership was 5,363 on March 15th as compared to 5,236 for the same date last year. We were ahead by 127, of which WW I made up 120 and WW II made up 7. Percentagewise we were 94% of last year's total, which means we need 6%, or 362, to equal the total of 5,725, which we attained last year.

We were happy to learn that Massachusetts had ironed out its difficulties and had reported 55. Both of the "big"

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IMPORTANT NEWS OF OMAHA REUNION

"I'll be seeing you in July at Omaha, General Mat!" has become the 1955 by-line in letters arriving at the home of General Tinley from all parts of the U. S. A. It's beginning to look like a great tribute and no Rainbow Veteran should miss this Reunion. The Gardners and the Butlers visited with General Tinley on his birthday, March 5th, and his interest in the 1955 Reunion is beyond anyone's imagination. So, to all Rainbow, make these plans NOW that will bring you to Omaha for one of THE Rainbow Reunions here in the great, friendly Mid-West, and at the Gateway to the Far West.

HOTEL RATES

FONTENELLE (Headquarters) HOTEL

Hotel Fontenelle has set aside 300 air-conditioned rooms for Rainbow. In fact, the entire hotel will be air-conditioned by Reunion time. Below we are setting forth the number of rooms in each price bracket. There can be, of course, only so many rooms at each price. In making your reservation you must indicate first and second choice of preference.

No. of rooms	Single	Double	Twin Beds
10	\$4.50 - 5.00		7.00
23	5.50	8.00	
61	6.00	8.50	
32	6.50	9.00	
5	6.50		9.50
4	6.75	9.50	
29	7.00	9.50	
6	7.00		10.00
26	7.50	10.00	
21	8.00	10.50	
20	8.00		11.00
15	8.50		11.50
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18	10.00		14.00

Suites

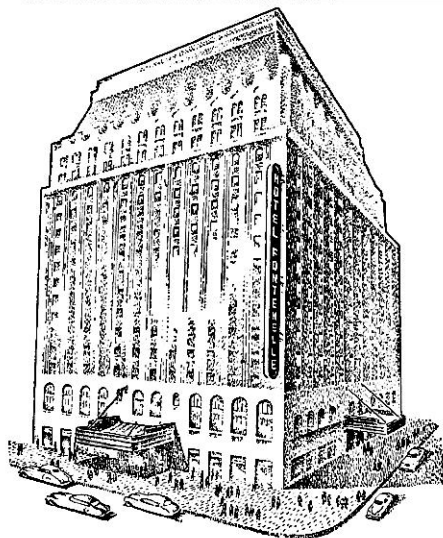
1 - \$24.00; 9 - \$25.00; 1 - \$32.00

Nearby Hotels

(Located 1 to 5 blocks from Fontenelle)

HOTEL	Single	Double
Hill	\$3.50 - 6.00	6.00 - 10.50
Paxton	4.50 - 6.50	6.00 - 8.75
Regis	4.50 - 6.00	6.25 - 10.50
Blackstone	7.00 & up	10.00 - 20.00
Castle	4.00 - 5.00	6.00 - 7.00
Rome	3.50 - 4.50	6.00 - 6.25

Each of these "other hotels" has some air-conditioned rooms except Hotel Rome. You must specify your desires and always mention Rainbow Veterans Reunion when making your reservations.



THE HOTEL FONTENELLE

Mr. Paul Johnson, Manager
Hotel Fontenelle,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Please make the following reservation for me for the National Rainbow Veterans Reunion:

Single (); Double (); Twin Beds (); at the rate of: 1st choice \$ _____
2nd choice \$ _____

Date of arrival _____ Hour _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

Date of departure _____ Hour _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

NAME (Please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

REMARKS _____



ALABAMA Julian M. Strassburger Chapter of Montgomery was host to a gathering of the faithful February 26th. The occasion was the annual commemorative observance of our entry into the trenches in War I in the East Limestone Sector in Lorraine.

Joe Dickerson headed the committee on arrangements and Ernest Pritchett was master of ceremonies at the banquet at the Whitley Hotel. Among the approximately 125 Rainbowers and their ladies who attended were comrades from four other states. Jim Rolfe, Gardiner, Holloway, Merritt and Charlie McCord attended from Florida. Among those from Georgia were Homer and Mrs. Bentley and their charming daughter. Ralph Atkinson and his lovely wife came down from Memphis, Tennessee.

National President Stan Barrow honored the occasion with his genial and friendly presence and was, of course, the principal speaker of the evening. Stan made another of his uniformly fine and interesting talks. This was his second trip to Alabama during the current Rainbow year and his fourth or fifth in all. We always enjoy having you and your charming wife, Stan, and want both of you to come back as often as possible.



In accordance with a long-standing custom during these delightful Montgomery soirees, the banquet crowd converged on Joe and Betty Dickerson's home, better known as the "Unfurnished Ranch" to skim the cream from a completely enjoyable evening. The table fairly groaned with good things to eat, and the way that bunch put away the groceries was a thing to behold. Illustrative was the remark of a pretty young thing to the effect that she could not see how anyone could eat anything so soon after the banquet --- and all the while she was "cramming in" the food! Into the wee hours the comrades and their ladies partook of good food and regaled each other with the stories that will never grow old. And so another of those get-togethers that mean so much in the lives of Rainbowers everywhere came to an end --- gloriously --- never to be forgotten by those who were privileged to be there. See you in Omaha!

--Joe McCartney

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ARIZONA The first meeting of the New Year of Arizona's Phoenix Chapter was held in the home of Frank Petrola. A very tasty spaghetti dinner was served those present. It was the first time several of us had tasted this dish in the real Italian style. Many thanks to Frank and his family.

Our February meeting was at the

Ranch home of Colonel C. A. Dravo, on Sunday afternoon, February 27th. A very good time was enjoyed by the Rainbowers and their wives, and a visitor from New York State, Mrs. Nassoiy, mother of Gene Nassoiy, Vice President of Phoenix Chapter. Many thanks to Col. Dravo for his hospitality.

The March meeting, for members only, was held on March 25th at the home of Rex Klingensmith, in Phoenix.

Our newest member is Joe Gardner of Mesa, Arizona. Another new member is Lee Simon, also of Mesa.

Lowell Pfrimmer has returned to the Valley of the Sun. Welcome back to our Chapter, Lowell!

--John C. Quinn

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FLORIDA All roads will lead to Central

Florida on Saturday and Sunday, April 23rd and 24th, so, to all of you who are reading this, consider yourself invited to the Florida State Association's Annual Reunion. Arrangements are completed to handle any size crowd. On Saturday, the Annual "BULL SESSION" will be held at the Fort Gatlin Hotel on Orange Avenue in Orlando. This is the home of Pedro's Spanish Restaurant, has a "Scorpion Milk" stand where you can get (up to midnight, Saturday!) any size bouquet of Four Roses or any other brand you want. The rates are: Single with bath, \$3.50; Twin Bed Double, \$6.80. Write direct to hotel for reservations.

Sunday's Session will again be held at the country home of Al and Eileen Rector, Route #2, Sanford.

We'll elect our State Officers for the coming year. We'll give you any kind of an argument you want. We'll feed you a great Covered Dish Fish-Fry dinner.

Both days the sessions start at 2:00 p.m. sharp, so be early. And stay late. TO YOU WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN TO RECTOR'S HOUSE: Goto Sanford, phone 1947 W. Tell whoever answers the phone where you are. They will give you directions how to get there. Hope we see at least 150 of the Rainbow family present. We are out to beat the most wonderful Rainbow party we ever attended, the Mid-Winter Party of the Montgomery Chapter on February 26th. Johnnie Gardiner, Orlando; Charlie McCord, Coral Gables; Dave Holloway, Jacksonville; W. L. Merritt, Salerno; all 167th Infantry guys --- and the damyankee writing this, of the 150th M.G. Bn. and Orlando, all journeyed



Orlando President Bill Kay

there for the time of our young lives. At least that's how we felt after we were made welcome by a great bunch of guys and gals one finds only in Rainbow. At 2 p.m. another Damyankee flew in from New Jersey --- National President Stan Barrow. All the early events and the banquet took place at the Hotel Whitley, with Ernie Pritchett acting

as Master of Ceremonies. We again had the pleasure of greeting the beloved C. O. of the 167th Infantry, Gen. Billy Screws. RECENT VISITORS having fun in the sun include Irene and Walker Colston and Claire and Marx Rosenthaler. Here for just a couple of weeks on the Sarasota sands, they've taken plenty of sun back with 'em. They Rainbowed with Elsie and Harold Rodier in Sarasota; the Colstons visited with Joyce and Bill Kay in Orlando.

DON'T FORGET: you are all invited to Florida's big BIG party on April 23rd and 24th. God be with you all.

--"Cracker Jim" Rolfe, Sr.

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GEORGIA Ten members of Cooper D.

Winn Chapter awoke long enough on the night of February 25th to meet at Haley's Restaurant for a palatable dinner and an interesting evening with our personal National President Stan Barrow, who honored us with a twenty-four hour visit to Atlanta (Peachtree Street) and our Chapter.

Some of the boys (did I say boys?) were accompanied by their better halves. Bill Barton (WW II), the big cog in the Chapter, escorted a lovely young lady, and some came alone. All in all there were twenty of us at the dinner.

Come again, Stan, when you can stay longer. We like you, down here in the South!

Snoring could be heard again, in the upper rooms, no later than the next afternoon.

--Peachtree Pete

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IOWA As these words are typed, we are in the midst of preparation for the Annual Iowa State Association Reunion in Des Moines. And as this is being done, word is received that National President Stan S. Barrow will be with us and so we are again to be honored here in the Midwest by his presence. A most hearty welcome will be extended him.

And General Tinley had his 79th birthday on March 5th. What a nice thing it was to be able to drop in on him at that time and say "Happy Birthday, General Mat!" And so the Gardners and the Butlers, on their way to a National Reunion Committee Meeting in Omaha stopped by to see our General Tinley, and dozens of others dropped in.

We found him in high spirits, and between phone calls he told us about the dozens of Rainbow comrades who have assured the General that they are coming to Omaha in July. These were not dreams, but a reality, and so he looks forward to July 12th, 13th and 14th as one of the great periods in his life. Let me say that every Rainbower who attends the Omaha Reunion will be that



General Tinley

much happier by attending. So, make your vacation plans NOW for July, 1955, and see us in Omaha!

--Homer,

"Mr. Rainbow of Iowa"

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NEW JERSEY Your correspondent took a quick, flying vacation down Miami way, February 25th to March 6th and visited some Rainbowers of both War I and War II. I especially enjoyed my visit with Bill Rheney in Homestead, Florida. He is the grand guy who has been sending the limes to the National Reunions these many years. I also visited George Mahle in Miami Springs and Dick Kuken, of my own Signal Company in WW II. He's now a police officer in Golden Beach, and doing right well. It sure is great, visiting Rainbowers wherever they may be; you always get a warm welcome. Once again I'd like to appeal to all men in New Jersey to try to attend our April meeting, Sunday, April 17th, at the Legion Home in Red Bank, one week after Easter Sunday. And also, try and get in your dues if you haven't paid up, as we'd like to establish a new record while Stan Barrow is still our National President. Regards!

--Joseph R. Miller

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NEW YORK A letter to your Editor from Dunc Campbell deplores the fact that Father Duffy Chapter has had but one contribution in Chapter Chatter this year, and asks "How come?"

New York just hasn't sent anything in, Dunc. I agree with you that it would be good for the New York Chapter and for Rainbow generally to have this large and important Chapter regularly represented in Chapter Chatter. Why don't you get behind it from that end?

--Ed.

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TEXAS Ted Jones writes me that Texas

Chapter held a meeting February 28th and had quite a turnout. Veterans, young and old, flocked in for a bite to eat and a lot of good talk. One man, from Odessa, 350 miles away, got the citation for traveling the farthest to attend a Chapter meeting. He is S. Machotka, 222nd Infantry. Half of the men were from the 117th Supply Train, but every infantry and every artillery regiment from World War I was represented; one each from 149th, 150th and 151st Field Artillery, one each from the 165th, 166th and 167th Infantry, and three from the 168th (Iowa) Infantry. Also some from the 122nd Medical Battalion of World War II.

C. N. Bradley, of the 149th F. A., is our President, and presided at the meeting.

National President Stan Barrow flew in to Dallas to attend this meeting. President Barrow was in the course of a Rainbow tour which had included such Rainbow centers as Baltimore, Atlanta, Montgomery and New Orleans.

---o--- Fred Cornelius

WISCONSIN George H. Van Pelt, President of the Fond du Lac Chapter will be the general chairman of

State Reunion to be held in Fond du Lac, set tentatively for June 5th. Henry Vogt, Tom Corcoran, John Kublely and Ted Vogt will head up the various committees.

These committee assignments were made at the Fond du Lac Chapters dinner meeting, held February 19th commemorating the Division's entry into the front lines 37 years ago. There were thirty Rainbowers present at the dinner, which was held at the home of Ted Vogt.

Rainbowers from Fond du Lac, Chicago, Menasha, Sheboygan, Oshkosh, and Appleton recalled World War I experiences and heard messages from comrades unable to be present. Among those who sent greetings were Frank H. Bellew, Wisconsin Rapids; John L. Scheibach, Hyattsville, Md.; George L. McCabe of Dallas, Texas; James A. Rolfe, Orlando, Florida; and J. E. Sullivan of Tucson, Arizona. Fred Rosenthal, of Appleton, brought greetings to those present, from National President Stan Barrow. Guest W. Gueths introduced his son, T/Sgt. Gary Gueths.

Arthur H. Schroeder, of Sheboygan, chairmanned the affair.

--Thomas E. Sullivan

The President's Message

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23rd, Roanoke, Virginia, for the Virginia State Reunion; June 2nd 3rd and 4th, Youngstown, Ohio, for the Ohio State Reunion; June 19th, Asbury Park, New Jersey, for the New Jersey State Reunion, and then to Omaha for the National Reunion --- the bestest of them all!

Each report I receive from Homer Gardner and Howard Brace, National Reunion Chairmen, beams a brighter picture about the Omaha Reunion. Things are shaping up so nicely that without hesitation I can say that I am sure this will be a truly outstanding affair. May I urge you to right now commence planning to be there!

--Stan Barrow

ACCORDING TO LEN HILL---

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chapters, Illinois (Chicago) and Father Duffy (New York) had reported 500, which equalled their totals a year ago. We are confident that before July 12th rolls around they both will have gone over the top. WW II men please note that membership of the younger Rainbowers was only seven ahead --- but we have three more months before Omaha. So those of you who received extra REVEILLE in March be sure to send them to your old buddies and ask them to join up, and to try to meet you in Omaha in July. If any of you who plan to drive to Omaha in July will stop over in Tulsa enroute, Tulsa Chapter will arrange a get-together here and we can then go on to the Reunion together.

--Leonard Hill,
Membership Chairman.

===== Proud of the Outfit you were in?
Tell the World, with a Rainbow Pin!

The Editor's Front Porch

They tell me that if you sit at one of those little tables on the sidewalk in front of the Cafe de la Paix in Paris, that sooner or later everyone you know will pass by.

Now I don't think it would work out the same way sitting on the porch of our home on Osceola Avenue in Clearwater, Florida; but dad-blamed if old 1603 hasn't lucked out pretty good so far.

For example, not too long ago we were sitting on our front porch puffing away when who should drive up but Fred and Vada Randle of Dubuque, Ia.



The Editor

The Randles were wintering in Brookeville, about fifty miles north of Clearwater. We had a delightful visit. Fred got talking about the Dubuqueland Chapter and Rainbow friends in Iowa. "Maybe Rainbow gets to mean a little more to you in a small town," he said. "Now back home if you're mending a roof, putting an addition to your house, painting a barn or some such thing, before you know it there's one or two or a half dozen Rainbowers around helping." He cited a number of examples of how Rainbow ticks in Iowa. It sounded pretty wonderful. The Randles and the Rodiers made a firm date to meet in Omaha.



The next Rainbow visitors to turn up were Col. Harold Woolley, who lives here in Clearwater, and Lieutenant General Bob Beightler. Bob (I love feeling privileged to call a Lieut. General by his first name!) has retired from the Army and is now an official with the Ohio State Roads Commission.

Now there's a Rainbower we can all be proud of! A World War II commander of Ohio's 37th Division, he and the Division made an outstanding record in the South Pacific. Bob won his third star in New Guinea, and became a Corps Commander. Since the war his assignments have included the command of an Army, (the Fifth or Sixth, I believe), and as the Military Governor of Okinawa. He hopes to make Omaha.

The most recent visitors were the Joe McCartneys, of Birmingham. Joe, a Reveille correspondent for me for years, was also doing a little Florida scouting. We'll get 'em all, sooner or later!

Joe McCartney is one of those Rainbowers who became active in the early days of the Association and hasn't quit since. He's the kind of Rainbower who seeks nothing but a chance to serve, and gets plenty of that. The McCartneys are also firmly committed to going to Omaha.

NEWS & VIEWS OF WW IIs

HEY, SGT. McHENRY WANTS YOU!

Ivan Wallace, Florida State President, writes in as follows: "Hi, Hal, just received word that a 242nd man is ill in hospital in Japan and would like to hear from some Rainbows. He was from Indiana and his family moved down there last fall. He is T/Sgt Robert D. McHenry, AF 15312878, 20th Weather Squadron, APO 710, San Francisco, California."

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Ralph M. Sykes writes Bob Kubik of Rainbows here and there. He says:

James B. McCahey, Jr., one of Gen. Collins' aides, is now Treasurer of the Dunn Coal Co., 5100 Federal St., Chicago 9, Illinois. Jim now has two girls and two boys.

Marshall Andrews is living in Sterling, Virginia.

Tommy Tucker's address is: Overseas Service Corps, 45 Schumannstrasse, Frankfurt/Main, Germany. Tommy is working for an importing firm and travels quite a bit.

Lt. Col. Roy N. Walker is now a full Colonel, with the AGO. He lives at 1523 Eagle Place, Alexandria, Va. Understand he is now in charge of all G-1 publications originating in the Pentagon.

Ted MacKechnie is now a Major, F. A., stationed in the Far East.

Roger W. Cutler recently returned after living two years in Austria where he represented several magazines and wrote many an interesting article. He now works for a trust company in Boston and lives at 434 Walnut St., Brookline, Massachusetts.

NEWS OF NEW RECRUITS

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Orville Shew (D-232nd). Now Orville can walk the floor -- but good.

A Big Rainbow Girl to the Louis Vollats, 2933 Colerain, Cincinnati, Ohio. Louis was a 232nd man, and is one of the wheelhorses of the Cincinnati Chapter.

A Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spurlock. Dick is a Co. L man, 222nd. This is their second child.

Virgil "Pop" Kingree is in line to have that handle changed to "Crashproof." His youngest son is still in H. S. and is quite a football player. His oldest son was recently married. "Pop" was in the "Fighting G" Company of the 222nd.

He recently had the "Great Rainbow" personally looking him over after he had completely demolished a pickup truck. But came out of it with just slight cuts and bruises. Tough, these "G"-men!

HELP WANTED

Bob Bockelman, 178 W. 43rd, Covington, Kentucky, would like to hear from BILL BRINKMAN, who at last notice lived in Price Hill, Ky. Bill was a 222nd man.

GEN. COLLINS RETIRES; TAKES POST WITH NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES

Dear Colonel Rodier: First, my greetings to you and congratulations on the fine job you are doing as Editor of the Rainbow Reveille. For your information and the information of my comrades of

the Rainbow Division, I retired October 1, 1954, after serving over 37 years in the Regular Army. Retirement was without physical disability, thank God!

I have a job here in Washington as Vice President of the North American Van Lines.

Since being here in Washington I have been on a month's trip through the South where I met many officers and men with whom I served in the Rainbow Division. So my trip, as well as my stay here in Washington, has seemed like another Rainbow Reunion.

Apologies of Reunions, I plan on being with you next July in Omaha, when I hope we have a good turnout of Rainbow Division Veterans of World War II.

Yours in Rainbow,

--Harry J. Collins,
Major General, USA, (Ret)



A RAINBOW HONOR ROLL

Your Editor has in his yard an Orchid Tree, which at this moment is aflame with the most beautiful tree orchids you can imagine.

I wish it were possible to make them up into 26 bouquets of orchids to present to the following loyal and hard-working Rainbows. They have earned them by their labors in sending out the extra copies of the March REVEILLE which were provided as ammunition in the membership campaign to build up our World War II membership. Some 1,500 REVEILLES were sent to these men, and most of them were sent out to WWII Rainbows who are not members, with personal letters soliciting them to join up. This was a monumental job, calling for appreciation and applause from Rainbow. The men on this Honor Roll are:

Ted Johnson (232d), Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Ronald E. Hachey, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Robert Harris (232d) Hammond, Indiana.
Robert M. Snodell (M. P.) Chicago, Ills.
Tom Dubzak (222d) E. Chicago, Indiana.
David Shewey, (242d) Buena Vista, Va.
Joe H. Retzer, (342d) Milwaukee, Wis.
Maj. Ed J. Keating (Med.) Ft. Bragg, N. C.
Wm. R. Barton (Medics) Atlanta, Georgia
William Sak (542d) Detroit, Michigan.
Al Kirby (242d) Los Angeles, California
Don Tedrick (232d) Freeport, Ohio
Edward J. Rybin (222d) Omaha, Nebraska
Ivan Wallace (Medics) Gainesville, Fla.
Robert Kubik (222d) Rushville, Indiana.
Karl Pulvermuller (132d Sig) Kearney, N.J.
James C. Riggs (222d) Lexington, Ky.
J. Vance Harsh, South Bend, Indiana.
Lloyd Strand (402d FA) Bassett, Nebraska
H. D. Pyle (232d) Harrisville, Pa.
Thomas B. Giboney (232d) Bryan, Texas
John Veitch (542d FA) Vincennes, Indiana
Thomas J. Atkins (242d) Tulsa, Oklahoma
Jim Durkee (222d) Tulsa, Oklahoma
Robert Neese (Medics) Tulsa, Oklahoma
Fred Gogolan (132d Sig) Tulsa, Okla.

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CHAPTER STANDINGS

As of March 15, 1955

	1953-54 Totals	1953-54 WW II	Current Totals	Current WW II					
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	12	2	22	1	Mo/Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	67	3	121	8
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	50	1	25	0	St. Louis	3	2	2	1
Mortimer H. Jordan (Birmingham)	126	7	87	4	MISSOURI TOTAL	70	5	123	9
Julian M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	96	5	101	5	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	28	7	25	4
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	18	0	0	0	Omaha	20	16	37	25
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	8	0	0	0	NEBRASKA TOTAL	48	23	62	25
ALABAMA TOTAL	310	15	235	10	New Jersey (Red Bank)	125	28	100	24
ARIZONA (Phoenix)	25	4	27	2	Gen. Chas. T. Menohor (Jersey City)	10	1	14	2
Los Angeles	78	3	82	3	NEW JERSEY	135	29	114	26
San Francisco	17	3	85	8	Father Duffy Chapter (N. Y. City)	582	25	500	15
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	16	0	0	0	Long Island	25	0	22	1
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	111	6	167	11	Westchester	19	0	21	1
COLORADO (Denver)	38	2	1	1	NEW YORK TOTAL	626	27	543	17
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	50	13	50	8	Ohio State Association	14	3	13	1
Miami	85	19	50	8	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	33	1	39	1
St. Petersburg	20	3	0	0	Cincinnati	45	8	47	10
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall (Orlando)	73	11	70	12	Columbus	161	5	124	5
FLORIDA TOTAL	178	33	120	20	Newark	34	2	34	3
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	26	1	26	0	Luther Swigert (Mansfield)	22	1	24	1
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	30	8	22	7	Akron	5	1	23	3
GEORGIA TOTAL	56	9	48	7	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	27	0	42	0
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	550	53	500	37	Toledo	13	6	21	4
Danville	53	3	52	1	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	26	0	29	1
ILLINOIS TOTAL	603	56	552	38	Lancaster	53	2	53	2
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	210	16	174	13	Cleveland	60	22	51	17
Bloomington	59	0	76	0	Springfield	17	0	15	0
Fort Wayne	18	1	1	0	Vets Co. G, 166th Inf. (Greenfield)	212	65	222	76
LaFayette	41	0	26	0	Pickaway (Circleville)	5	0	3	0
Martinsville	37	2	41	2	Orville G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	15	0	16	0
South Bend	26	9	16	3	132d Signal Co. Chapter (Youngstown)	67	65	75	71
INDIANA TOTAL	391	28	334	18	OHIO TOTAL	814	181	831	195
Iowa State Association	2	0	15	0	Oklahoma City	43	14	43	11
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	199	16	195	10	Tulsa	132	53	136	58
Cedar Rapids	39	3	40	6	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	175	67	179	69
Oskaloosa	43	1	45	1	OREGON (Portland)	4	1	3	0
Creston	51	0	60	1	Easton	43	6	25	3
Fort Dodge	2	0	8	1	Pittsburgh	85	27	85	28
North Iowa (Mason City)	16	2	21	2	Bethlehem	28	2	30	2
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	38	0	46	0	John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	95	11	95	8
Cedar Valley (Waterloo & Cedar Falls)	28	3	29	3	Reading	29	1	27	0
Ottumwa	55	1	55	1	Philadelphia	28	10	28	11
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	25	0	22	0	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	308	57	290	52
Dubuqueland (Dubuque)	10	2	12	2	SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	15	2	11	0
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	30	0	37	1	TENNESSEE (Chatanooga)	1	1	1	1
IOWA TOTAL	538	28	585	26	TEXAS (Dallas)	146	24	140	23
Chenute	54	2	46	0	Virginia State (Roanoke)	86	6	76	5
Dodge City - Pratt	42	0	44	1	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	26	1	12	0
KANSAS TOTAL	96	2	90	1	Maurice Tyler Jr. (Richmond)	17	6	10	2
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	37	11	40	12	VIRGINIA TOTAL	129	13	98	7
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	65	7	72	8	WASHINGTON (State) TOTAL	3	0	1	1
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	79	47	55	35	Wisconsin State Association	0	0	1	0
Michigan State (Detroit)	174	44	150	33	Appleton	62	2	49	2
Grand Rapids	26	18	9	5	Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	28	9	23	7
MICHIGAN TOTAL	200	62	159	38	Fond du Lac	40	1	42	1
Minneapolis	222	10	212	9	Oshkosh	39	1	35	1
St. Paul	56	16	45	6	WISCONSIN TOTAL	169	13	150	11
MINNESOTA TOTAL	278	16	257	15	WYOMING (Cheyenne)	16	11	11	6

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