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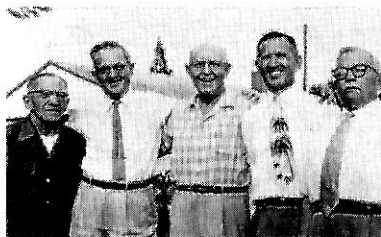
THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, the happiest period in life's calendar, is upon us. At this time we of Rainbow turn from our work and give our love and affection to our families and our friends. The World War II veterans and their wives for the most part are blessed with young children to whom Christmas is an event joyful beyond their comprehension. The elder Rainbows are sharing their Christmas festivities with grown sons and daughters and grandchildren.

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR we should be happy because we are at peace and there is much good will among men. We remember Christmases that were not so joyful --- bleak, war-torn holidays in America, in France, Austria and on the Rhine. Our thoughts may turn to those holidays in strange lands as Christmas nears. It is well that we do so, and revere the memory of the many Rainbow men who did not return with us to our homes.

TO THE MEMBERS of our Rainbow Association and to the others who fought by our side, Jean and I extend our Holiday Greetings, a hearty "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" May you keep a place in your hearts for Rainbow during the New Year and the rest of your lives.

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THIS IS BEING WRITTEN from the Office of the Editor in Clearwater, where we are the guests of Elsie and Harold Rodier, after visiting Chapters in Tennessee, Alabama and



PRESIDENT HILL VISITS ORLANDO
Left to right: Jim Rolfe, Secretary, Florida State Association; Elliott Hadley, President, St. Petersburg Chapter; National President Leonard Hill; Dick Tomlin, President, Florida State Association; Bill Kay, President, Orlando Chapter.

Florida. We have been much impressed by the hospitality of Southern Rainbow at every Chapter we have visited. On November 9th we were guests of our newly reactivated Tennessee Chapter at Memphis. There we were met by Chapter President John, and Margaret Durham at the beautiful Town Park Hotel, and after dinner with several of the Chapter members, went to the home of the Robinsons for a get-together. There were fifteen couples present out of a total Chapter membership of 30. The group was very happy that the Chapter has been reactivated and we predict a very fine future for the Chapter. Among those attending the affair were John and Margaret Durham, Alonzo and Elsie Hovey, Jim and Betty Scott, Bill and Grace Mc-

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Gregor, Jr., Alfred and Mrs. Baird, M. T. and Mrs. Robinson, Oral Arnett, Bob and Irene Anderson, Willie and Clara Leake, John and Virginia Apperson, Cecil and Margaret Wright, Donelson Lake, Jim and Virgie Warde, Roger and Lelah Williams.

FOR MANY YEARS I have heard our Past National Presidents speak of the wonderful parties at Birmingham on November 11th each year. After spending two days as guests of Alabama I cannot find words to express our deep appreciation for the hospitality shown us during our stay. At the head table of the Peace Day Luncheon we rubbed shoulders with Secretary of Air Quarles and many high ranking officers from all branches of the Services. Later that day we watched the Veterans Day Parade from a choice seat in the reviewing stand. Thanks go to Hugh Foster for being responsible for my participation in the Veterans Day program.

THE BANQUET THAT NIGHT was at the Redmont Hotel, with 100 Rainbowners and their wives present. Most Alabama Chapters were represented as well as a Georgia group headed by Bill Barton, and one from Florida headed by John Gardi-

ner. Floyd Harper came all the way down from Martinsville, Ind. Our thanks go to Chapter President Jim Wall and his Committee for a very fine party.

NEXT DAY WE WENT ON to Fort Benning for an all-too-brief visit with Tom and Betty Gibboney. From here we went on to the Sunshine State. At Orlando, Florida, we were the guests of Jim and Marie Rolfe. Rainbowners from all over Florida were present at a Covered Dish Party, Sunday night at the Rolfes. Jim had done his usual outstanding job of publicizing the affair, and we are deeply grateful for being privileged to participate in one of the outstanding Rainbow affairs we have had the pleasure of attending.

OUR NEXT STOP WAS MIAMI, with the Jim Brills. Next day the Brills and Ed Domingues showed us around Miami. On Tuesday night, November 15th, Chapter President Ed Murphy and Secretary Bill Maher arranged a dinner meeting at the Legion banquet hall, which was attended by about forty Rainbowners and the ladies. Thanks, Miami, for a grand good time. We found these Florida meetings bringing out Rainbowners from practically every outfit in Rainbow in both wars. More and more Rainbowners are retiring and moving to Florida. Among those present at the Miami dinner were Ed and Rena Murphy, Bob and Ann Burns, Bill and Ida Maher, Howard and Elizabeth Burdin, Jim and Mrs. Finn, Ned Boone, Jim and Elsie Brill, Jim Dooley, George Hess, Ralph and Mary Liptak, Emil and Edna Kroboth, Charlie McCord, George and Anne Mahle, Bill and Mrs. Rheney, Ed and Olene Domingues, Mrs. Laura James, Mrs. Bessie Myrick, Mrs. Anne Lichter, Mrs. Othelia Wilhelm and Mrs. Dorothy Gipe,

THERE WAS MUCH INTEREST in the National Reunion to be held in Dallas next July, and we are sure to have good delegations from the states we have visited.

AFTER LEAVING FLORIDA we headed for Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, La.; Dallas, Texas, and home. Our adventures in these Rainbow centers will be related in the January REVEILLE.

--Leonard Hill

COLONEL BILLY SCREWS DIES

General William P. Screws, "Col. Billy Screws" to Rainbowners, died at his home in Montgomery, during the night of Oct. 26th. He was 80 years old. A graduate of the Marion Military Institute, Colonel Screws served in the Spanish-American War and was commissioned a lieutenant in the regular army in 1901. He retired in 1931 as a Colonel; in 1940 he was promoted to Brigadier General, Retired. He served as City Commissioner of Montgomery from 1934 to

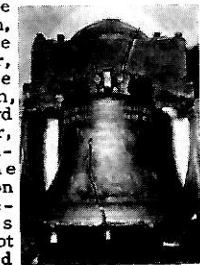


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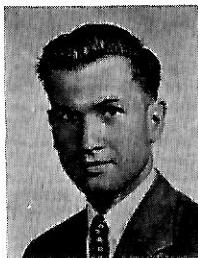
BIGGEST TRI-STATE MID-YEAR MEETING SEEN

CRACK RAINBOW COMMITTEE REPORTS ON CRACK IN LIBERTY BELL

The Committee detailed to report on Davey Crockett's alleged tampering with the Liberty Bell met at Independence Hall November 13th. Present were Johnnie and Mickey Brenner, Art Knehr, Salvatore Bello, Howard Graham, Bob Calhoun and Loyd Matson. Dave Heller, a member of the Committee, being in the Hospital, permission was requested to remove the Bell to his bedside. This was not granted. Prolonged discussion resulted in violent disagreement between the members of the Committee as to what should be reported. Space limitations and postal regulations prevent publication of the full



report, but State President Bob Calhoun's summation is as follows: "It is evident your Committee will be unable to resolve their differences. . . . We feel that each of the National Executive Committee should at once plan to get to Philadelphia on February 18th and 19th and make a personal inspection for himself. All



BOB CALHOUN

other Rainbowners and their wives should be permitted to participate in this inspection, and we extend a cordial invitation to

all Rainbow to come to the Tri-State Reunion at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on next February 18th and 19th.

(Signed) Bob Calhoun, Chairman"

A BIG "LITTLE NATIONAL REUNION"

The Tri-State Reunion and Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting have become known to many as Rainbow's "Little National Reunion." Judging by the activity evident in and around Philadelphia these days, this isn't going to be too darned "Little." They have certainly set up a tremendous 2-day affair, and one that will pull attendance from all over the country. As it is sure to have a big attendance from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia, it seems likely to go down in the books as one of the biggest Mid-Year events yet.

Loyd Matson has described himself as chairman of the "Committee on Push." It's for sure that he is pushing, and getting things done. Their program copy is marked "Release - January Issue." But we peeked --- and liked the "Personal Tours" of historic Philadelphia shown.

One of the most active workers on the program is (wouldn't you know?) Dave Heller. But Dave recently had some ticker trouble and had to be hospitalized. Did this stop him? You don't know Dave. They just hold the meetings at the Hospital. This is no kidding! We quote: "Johnnie Brenner and Howie Graham at one side of the bed, Bob Calhoun at the foot, Art



DAVE HELLER

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TEXAS RANGERS, TANKS READIED FOR REUNION

Identification of the accompanying likeness might justify the conclusion that the chief function of a Reunion Publicity Chairman is to adequately publicize himself. However, in this particular case there are extenuating circumstances. Chief among these is that no arduous research is necessary to write about yourself, it is a more pleasant task, and furthermore it was ordered by none other than the Editor of the REVEILLE.

Further pleasure is afforded the subject of this sketch by reason of the opportunity it affords him to greet and salute various and sundry Gentlemen of Alabama from whom he has been separated these many years. We could name many of these, but will be content to mention only a certain "Joe Dick" for whom we held an affectionate esteem until he attempted (repeat - at-



Bryan Snyder, Jr.

tempted) to invade our rightful preserves in pursuit of the charming Mlle. Odette Ferrand.)

Now returning to the subject of this effusion, the Publicity Chairman might be described as a throwback from that species of "Tall Texan," a vertical measurement of this specimen totals 5'5.5", now grown to a fine bulk of 190. Native of this Reunion City, he entered the First Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, Texas, where he got a pair of gold bars, and assignment to Co. C of the 167th Inf. In the mud of Lorraine his deafness caught up with him and he was pulled from the line and put into the Supply Company. Fortunately there were no hearing aids available for issue so Col. Screws and Capt. Miles Smith had to find something for him to do for the remainder of the hostilities. This they did by shifting him around as Munitions, Detraining, Billeting Officer, and other pleasant and relatively safe assignments. In these thirty-eight years since the first Rainbow Reunion he has been employed as a Dallas News Reporter, business magazine editor,

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COL. SCREWS DIES (Cont'd from p. 2)
1947 when he became Chairman of the State Liquor Control Board.

The writer's military and personal association with Colonel Bill covers a span of 41 years, beginning in 1915 when as a lad of 16 I enlisted in the Alabama National Guard, of which the then Captain Screws was Inspector General. He was a fine soldier, a real fighting man, an able and efficient officer; an outstanding commander and a gentleman of the Old South. Colonel Bill symbolized Rainbow in Alabama, and was the very epitome of Military Service everywhere.

There was only one Colonel Bill. His passing is deeply mourned by the legions who loved him, and his memory will be cherished for evermore.

--Joe McCartney



ALABAMA Mortimer Jordan Chapter's Annual Banquet climaxed the Veterans Day activities in Birmingham. These, in their scope and magnitude, were of national interest and worldwide import.

Important governmental figures and much brass participated in the local observance. An integral part thereof was our National President, Leonard J. Hill.

From Indiana to Florida, and from Georgia to Texas, Rainbows converged on Birmingham to attend our Banquet.

Foremost among our visitors, of course, were Leonard Hill and his lovely wife Jean, who were wine and dined, luncheoned and banqueted, while in the Magic City. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit and hope they will be able to return.

Among the other out-of-state visitors were Ralph Atkinson and his charming wife, from Memphis, Tennessee; John and Mrs. Gardner, from Orlando, Fla.; Jim Nunnally of Houston, Texas; "Old Reliable" Floyd Harper, Martinsville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zink and the ever-faithful Bill Barton of Atlanta, Georgia.

Among the attendants from around the state were Dick Kelly, who finally made it after a long absence; Bill Pitts, in from Anniston; Mike (Baby) O'Hara, who headed a fine delegation from Tuscaloosa; Ray and Mrs. Henson from Pine Hill; the dependable Horace Mitchell of Decatur. Last but not least, the strong delegation from Montgomery, headed by Mr. Rainbow Joe Dickerson, and including State President Sol Monsky and NatEx Committeeman Ernie Pritchett.

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CALIFORNIA San Francisco Chapter will meet on Wednesday, December 21st, at the War Memorial Building (Van Ness and McAllister Sts.) at 8 o'clock. There will be plenty of old-fashioned Yuletide Spirit for those who attend. This will be the last meeting of the year and a large turnout is expected, including Fred L. (Doc) Edwards, Tom Sharman, Percy McQuillan, Wallace Mason, Charlie Goodman, Tom Marchi, Roy David, Lieut. John Conroy, John Leas,

Merle Nesby, Phil Greenfield, Bill McCants, Cal Reed, Louis Menein and many others who have promised to show up.

NOTES TO YOU: Art George of San Diego was a visitor at our last meeting. Howard Dixon (Montana Slim) is now a resident of Santa Rosa. Tom Marchisi is back from Italy with his bride. Received dues from Roy D. Siler of Corning, California. Wallace Mason is out collecting dues from Rainbows around Sacramento. Thanks, Wally! Roy David has returned home from the hospital. During his stay there he was visited by Prexy Greenfield and Louis Menein. TAPS: Arthur F. Folck (D-117th Engrs) passed away September 18th. Artie was a true Rainbow and was proud of it. He and his wife missed very few meetings. They came from Sacramento to attend. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family. President Greenfield and Vice President Wallace Mason attended the services at Sacramento.

The Officers and Members of the San Francisco Chapter wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Phil Greenfield, William McCants, Jr.,
President, Secretary-Treasurer.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Rainbow's Biggest Little Chapter got off to a late but rousing start. The first meeting was held in the Recreation Room of our new President, Major Ed Keating (222d Medics). Heck of a nice Rec Room and a darned nice meeting. This was one meeting where the WW I's were outnumbered by the men of the Big War. WW II in case you're not sure!) Kidding aside, it was good to see so many WW II men turn out. M/Sgt E. F. Canzekafer, now stationed at Fort Meade, was there, as was Ted Johnson, National Membership Co-Chairman, and until his transfer to D. C., Secretary of the Iowa State Association. Ted gave a very interesting talk on Rainbow activities. Staunch WW I Rainbows Oscar (Jack) Jackson, Bob Potter, Bernie Rhodes, and P. N. P. Walker Colston were there, as was P. N. P. Marx Rosenthaler.

As the Chapter activities gather momentum, let me take this occasion to wish all Rainbows and their families the happiest of Holiday Greetings from the District of Columbia Chapter.

--Vince Pizzi

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FLORIDA "I et too much!" That's what they all said at the Covered Dish Party of Gen. Summerall Chapter, honoring President Len and Jean Hill on the first stop of their trip thru Florida.

We had a great party at our newly remodeled home in Orlando, on November 13th, with a very good crowd present. The ladies of the Auxiliary did themselves proud in their culinary efforts --- or in plain English, the covered dishes they brought were delicious. They were all glad to see Len and Jean and did all we could to make their stay a pleasant one. We hope these two regular Rainbow guys come again. Early Monday they left for Miami for a twoday visit, from there up to St. Petersburg. Here State President

Dick Tomlin and Editor Rodier conducted them to the Legion's Childrens' Hospital in St. Pete, and to Bay Pines where they contacted Rainbower Homer Johnson --- who has lost his sight but still has a full quota of "guts" and philosophy.

Charlie McCord, (whose letter reporting on the Rainbow affair during the Legion Convention was filled with his sense of loss at the death of Colonel Bill Screws), advises that there were over 150 at the party which was held in the grounds of his home in Coral Gables. To each of the ladies attending was given an orchid corsage. Refreshments were delicious and unstinted. Colored lights in Rainbow hues played upon the garden and dance floor. Charlie echoes the sentiments of his guests when he says, "the memory of this wonderful evening will live forever in my memory."

Florida reports with much happiness that Honorary President Stan, and Rose Barrow have purchased a home in Clearwater and will live there after they have disposed of their home in Little Silver. But with much sorrow we report that just a few days after buying their new home, Rose received word of the sudden death of her Mother, in Washington. Our love and deep sympathy go to Rose as we await the return to their new home of two wonderful people and Rainbowers.

--Jim Rolfe

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INDIANA (By remote control from Tucson, Arizona.) Well, old Bloodhound Rodier finally picked up the scent and treed me here in the Old Pueblo. "Git some Indiana news in the next REVEILLE podner!" Been out of Indiana two months and he wants news! But we'll do our best. Just heard from Floyd Harper... Medics had their regular fall party at the home of Doc and Bert Phelps in Indianapolis; that Bert and Doc had been on a special buying trip to New York to get presents for the bingo game... Indianapolis Chapter had the annual fall Party for the gals on November 12th, but as our agent has not reported yet we can't give any details... Rainbow lost one of its most loyal members with the death of Ed Huber in August. Ed was loved by everyone who knew him simply because he was such a swell guy... Indiana has been especially hard hit in the last few months. I regret that I must report also the deaths of Floyd Sense (C) of Lafayette; Robert Hicks (A) and Leo Cain (A) of Indianapolis, and of Curtis Perkins (D) of Rock Island, Ills. ... Had a short visit with Don Trent (Hq) of Phoenix when we stopped there overnight. Tried my best to get in touch with a good friend of Ken Pyles while we were in Los Vegas, Dale Hays (232d). It seems that everytime Dale had some free time I was busy running down a rumor that sevens were easier to make at some other hotel. I'll catch up with Dale sometime this Winter, tho... Found Ellis Baker (A) of Indianapolis in the hospital here with a broken leg when we arrived. Coming along fine but is certainly immobilised and will be for some time. "Robbie" Robinette (A) and Sam Seaneey (F) are going strong and the years seem to treat them kindly.

--Hook

KANSAS The Chanute Chapter held a Dinner Meeting on November 2nd, with 24 present. It was our Thanksgiving party and the women cooked the turkey and furnished the rest of the trimmings for a mighty fine meal. It was such a success that we decided to hold a Christmas Party and Supper on Wednesday, December 7th, at 6:30 pm. Of course all visiting Rainbowers are cordially welcomed. We plan this to be a wild game supper. President Bill Chickadonz presided at the Dinner meeting. Bob Taylor and Marcus Barbee reported on the Omaha Reunion. H. L. Boce reported a current Chapter membership of 41.

--W. N. Chickadonz

MASSACHUSETTS Meeting September 25th at the YD Club, the following officers were elected: President,

Anthony Milauskas, of Brockton; Vice President, W. Stevens, of Tewksbury; Secretary - Treasurer, Lucien Elie, of Amesbury; Judge Advocate, Frank Liddell, of Everett; Chaplain, Rabbi Eli Bohnen, of Rhode Island; Executive Committee, Ed Laats, Myron Atlas and Bill Rogers.

A Mid-Year get-together to be held in March was discussed; more details later.

President Milo could not attend the meeting as his three children were ill. Rainbower John Vanicky, of Torrington, Connecticut, came out of the October floods okay.

--Lucien Elie

OHIO As this is written Ohio now has a membership of 633. The At-Large membership equals the total of all last year. Marysville is now within two members of last year's total, should go over the top within days. Marion has already exceeded last year's total.

Ohio will have a rather busy Rainbow schedule for the next few months. Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Dinners by three or four Chapters, Christmas Parties by at least four Chapters --- visits and remembrances for Rainbowers in V. A. and State Hospitals by several Auxiliaries at Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Columbus State, Dayton, Toledo, and Crile adds to the rehabilitation of the less fortunate comrades. Then, of course, there are several February "Banquets" being planned. We have been advised that National President Leonard Hill will be coming through Ohio on his way to the National ExCom meeting and Tri-State Reunion in Philadelphia, February 18th and 19th.

Leonard hopes to be able to make some Ohio stops on his way to and from Philadelphia. The Newark Chapter plans to hold its Annual February Dinner on the 14th or 15th, and has invited President Hill to include this in his itinerary.

--Orville R. (Kit) Carson

OKLAHOMA

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RAINBOW LOOKS AT SOME WARTIME CHRISTMASES

The soldiers of the Rainbow never failed to defeat their enemies. An unseen foe, homesickness, was more difficult to overcome. This was especially true at the Christmas season. Nevertheless, the holidays were observed with as much gaiety as possible at the overseas and home stations. The REVEILLE has asked several Rainbowners to reminisce of wartime Christmases.

CLINTON SAYLES (B-242d) and his buddies greeted Santa on the Rhine in '44. "We landed in southern France at Marseilles," he says, "December 8th, 1944, expecting to spend several months training while we waited for the artillery units to join us. Instead, within three weeks we were in 40 & 8s, headed north. On Christmas Eve we were on the Rhine near Strasbourg on patrol duty, probing the German lines.

"We ate turkey on Christmas Day, but hot dogs would have been more appropriate, for the fireworks started up and it sounded like the Fourth of July.

"The Rainbow Division had been sent over ahead of schedule, with all units except the artillery, because of the German effort to snatch victory from defeat known as the 'Battle of the Bulge'."

In WW I our infantry spent their first Christmas in France, their second on the Rhine. FRODE ANDERSEN (168th Inf.) describes a memorable Christmas at Rimacourt. "The 168th, less the 2nd Battalion, had arrived in Rimacourt. As Christmas drew near our thoughts turned toward home and other Christmas days. Someone had the idea of a Christmas party for the Children. It immediately caught on. The men were mostly without funds but the officers kicked in and all got busy. The Priest was asked for the use of the Church for the party. Then a tree was obtained, lights and decorations were provided by the Signal Corps. Gifts and candy were secured by much running around by Chaplain Robb. Christmas came and all was ready, but instead of the 200 or so children expected, there were about 600. The 168th Band furnished the music. The Colonel and the French Priest worked together that night, while two Santa Clauses, Lieut. George Cohen and Corp. Pat Ryan, dealt out the gifts. It was a huge success.

"At 4 a.m. Christmas morning the Christmas turkeys arrived in a howling snowstorm. The turkeys were frozen so hard it took nearly two days to thaw them out, so we had the usual 'slum' for our Christmas Dinner --- but the next day we had turkey and all the trimmings."

CALVIN H. LAMBERT, (C-117th Amm. Tn.), Supply Sergeant, kept a "Boot-leg" diary during WW I. He describes Christmas, 1918, at Altenahr, Germany, as follows: "Yesterday was Christmas -

the quietest, strangest Christmas I ever spent. Bob, Joe, Jim, Billy and I tried to drive dull care away with a wine supper on Christmas Eve. We killed about 20 bottles of wine. Old Frau Martin cooked steak and potatoes for us, and when Christmas dawned, we had a room full of full soldiers.

"A heavy snow fell during the night, and we had a White Christmas. Of course we all missed reveille Christmas morning. At non-com mess at Zum Tunnel Cafe, Capt. Theller and Lieut. Robertson came in with an armful of wine for us and we drank toasts to everybody we could think of. Christmas night we all trudged back through the snow to the cafe, where we celebrated all over again. On our way back home (there was no Taps that night because the bugler had disappeared!) we passed the company office in an old stone house on the street. Through the open window we saw the Frau and her two little children before a flickering candle. Then we heard the beautiful "Silent Night" they were singing. The father had been killed in the war, and we knew that our homesickness was nothing compared with their loneliness."

CHAPTER CHATTER (Cont'd from p. 5)

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City's Veterans Day Dinner for Rainbow men was such a success that it is likely to become an annual event. Russell McCabe was an excellent Toastmaster. Especially pertinent were the remarks of Bill Key and Jennings Koch. In the opinion of the writer, honors for speech-making were won by WW II Joe Payne, whose account of the artillery campaign in the "mountains" will long be remembered. Films of Rainbow action in 1918 were shown, and on viewing the makeshift equipment we had, the conditions under which we fought --- we wonder how we ever won the war! Delighted to have with us such Rainbowners as the Hon. Ross Lillard, Art Neal, Clarence Van Vranker, John Werner and many others. Previous commitments prevented our National President from being present, but Leonard and Jean have promised to attend our Christmas Party, the date of which will be coincidental with the visit of the Jim Brills, now of Miami, Florida.

We hope our Chapter President is pleased with the results of the all-out drive we have been making for active members. New names for our roster include Dr. Wm. Leebron, Elk City; H. Oliver Smith, Darrell Tuttle and S. V. Gamble, of Oklahoma City. The first three are WW II Rainbowners. The Chapter and Auxiliary extend Season's Greetings to everyone, and our hope is that the 1955-56 Rainbow year is the best yet!

--Lawrence G. Wood

RAINBOW "BIG-TIME" EVENTS

December 10	TULSA, OKLAHOMA; Annual Dinner-Dance; Alvin Hotel.
January 14	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; Annual Stag Banquet; Stafford Hotel.
February 18-19	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; Tri-State Reunion and Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting; Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Christmas Spirit Akin to Rainbow, says Ted Johnson

Before the Omaha Reunion this year Bob Kubik made a daring challenge - more men from the 222d Infantry would attend the Reunion than from any other unit. He bet a buck he was right. There now rests in the Johnson archives a highly prized dollar bill, evidence that the 232d outdid the 222d by one man --- and the Rainbow Reunion now has a traveling trophy. This slim margin is not unlike the one the Association has over last year's membership. And the combination of these facts with the coming season had bred an idea which should be worth trying. In pondering this month's report it seemed appropriate to mention Christmas, and my thoughts wandered back to the loft of a little Gasthaus in Meyerhofen in 1943, and the snowy isolation of Forestau in 1944. I wanted to write of those lonely, longing thoughts of Christmas and home which we had then, as an appropriate tribute to a wonderful season. Upon further reflection it occurred to me that the feeling so evident during the Holidays is something very near to the feeling of fellowship and goodwill that exists in and is perpetuated by Rainbow throughout the year. Added together they seem a natural --- why not do double duty with the feeling and send in a Membership for a long neglected buddy? And if finances precludes this, you can do the same good deed by encouraging your old comrades and buddies to join in Rainbow when you send out your annual Christmas cards. This first idea has been tried by Loyd Matson, who encouraged the recipient to choose another buddy and pass on the favor if he were so inclined.

When I left the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Chapter, they presented me with a Rainbow Cap, nobly emblazoned with Rainbow and State; and nothing could have been more wisely chosen for a lasting and endearing present. The same would surely be true of a Rainbow membership. But let me repeat that giving is no more important than encouraging your old buddies to join. For WW II boys, the 1956 notch on the Traveling Trophy could well be decided by an active company or two of any outfit.... A well-attended and pleasant meeting of the D. C. Chapter was held in the handsome Rec Room of President Ed Keating's home in Alexandria. For those who want a bit of nostalgic recollection, this Room is a Must. From the Rainbow map of Glory Road to the "liberated" German daggers and countless trophies of War, emanate memories from Gruber, Gamsheim and Zell am Zee. What's more, we were able to find his house with the Radar instinct of Walker Colston, the genial gibing of Marx Rosenthaler and the brightly lighted signs of the Rainbow in the yard. Considerable discussion about the membership and the maintenance of an active Chapter led to the conclusion one must always reach whenever you talk Rainbow membership. All of the generalities, all the massive or easy approaches give way to those faithful ingredients of personal contact and hard work by each officer and member of Rainbow everywhere.... The Membership Committee wishes YOU a Merry Christmas and a

prosperous and successful New Year!
--Ted Johnson

WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW DEP'T HENRY KEATON & GEORGE MCKINNON

were cooks in Co. D, 242nd. They may not have found a home in the Army but it looks like it gave them an occupation. Henry has a food concession in River Grove, Ills., and George has a grocery and butcher shop near Boston.

CHARLES LYONS never got over tinkering with motors; drives his own car in the Stock Car Races around Chicago. Got started driving a Jeep in Austria!

JAMES MITCHELL (1-242d) is with Eastman Kodak, lives at 7312 Wallace, in Dallas, Texas. Jim was elected Chairman of the Co. I, 242d "Sub-Reunion" of the National Reunion next July. Asks all 1-242d men to send their current addresses to him at once.

W. J. TRAPPEY (1-242d) is with B. F. Trappey's Sons, Inc., New Iberia, La. Is helping Jim Mitchell with the I Co. directory referred to above.

DR. FORREST H. JONES (42nd Medics) graduated from medical college in Wichita, Kansas; is now practicing in Columbus, Kansas.

COL. WILLIAM M. LEEBRON, (Surgeon with 242nd, is now with the Community Hospital and Clinic, Elk City, Oklahoma.

CHAS. R. GAYLORD (242d Medics), who lived in California when he joined the Rainbow, moved to Midland, Texas, several years ago, is now in building contracting business and (natch!) oil business there. Charles was wounded in action in December, '44; spent much time in hospitals. About fully recovered now. In Texas Chapter, will be in Dallas next July for sure.

ROBERT WILKINS (222d) and wife, Marie, attended Omaha Reunion. Bob is live wire in Tulsa Chapter, Marie is President of the Tulsa Auxiliary.

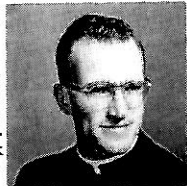
WILLIAM F. CODY (222d) recently purchased a boat manufacturing company at Waggoner; has his home in Tulsa.

JAMES STITES (542d F. A.) purchased a truck garage in Tulsa last May; from all reports he is doing well.

FATHER BURGOWNE TO BE CHAPLAIN

Loyd Matson has announced that the Chaplain of the Pennsylvania State Association, Father Sidney C. Burgoyne, of Lansdale, Pa., will officiate at the Tri-State Reunion in February.

Attendance Committee appointments announced include Jim Dent, Al Gibbons, Art MacDonald, Emil Letzer, Gould Rollins, Dick Wayland, Romeo Faggiolo, Walker Colston, Art Slattery, Stan Barrow, Al Patterson, Bob Hayward, Bill Nelson, Frank Mitchell, Harry Smock, Jim Mason, Joe Jones, Geo. Seaman, Tom Laughlin, Gene Egan, Dick Hannigan, Lucien Elie, Charlie Fraser, Milo Milauskas, Al Hoyt, Sid Anderson and Doc Foley. Additional Committee members will be announced next month.



CHAPTER STANDINGS

As of November 1, 1955

	1954-55 Totals	1954-55 WW II	Current Totals	Current WW II
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	22	1	27	2
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	35	1	25	0
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	102	9	75	0
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	101	0	90	0
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	20	0	1	0
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	9	0	0	0
Dallas B. Smith (Anniston)	1	1	15	2
ALABAMA TOTAL	289	16	233	4
ARIZONA (Phoenix)	27	2	26	2
Los Angeles	86	4	75	1
San Francisco	85	8	90	8
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	5	0	0	0
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	176	12	165	9
COLORADO (Denver)	28	3	27	3
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	50	17	50	9
Miami	50	10	40	3
St. Petersburg	30	16	0	0
Gen. C. P. Summerall (Orlando)	150	28	115	13
FLORIDA TOTAL	27	0	0	0
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	27	0	0	0
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	22	7	6	2
GEORGIA TOTAL	49	7	6	2
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	550	64	400	5
Danville	54	1	47	0
ILLINOIS TOTAL	604	65	447	5
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	179	13	159	7
Bloomington	70	0	22	0
Fort Wayne	13	1	15	0
Lafayette	26	0	53	0
Martinsville	12	2	38	2
South Bend	18	4	11	5
INDIANA TOTAL	353	20	298	14
Iowa State Association	1	0	394	0
Col. F. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	222	16	3	0
Cedar Rapids	44	0	1	1
Oskaloosa	46	1	0	0
Creston	66	1	0	0
Port Dodge	8	1	1	0
North Iowa (Mason City)	22	2	1	0
Matthew A. Tinley (Gunn's Bluff)	50	0	1	0
Cedar Valley (Waterloo-Cedar F.)	29	3	0	0
Ottumwa	59	2	0	0
Northwest Iowa	23	0	0	0
Dubuque (Dubuque)	12	2	0	0
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	48	1	0	0
IOWA TOTAL	630	35	400	1
Chanute	46	1	40	1
Dodge City - Pratt	44	1	44	2
Wichita (New)	90	2	20	16
KANSAS TOTAL	90	2	104	19
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	41	13	20	6
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	73	8	45	5
MASSACHUSETTS	63	39	28	15
Michigan State (Detroit)	150	38	100	14
Grand Rapids	16	7	13	7
MICHIGAN TOTAL	166	45	113	21
Minneapolis	224	11	156	3
St. Paul	53	8	18	1
MINNESOTA TOTAL	277	19	174	4

While the above figures show our total 307 ahead of last year and War II members 28 ahead of October 15th last year, it must be noted that this compilation is made half a month later than were the

Mo/Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	125	9	44	4
St. Louis	2	1	0	0
MISSOURI TOTAL	127	10	44	4
Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	44	10	0	0
Omaha	42	29	34	28
NEBRASKA TOTAL	86	39	34	28
New Jersey (Red Bank)	130	29	100	14
Gen. Chas. T. Menoher (Jersey C.)	15	2	0	0
NEW JERSEY TOTAL	145	31	100	14
Father Duffy Chapter (N. Y. C.)	612	21	400	4
Long Island	22	1	20	0
Westchester	24	1	12	0
NEW YORK TOTAL	658	23	432	5
Ohio State Association	13	1	14	1
Ralph Berger (Marysville)	39	1	34	1
Cincinnati	50	10	31	5
Columbus	140	5	72	2
Newark	35	3	24	1
Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	24	1	22	1
Akron	22	3	23	3
Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	43	0	47	0
Toledo	21	4	7	1
Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	29	1	27	1
Lancaster	53	2	43	3
Cleveland	53	18	22	7
Springfield	15	0	16	0
Vets Co. G 166th Inf. (Greenfield)	229	82	170	47
Pickaway (Circleville)	3	0	1	0
Orville C. Fuller (Chillicothe)	17	0	10	0
132d Signal Co. Chap. (Youngstown)	81	76	60	56
OHIO TOTAL	868	207	599	126
Oklahoma City	44	12	25	3
Tulsa	136	58	137	62
OKLAHOMA TOTAL	180	68	162	67
OREGON (Portland)	7	0	1	0
Easton	30	3	10	0
Pittsburgh	85	28	85	0
Bethlehem	30	2	30	2
John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	95	8	0	0
Reading	27	0	12	2
Philadelphia	30	11	31	9
PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	308	52	168	13
SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	15	1	7	0
Chattanooga	1	1	0	0
Tennessee Chapter (Memphis)	--	--	30	2
TENNESSEE TOTAL	1	1	30	2
TEXAS (Dallas)	150	23	133	27
Virginia State (Roanoke)	80	6	75	8
Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	15	1	9	0
Maurice Tyler, Jr., (Richmond)	18	7	0	0
VIRGINIA TOTAL	113	14	84	8
WASHINGTON STATE	1	0	1	0
Wisconsin State Association	1	0	1	0
Appleton	54	3	25	0
Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Mil'kees)	8	8	25	0
Fond du Lac	43	1	27	1
Oshkosh	36	1	36	1
WISCONSIN TOTAL	159	13	101	4
WYOMING (Cheyenne)	10	1	10	7
NATIONAL CHAPTER (WW I)	6	0	1	0
NATIONAL CHAPTER (WW II)	10	10	1	1
GRAND TOTALS	5,905	835	4,156	433

October 15th figures of last year.
Our gain, actually, is too small for comfort.
The situation is one demanding the best effort of everyone to improve it.
--R. Allen Gibbons

BIG "LITTLE REUNION" (From page 3)
Knehr and Chairman Loyd Matson sitting on the other side." "Would you please take out this oxygen tent, nurse, it's in my way." What a Rainbow!

Hotel Reservation coupons will be carried in the January REVEILLE, but the Hotel is the Benjamin Franklin if you want to beat the gun. See you in Philly!

TEXAS RANGERS (Cont'd from page 3)
and since 1926 with the Johnston Printing and Advertising Co. Through the years he has become wealthy in the possession of a wife, three sons and eight grandchildren.

Dallas Reunion Co-Chairman Big John Darnell is tough enough to maintain order on ordinary occasions, but for the Rainbow Reunion he has felt the need of reinforcements. At his request a force

of Texas Rangers will be present to assist Rainbowners to enjoy their stay in the Lone Star Republic. Boss Ranger, Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., has promised this to Big John. Rangers have got real modern, and now use armored tanks in law enforcement work.

From National Veep and Reunion Co-Chairman Ted Jones comes word that additional advance Reunion registrations, to the tune of \$10.00 each, will be welcomed. Them that register in advance will save time for a couple more sodas when they arrive --- because their badges and tickets and everything will be made out and waiting for them at the registration desk. So let's send in the sawbucks. Send all mail to Theodore E. Jones, 1500 Adolphus Tower, Dallas 2, Texas.

--Bryan Snyder, Jr.

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