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The President's Message

The Mid-Year affair combining the Executive Committee meeting and Tri-State Reunion at Baltimore, Maryland, last month, was a tremendous success. The large attendance from so many states and the District of Columbia was, I know, exactly the reward General Chairman Jack Clarke and his excellent Committee hoped for in compensation for their efforts in putting on such a perfectly planned and highly satisfactory event. Adding to the thrill of the occasion was the "Greetings" phone call from Executive Committeeman Warner Grassell, from Whittier, California. Thanks, Warner! It was nice to talk with you.

Spring, officially, is now almost upon us, and soon will be bursting out all over. With it will come many more interesting and important Rainbow events in all parts of the country. Then will come summer and the Grand Finale, the Omaha Reunion. Exciting, just to think about it! How wonderful it would be if we could attend all of these affairs, but of course we cannot. But we can concentrate on being present at our particular Chapter or State Reunion, and of course the National Rainbow Reunion on July 12th, 13th and 14th --- a "Must" for every Rainbower.

The latest report from Reunion Chairmen Homer Gardner and Howard Brace indicates a brilliant Reunion in store for us in Omaha, with an imposing number of Rainbowers in attendance. If you have never attended a National Reunion you have much to look forward to. You have not looked into the heart of Rainbow until you have been a part of a National Rainbow Reunion. But read the following observations from Omaha Reunion General Headquarters, with a well deserved tribute to a great Rainbower.

--Stan Barrow

RAINBOW REUNION HEADLINES

Rainbow Headlines have said much about Omaha. To refresh and impress upon the thinking of all Rainbow let us review these Omaha Reunion Headlines:

OMAHA PLANS NATIONAL REUNION

OMAHA REUNION DEDICATED TO GENERAL MAT TINLEY

MAKE OMAHA A BUDDY REUNION

MEET ME IN OMAHA

SPEAKING OF THE OMAHA REUNION

And now let me speak of the Omaha Reunion from the heart and
(Please turn to the next page)

RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

March 26 & 27	DES MOINES, IOWA. Annual Reunion, Iowa State Association, Hotel Savery.
April 30	DODGE CITY, KANSAS. Dodge City - Pratt Reunion. Lora Locke Hotel, & Legion Clubhouse
June 4	TULSA, OKLAHOMA. Annual Reunion, Luncheon and Meeting, Dinner Dance. Hotel Alvin

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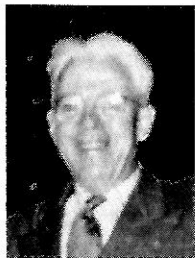
REUNION HEADLINES (From page 1)
soul of Ray "Casey" Cronan, the all-time believer in Rainbow. Nebraska contributed about 100 men to WW I Rainbow, but none have stuck to Rainbow like Ray Cronan. He has never let Rainbow dry, he has constantly lived Rainbow, and has often expressed surprise and sorrow that so many men who served with Rainbow in WW I or WW II should fail to express their love of Rainbow by participating in our Association's activities. Known by all of Rainbow from coast to coast, Ray is giving a great contribution toward the 1955 National Reunion in Omaha, faithfully serving the Reunion Committee as its Secretary, and coming up with ideas and plans at all of our sessions. Ray's job is just as important as that of the co-chairmen, which leads us to say, it is just as important to your Rainbow buddies for you to make definite plans to meet him in Omaha next July.

And Ray says further, to you WW II Rainbowers, "This is your Reunion. Here in the heart of our great Nation Rainbow can come closer together than at any other time or place; and promises to be here from many, many WW II Rainbowers make it appropriate to add to the already legendary headlines, this new one:

**OMAHA REUNION WILL BE
WORLD WAR II ROUND-UP**

"What could be more fitting than this since Omaha ranks at the top of the livestock markets of the world!"

Yes, make Omaha a Buddy Reunion. Write ten Rainbowers and urge each of them to write to ten and let this Rainbow Chain Letter bring the greatest Rainbow crowd of all times to gather in Omaha.



Ray Cronan

Nebraska and Iowa, working hand in hand, have plans completed; we're going to honor General Tinley and all other Unit Commanders. We are asking YOU to make it a Buddy Reunion, and to cap it off we want to meet ALL OF RAINBOW in Omaha on July 12th, 13th and 14th.

--Homer

According to Len Hill---

Total National membership on Feb 15th was 5,119, compared to 5,034 on the same date last year. World War I members were 54 ahead and WW II were 31 ahead. Seven states had exceeded last year's total. Missouri lead with 171%

due to the large increase in Mo/Kan Chapter. California was second with 146 % due to the fine work of San Francisco. Nebraska was next in line with 129%, due to the increase at Omaha, Host Chapter for the National Reunion. Other states over the top were: Louisiana, Arizona, Maryland and Iowa. The District of Columbia Chapter met last year's total and several of the other states needed but a few more to reach their last year's total. Total membership was 89% of last year's total and with five more months to go we have an excellent chance to exceed last year's figures. Each year we lose from two to three hundred of our members by death, and it is only through the recruiting and hard work of several of the WW II men and the continued loyalty and exertion of the wheel horses from the older group that our Association continues to thrive.

From all indications Ohio will again lead all states in total membership. With but two exceptions every Chapter there was well ahead on February 15th compared with the same date last year. Every Iowa Chapter was well ahead of the comparative date in 1954, which seems to assure a good turnout of the boys from the Tall Corn State at Omaha in July.

We are printing extra copies of the REVELLE, this month, which contains more WW II news items, and we will again need the cooperation of the younger Rainbowers in making contact and sending REVELLES to men who served with them. We have added some new names to the list, so it will help if you'll please let us know promptly. Be sure to keep a record of the money expended and let us know before May 31, so you can be reimbursed. At the present time the Vets of Co. G Chapter leads WW II with 72; 132nd Sig. Co. Chapter is next with 69, followed by Tulsa with 56. Five more months remain in the Rainbow year. Look over the list on page eight and if your Chapter hasn't reached its quota, resolve to make it do so before the next issue is mailed.

--Leonard Hill

RAINBOWER DR. W. S. MIDDLETON NEW V.A. CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. W. S. Middleton, who served as a Captain with the 168th Field Hospital in WW I, has succeeded Vice Admiral Boone as Chief Medical Director of the Veterans Administration. During WW II he was a Colonel, serving as Chief Consultant on Internal Medicine for all Allied troops in the European Theater. Later he served as Member of the Advisory Staff of the V.A. and as a member of the Staff of Secretary of Defense Wilson. He is an internationally distinguished physician and an authority on blood and cardio-respiratory diseases.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Clusters; the Order of the British Empire and the French Croix de Guerre with Palms.

Rainbower Middleton is a member of the Appleton Chapter.

--Frank H. Bellew

Proud of the Outfit you were in?

Tell the World, with a Rainbow Pin!

National Exec Committee Meeting

The Mid-Year meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Baltimore on February 20th, President Stan Barrow presiding. PNP Hoyt delivered the invocation. Present were President Barrow, Honorary President Seaman, Vice Presidents Eagan, MacDonald and Poe; Secretary Gibbons, Treasurer Moquin, Membership Chairman Hill; Past National Presidents Winn, Garrett, Clarke, Nevius, Colston, Hoyt, Brenner, Riekert, Rosenthaler, Foster, and Butts; Executive Committeemen Barton, Foley, Huber, Rollins, Hannigan, Fleckenstein, Harper, Hickman, Horne, Matson, King and Murray.

Secretary Gibbons reported membership greater than the same period last year, and indications that 1954-55 totals would exceed last year's. Treasurer Moquin reported current revenue as of January 31st was \$4,827.47; operating expenses as of that date, \$2,435.55, with receipts showing an excess over expenses of \$2,391.92. As there was an excess of cash on hand due to the redemption of war bonds, the last auditing committee recommended that our excess cash be invested in additional bonds. A motion made and passed that the President and Treasurer determine the amount of excess funds that will not be needed for current expenses and invest this in short term government bonds. Historian Seaman reported on the Gouraud Memorial ceremonies and asked for a decision as to whether these ceremonies should be continued. A motion was made and passed that the Historian be authorized to continue the practice each year to place a wreath on General Gouraud's tomb, and the cost was not to exceed the sum of \$100.00.

The Historian rendered a report of the expenses of the last National Reunion held in Boston in July, 1954. It was approved by the Committee.

The Reveille Committee report was made by Leo Moquin in the absence of Chairman Young. This report was dis-

ECHOES FROM THE TRI-STATE

It does not seem possible that the perfect gentlemen from Baltimore attending the Mid-Year Banquet were the same that attended the Baltimore Stag. Wives do make the difference... The bird who taught Kris Kringle how to Santa Claus, Bill Severe, was having the usual field day, dressed in a waiters coat. Bill never seems to change... One of the youngsters who never misses a party is Dick Wayland. Everyone enjoys Dick's company... Harry Stansbury was delightful as Emcee... He had everyone howling at his stories. Bet he accepts stories as well as cash for deposit at his bank... In his easygoing fashion Dave Heller, of Philadelphia, was on hand and having fun... Bernie Rhodes was also on hand seeing that another Washingtonian, Walker, didn't misbehave... Never saw Jack Clarke work so hard in my life. He and his Committee put on a party that will never be forgotten... First night in the hotel, Bill Carroll had a tough time sleeping, as he claimed he was too near

cussed and a motion passed that the Committee make a report to the Executive Committee to assemble at the next Reunion as to the cost and suggested changes for more legible type.

Membership Chairman Hill made a very fine report, the substance of which is embodied in his column on page two. Mel Horne read a very fine letter from Orville Carson stating that Ohio membership was higher than the preceding year and predicting a new record by Ohio this year.

President Barrow read a letter from Reunion Chairman Homer Gardner reporting enthusiastically on progress of the Reunion Committee and tentatively outlining the program. It gave promise that the efforts of Co-Chairmen Gardner and Howard Brace will result in a gala Reunion, dedicated to our beloved Past President, General Mat Tinley.

PNP Ruby Garrett recommended that a hand printed testimonial such as was given President Seaman last July be presented to each retiring President, hereafter, if they desire this instead of a cane. After discussion, a motion was passed that a hand printed testimonial, if the retiring President did not wish a cane, be given each retiring President and paid for out of the treasury. The testimonial was to be worded in a fashion that would also be suitable for any Past President who might wish to purchase one. These testimonials are to be laminated so that they will last a lifetime. By ordering these testimonials in quantity a better price can be obtained. Any Past President desiring one should place their order with the National Secretary. The cost should not exceed \$20.00. Col. Ruby Garrett was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

Under new business it was suggested by the President that a new Yearbook be published and that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the cost and composition of the book.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

the roof and the dancers annoyed him. Evidently he didn't hear any noise the next night for Riekert was with him. --GES.



MARYLAND At long last the Executive Committee Meeting and Tri-State Reunion is finished and so are all of us. Those who still have jobs left after weeks of working for Rainbow have returned to them and life goes on quietly and evenly once again.

Because of the writer's age and advanced stage of physical and mental decay he was promised only easy jobs. So as the only member of the Maryland Chapter who has never been actually convicted of embezzlement he was made Treasurer. Then he was put in charge of newspaper publicity, then he was told to arrange for a minister's attendance. For obvious reasons a doctor and a minister are considered essential for all our gatherings.

Then it was decided that the treasurer being responsible for all the money he might as well take charge of Registration. Then, being the only man damn fool enough to accept it, he was named Toastmaster.

General Chairman Jack Clarke had instructed all committee members to be at the hotel at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, when he and the ladies would be on hand to help whenever needed. Jack and the ladies arrived promptly at 10:30 whereupon the ladies spent the next three hours hugging and kissing out of town Rainbowers of both sexes but with none for those of us who were slaving over a hot committee. Jack also helped by issuing countless directives and counter-directives in a very loud voice.

On Saturday afternoon a trip through the Gunther Brewery was arranged. The beer and food were excellent but there was a difference of opinion about the singing. The visit was only slightly marred by an incident which occurred when Regular Byrnes accidentally dropped his ticket into a beer vat and had to be forcibly restrained from throwing himself in after it.

Sunday afternoon was given over to the meeting of the Executive Committee while the ladies made a conducted tour of places of historical interest such as Ft. McHenry, etc. They were also privileged to view such ancient ruins as Elmer Schultz, Arthur MacDonald, Herb Gochbauer, Bob Pryor and others.

Sunday evening came the dinner at which affair Rip Cairnes made the shortest introductory speech on record by pointing to the Toastmaster and saying, "Get up, you!" The main speakers were the charming Wealthy Hoyt, our own legendary and eloquent Col. J. Monroe Johnson, the witty and moving Col. Ruby Garrett, the sincere and impressive National President, Stanley Barrow, and Doctor of Divinity Philip Jensen, who fought for four years in the first World War with the famous Black Watch Regiment.

It was wonderful seeing you all and we hope you had as much fun as we did.

--Harry Stansbury

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ALABAMA When an ex-chowhound hears the old familiar strains of "Mess Call" sounded, does he come a-running! Once a chowhound, always a chowhound; that is the reason we can always get these old soldiers out to a Rainbow shindig here in Alabama. The bugler of the Julian Strassburger Chapter sounded off for their party at the Hotel Whitley for the night of February 26th and it drew in the messhounds from every Chapter in the State. As usual, thanks to Joe Dickerson, and his squad of stalwarts of this Montgomery Chapter, this affair was a party that will long be remembered. Many stump speeches were made, long and short, but the highlight of the occasion was the plain old, unvarnished conversation, O. D. and G. I. that was spilled after the Banquet when the crowd dispersed and assembled again at the "Unfurnished Ranch" of the Dicker-

son's. There the party reluctantly broke up in time to let those of that mind attend early Services. Hats off to the members of the Julian Strassburger Chapter for such a fine affair.

Now, a note to our Chapters in the State that are lagging in membership, nothing but zeros in Allen Gibbons membership column for the William M. Peters and Durward Crowder Chapters! If Mike O'Hara and Arden Allen cannot round up these "leaditis" lads in that section we will send Joe D. Adams down to you --- that "one-man powerhouse team" of the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter! Don't make us do that, since we are not so hot here in Birmingham and need Joe to get us over the one hundred member status.

One of our charter members of the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter found the end of the Rainbow on February 14th, Captain William W. Long, our most beloved Regimental Medic in the 167th Infantry. In the early days of our Chapter when the going was really rough, with but four or five turning out for meetings, it was through the encouragement of Captain Long that the local Chapter Officers kept striving to hold the crowd together.

--"Rags"

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CALIFORNIA Harry A. Jones (149th F.A.)

President of the Los Angeles Chapter, passed away suddenly on Wednesday evening, February 9th, at his home in San Gabriel. Rainbowers will remember reading in the October REVEILLE of Harry's experience last September, when he revived from a coma after being pronounced dead. Soon after recovering from that experience he insisted upon carrying on as President of the Chapter and continued to fulfill the duties of that office. It can well be said that Harry died "in harness." The next Chapter meeting was scheduled just the day after his death, on February 10th. This was to be an open meeting, with the Auxiliary as guests, and Harry had prepared for entertainment and a big time for the Chapter. His prime interest was in Rainbow, even though he was active also in several other veterans organizations. Thus, as the leaves fall one by one, with deep regret we sign "30" after the name of Harry A. Jones, and say "Hail and farewell" to a true Rainbow comrade-in-arms.

On January 26th, his 75th birthday, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and Mrs. MacArthur were guests of the City of Los Angeles. The occasion was the dedication of a monument erected by the people of Los Angeles in MacArthur Park, in honor of the General.

Members of the L. A. Chapter were present with the Rainbow Colors at the dedication ceremonies in MacArthur Park in the morning, and there were several tables of Rainbowers and their wives at the reception and banquet given in the General's honor at the Ambassador Hotel. We were happy to have the opportunity of meeting the General again and of having a few moments chat with him and also the privilege of meeting Mrs. Mac-

Arthur, who is most gracious and charming.

--Warner Grassell

FLORIDA We've got our State Meeting all setup at last. Due to insistence of members throughout Florida the meeting will be held in the central part of the State. Ivan H. Wallace, Jr., our State President, contacted Summerall Chapter President Bill Kay, who again invited the State Association to meet in the San-Lando area. Bill will be general chairman and has appointed Johnnie Gardiner to act as chairman of the Orlando party. Johnnie has followed the requests of those who wanted a place with plenty of parking space, and has made reservations at the Ft. Gatlin Hotel. This hotel is on North Orange Avenue; it has everything you desire in a hotel and is the home of the famous Pedro's Spanish Restaurant. The doings on Sunday, April 24th, will again be held at the country home of Al and Eileen Rector, (Post Office Box 254, Sanford, Florida.) Al will act as chairman of the Sunday Party, and Eileen, who is President of the Orlando Auxiliary, will be co-chairman. The Sunday Party will start at 2 p.m. The Rectors have five acres of parking space surrounding their home, and can arrange for more if required. They have added a large Florida Room to their home since we were there last year for our State meeting. So - to heck with the weather; join us at our annual business meeting, election of officers, big feed, etc. All Rainbowers are welcome.

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IOWA We are sobusy with getting ready for our own Iowa State Reunion on March 26th and 27th, together with plans for the 1955 National Reunion in Omaha, that we just barely find time or words to say much else. But this we must say: Come to Des Moines March 26-27 if you are anywhere near, and you will find a "Little National Rainbow Reunion" in progress. Ralph Butler, State President, and Eloise Brown, State Auxiliary President, both say, "Come to Des Moines for our State Reunion!"

In the meanwhile, Gen. Mat Tinley will have celebrated his 79th birthday on March 5th. All Rainbow proudly extends Happy Birthday greetings to this beloved Rainbow comrade. And General Tinley in turn urges each of you to come to Omaha, not because this Reunion is dedicated to him, but because of Rainbow and those wonderful comrades that you of WWI and WWII have loved for these many years.

--Homer,
"Mr. Rainbow of Iowa"

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MINNESOTA Rainbowers in Minnesota have not forgotten the tremendous boost to the morale of the 151st

Field Artillery given in War One by their "Home Folks Association." To "perpetuate the memory" of their splendid and helpful activities, Mrs. Edna Bliss, the mother of Jack Hardin, of the regiment, has made a recording of those activities during the anxious days of World War I. Every Minnesota Rainbower should get one of these records, to pass on to their grandchildren as a historic and personal record. They may be obtained from Mildred Justad, President of the Minneapolis Auxiliary, whose address is 3860 Alabama Avenue, Minneapolis.

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NEW JERSEY The February Meeting was held at the Legion Home in Red Bank with the usual Old Reli-ables on hand. Through a misunderstanding on my part the announcement of this meeting wasn't delivered until after it had taken place! So I am making another appeal to you World War Twos to try and attend our next meeting on April 17th --- one week after Easter Sunday. Our Chapter is honored by having "our own" Stan Barrow as National President this year, so let's all give him the support he so richly deserves by attending this meeting, as we will be making final plans for our State Reunion in Asbury Park in June. So, let's all get the ball rolling and make a super effort to put the 1955 New Jersey Reunion down in history as the best one we've had yet.

--Joseph R. Miller

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OKLAHOMA Chapter and Auxiliary activities in Oklahoma City started off in 1955 with a surprise potluck dinner in the home of Jim and Elsie Brill, the occasion being Jim's birthday. They had just returned from funeral services for Elsie's father, in Philadelphia. Harold and Elaine Laepple came down from Guthrie with their two charming daughters. Judge Arnold was with us for the first time in many months. We celebrated Lincoln's birthday with a dinner meeting and party at a local cafeteria, where we were delighted to have with us Cecil and Alice Young, both of whom had been on the sick list for a long time. The Gus Johnsons and the Jack Mundayes were kept home by illness. We have an invitation from the J. B. Kochs to have our March meeting at their Norman home, when the girls will complete plans for their Rummage Sale, to be held March 21st. Their treasury has been almost depleted by Christmas giving. Happy to report the marriage of V. V. Vanlandingham. Van tells us he has built a new home. Hope to make Mrs. Van's acquaintance in the very near future. Bill Gee, Frances and I leave this week for a trip south where our itinerary will include Monterey, Saltillo and Chihuahua, Mexico. We will return via El Paso, Texas, where we will visit Marion and Fred Cornelius, and introduce them to a fine young Rainbow couple, Helen and Ralph Anschutz. Ralph has returned from Korea and is stationed at Ft. Bliss.

--Lawrence Wood

(Oklahoma Chatter continued on page 8)

News and Views of WW IIs

After ten years the peevies should be worn pretty thin, the unpleasant incidents rather faded, but the beauty of mutual comradesly experiences, pleasant or unpleasant, should take on the brilliance of the colors of the Rainbow. RED FOR THE SACRIFICES, GOLD FOR THE GLORY, AND BLUE FOR THE HONORS THE DIVISION GAVE AND ACHIEVED. IT IS OUR RECORD, we all helped to make it, we all shared, not just one man but each of us. We have no reason to be ashamed, to remember things as we would like for them to have been, but rather we fought, many of our buddies died, and many carry each day the pain and torment that tells them war will never end.

I'm sure when we all take a close look at the purpose and reason for the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Association, we will realize that time has no factor --- the aim and purpose of the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Association --- TO PERPETUATE THE NAME, DEEDS, INCIDENTS, COMRADESHIP AND MEMORIES OF THE 42nd RAINBOW DIVISION, SO OUR FALLEN COMRADES SHALL NOT BE FORGOTTEN OR FORSAKEN.

---o--- --Robert Kubik

132ND SIGNAL COMPANY NEWS

There is something very inspiring in the story of the father who tucked into his son's stocking on Christmas Eve this message: "I promise to give to you, during the coming years ten hours of my time each week, to do with what you will. This will mean we can have hikes together, go to ball games or the circus together, and have fun being pals."

While we are giving gifts we often forget to give ourselves. And how much of ourselves there is to give --- smiles, words of encouragement, help to worthy causes, little acts of kindness.

Giving liberally of ourselves is the secret of greater happiness in the home, greater success in business. The great givers live the happiest lives.

The thing of the moment for the 132nd is their sponsorship of the Ohio State Reunion to be held in Youngstown, Ohio, June 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Hotel Pick Ohio. Wonderful plans have been made to provide enjoyment and entertainment for both men and women. We are particularly interested in all you Rainbowers of WW II who have not yet attended an Ohio Reunion to make plans to do so this year. ATTENTION also, you men from Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia. It will be well worth your while to come along on the Rainbow Bandwagon. Registration is only \$5.00 per person and your wives will be pleasantly surprised. For additional information drop John Janosik, 904 N. Belle Vista, Youngstown 9, Ohio, a card.

--John Janosik

MEDICS

Bill Barton, that Georgia Peach, is still waiting to hear from many of you Medics. Bill has attended all of the National Reunions and has worked long and

hard for Rainbow. Plan on meeting him in Omaha, July 12th, 13th and 14th. Drop him a line telling him you will be there. His address is 1033 White Oak Avenue, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Pete E. Tuynman, 18781 Delores Street, Birmingham, Michigan, combined business and pleasure in Boston, even took care of a case of mumps. Will be expected to be on hand for the big show in Omaha. Plan on meeting "Doc" there.

Major Edward J. Keating sent out over 100 cards to you Medics hoping to see you in Boston; only a few of you showed. Remember, fellows, Omaha is only a few hundred miles from Tulsa. It will be like coming back home. Meet Ed in Omaha, July 12th, 13th and 14th.

242ND INFANTRY NEWS

Dewey Harris, of Gold, Michigan, is now back on his feet and perking on all fours. Dewey had an extended spell of illness in late summer. Both he and Nona plan to be on hand to greet all you guys in Omaha.

Norman McClelland, of Columbus, Ohio, has been busy on the night shift and consequently has failed to get his usual News in for this issue. However we know that Norm hasn't missed any National Reunions and will be planning on meeting all you fellows in Omaha. Likewise Al Kirby, of Los Angeles, our West Coast correspondent, must be pretty busy for we haven't had a letter from him this month. Will be looking for news, Al and hoping to see you in Omaha.

Wilbur Priebe is a professional baby-sitter since his new arrival. Wilbur has been a wheelhorse in Iowa and is working hard and long on plans to help all you 242nd boys feel at home in Omaha.

232ND INFANTRY NEWS

John Woztusik (Hq Co) missed the Boston Reunion due to illness and would like to hear from any and all of you fellows who did attend. He writes: "I am completely well now and looking forward to Omaha. See you all there." His address is 723 Page Ave., Jackson, Mich.

Russ Sweeney, the fellow who showed us all a good time in Chicago, is very busy but would still like to hear from you fellows. His address is 1429 East 67th Place, Chicago, Illinois.

You D Company men please note: your buddy, Don Tedrick, is now working in the Post Office in Cambridge, Ohio.

He is still interested in getting a 232nd D Co. Chapter. Write him care of the Post Office, Cambridge, Ohio.

222ND INFANTRY NEWS

Our condolences go to Royston Miller, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, who in the past six months lost both his mother and a son, three years old. However, on a joyous note, he and his wife announce the birth of another son. He writes, "I like to hear from all my buddies and want to know if there is anything I can do to help." (NOTE: May more of you fellows pitch in like this fellow has.)

That old BAR man, Herb James, is now living in sunny California. His address is 2015 Kaller Avenue, Lakewood, California.

Hear that Daryl Batt is a Sergeant in the Maintenance Plt in Japan. He is married and has an 18-month old son.

John McAdams, 509 So. Koskuisko, Jacksonville, Illinois, "Mac" to many of you fellows, asks if any of you have an extra Company K, 222nd, book; or if you know how he could obtain one. He would like to get the address of all K Co. men.

Dick Spurlock, 109 Spring Avenue, Pomeroy, Ohio, is busy contacting many of you men. He is working to get an L Company Chapter organized. He would appreciate hearing from all of you.

G Company's March Newsletter will soon be in the mail. If any of you fellows haven't been receiving this newsletter and would like to get on the mailing list please write Bob Kubik, 526 N. Morgan, Rushville, Indiana.

"I'm Proud to be a Member"

The following letter was received from Rainbower Aubrey E. Austin, Jr., who is President of the Santa Monica Savings and Commercial Bank, in California; in answer to a query in the January issue of the REVEILLE.

Dear Colonel Rodier:

I am writing in response to the request for the whereabouts of LT. COL. ROY N. WALKER, in the January REVEILLE. Roy is now a full Colonel stationed in the Pentagon in the office of the Adjutant General, room 1E858, telephone extension 73395. I had the pleasure of having several lunches with him when I was serving as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army last year.

I enlisted Feb. 21, 1941, and served with the 54th Sig. Bn at Ft. Ord, Calif., attended OCS and graduated Feb. 26, 1942. I joined the Rainbow Division on July 7, 1943, at Camp Gruber, as Assistant Division Ordnance Officer, and for a short time commanded the 742nd Ord. (L.M.) Co. under Special Troops, then commanded by Lt. Col. Frederick W. Coleman, III. I stayed with the Division all through combat and left at Salzburg, when I went to Headquarters, 7th Army, later commanding the 71st Ordnance Group at Hidenbeim, Germany. I was promoted to Lt. Colonel in 1945, and returned to the States in 1946. I have remained active in reserve affairs.

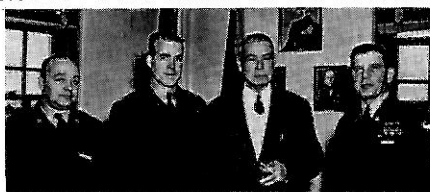
While in Washington I was fortunate enough to see several Rainbowers, the Division Ordnance Officer, Lt. Col. Ted Argue, now a full Colonel and in civilian life an engineer; Col. Robert Ryan, assigned to the Pentagon last September, who was with Division Artillery; and Maj. Gen. Collins. I joined the National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans, after being contacted by Major Ed Keating last August. I might say, also, that Roy Walker is the Godfather to my daughter, Nancy, born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on August 15th, 1944.

Sorry to have rambled on at such length, but thought I'd give you the story of one WHO IS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF RAINBOW.

Sincerely,

Aubrey E. Austin, Jr.

Rainbowers Meet at Ft. Meade



The following letter addressed to Bob Kubik was received from Col. Luongo. HEADQUARTERS, SECOND ARMY, Fort George C. Meade, Maryland

Dear Bob:

Perhaps you don't recognize the individuals in the picture, but I can assure you that they're all loyal and true Rainbowers. The gentleman in civilian clothes is none other than our former Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Ret. General Collins paid me a visit several weeks ago, and I felt greatly pleased and honored on this occasion. I had time to gather together a few other members of this command, and by the time the General arrived there were four of us. I shall identify them from left to right as follows: M/Sgt Ganzekauer, formerly 1st Sergeant, Co. A, 242nd Inf. Next is Major McLaughlin, Headquarters Co., 222nd Inf. Then, Maj. Gen. Collins, Ret., and myself. I thought perhaps this incident might be of interest through the medium of our magazine, the REVEILLE.

May I take this occasion to say "Hello" to you and many of our mutual friends and comrades.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Luongo, Col., GS

An Orchid for Ted Johnson

Your Editor received from Bob Kubik photostats of a lengthy letter sent out to 175 Iowa men who had served in the 232nd Infantry, by Ted Johnson of Cedar Rapids.

Bob suggested that we comment upon this promotional letter, and reprint some part of it. We believe the letter is one of the best presentations of the case for WW II Rainbowers joining our Association. The part we liked best was this paragraph:

"There's a Rainbow Veterans Chapter within reach of every Rainbower in Iowa. Most of the members are guys who gave Rainbow its reputation and made you and me the proud wearers of the patch long before we ever saw the Atlantic. They're as fine a bunch of people as you will ever get to know. And they've got an organization that's just waiting for World War II boys to come along with them. Their heritage is our heritage and they're anxious to help us get into Rainbow and help carry it on."

Ted Johnson's letter is dated Jan. 12th, 1955; there hasn't been much time to measure its results. As of Feb. 15th but 25 WW II Rainbowers had paid dues in Iowa Chapters. Ted's letter may help to change this. It is good enough to bring results and we believe it will do so. -hbr

CHAPTER STANDINGS

As of February 15, 1955

	1953-54 Totals	1953-54 WW II	Current Totals	Current WW II	Mo. Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	674	3	8
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	12	2	22	0	St. Louis	3	2	1
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	50	1	87	4	MISSOURI TOTAL	70	120	9
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	126	7	101	5	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	28	25	4
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	96	5	101	5	Omaha Chapter	20	16	37
Wm. M. Peters	18	0	0	0	NEBRASKA TOTAL	48	23	62
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	8	0	0	0	New Jersey (Red Bank)	125	28	100
ALABAMA TOTAL	310	15	235	10	Gen. Chas. T. Mencher (Jersey City)	10	14	2
ARIZONA (Phoenix)	25	4	27	2	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	135	29	114
Los Angeles	78	3	78	3	Father Duffy Chapter (N. Y. C.)	582	25	400
San Francisco	17	3	85	8	Long Island	25	2	32
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	16	0	0	0	Westchester	19	0	21
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	111	6	163	11	NEW YORK TOTAL	626	27	443
COLORADO (Denver)	38	2	1	1	Ohio State Association	14	3	12
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	50	13	50	8	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	33	1	39
Miami	85	19	50	4	Cincinnati	45	8	47
St. Petersburg	20	3	0	0	Columbus	161	5	121
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall (Orlando)	73	11	70	12	Newark	34	2	34
FLORIDA TOTAL	178	33	120	16	Luther Swigert (Mansfield)	22	1	24
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	26	1	19	0	Akron	5	1	22
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	30	8	16	6	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	27	0	42
GEORGIA TOTAL	56	9	35	6	Toledo	18	6	21
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	550	53	500	37	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	26	0	29
Danville	53	3	49	1	Lancaster	53	2	50
ILLINOIS TOTAL	603	56	549	38	Cleveland	60	22	47
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	210	16	174	13	Springfield	17	0	15
Bloomington	59	0	76	0	Vets Co. G 166th Inf (Greenfield)	212	65	214
Fort Wayne	18	1	1	0	Pickaway (Circleville)	5	0	3
LaFayette	41	0	26	2	Orvil G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	15	0	15
Martinsville	37	2	41	3	132d Signal Co. Chptr (Youngstown)	67	65	73
South Bend	26	9	15	3	OHIO TOTAL	814	181	808
INDIANA TOTAL	391	28	333	18	Oklahoma City	43	14	38
Iowa State Association	2	0	33	0	Tulsa	132	53	134
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	199	16	187	9	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	174	67	172
Cedar Rapids	39	3	35	4	OREGON (Portland)	4	1	3
Oskaloosa	43	1	45	1	Easton	43	6	20
Creston	51	0	58	1	Pittsburgh	85	27	85
Fort Dodge	2	0	8	1	Bethlehem	28	2	30
North Iowa (Mason City)	16	2	20	2	John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	95	11	85
Mathew A. Tinley Council (Bluffs)	38	0	42	0	Reading	29	1	24
Cedar Valley (Waterloo & Cedar Falls)	32	3	26	3	Philadelphia	28	10	28
Ottumwa	55	1	54	1	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	308	57	272
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	25	0	20	0	SOUTH CAROLINA	15	2	10
Dubuque (Dubuque)	10	0	12	2	TENNESSEE (Chattanooga)	1	1	1
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	30	0	30	1	TEXAS (Dallas)	146	24	141
IOWA TOTAL	538	28	570	25	Virginia State	86	6	76
Chanute	42	0	44	1	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	26	1	12
Dodge City - Pratt	42	0	44	1	Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	17	6	3
KANSAS TOTAL	96	2	90	1	VIRGINIA TOTAL	129	13	91
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	37	11	40	12	WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	3	0	1
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	65	7	70	8	Wisconsin State Association	0	0	1
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	79	47	36	24	Appleton	62	2	48
Michigan State (Detroit)	174	44	150	33	Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	28	9	20
Grand Rapids	26	18	9	5	Fond du Lac	40	1	35
MICHIGAN TOTAL	222	10	208	9	Oshkosh	39	1	34
Minneapolis	56	6	40	6	WISCONSIN TOTAL	169	13	138
St. Paul	278	16	248	15	WYOMING (Cheyenne)	16	11	6
MINNESOTA TOTAL	278	16	248	15	NATIONAL CHAPTER (WW I)	4	0	1
					NATIONAL CHAPTER (WW II)	7	7	5

GRAND TOTALS 5,725 800 5,119 663
W W I 54 ahead same date last year, W W II 31 ahead.

OKLAHOMA CHATTER (Cont'd from p. 5)
TULSA reports that Frode Anderson was host at their February meeting on the 12th and demonstrated his ability as a chef by serving barbecued ribs instead of the usual cold meats and cheese.

On March 23rd we will have a dinner meeting at Tommy Alessio's "Little Venice;" pizza, meatballs and spaghetti will be the menu, all for \$1.50. The ladies are invited to this one. April 23rd the Havenstrites, assisted by the Todds, will be the hosts at a Hamburger Fry at their home. They are reputedly specialists in this line so remember the date, come out and bring the family.

Several of our best WW II members

President Barrow Retires

National President Stan Barrow has retired from his position with the Bureau of Internal Revenue after nearly 30 years of Government service.

who live out of town paid us visits during the holidays, including Roy and Doris Blackford, Tom and Betty Giboney, Fred and Bea Miller and Jeff and Inez Bohannon. Just got word that Jack and Mary Weiser have a new daughter, born Feb. 13th. Our newest member is Woodrow Summers (402d FA.), recruited by Jeff Bohannon. This brings us to 134 for the year, another all-time high for the Chapter. Tulsa Chapter will be hosts for the Reunion on June 4th; will give more details in the May issue.

BE SURE TO MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL REUNION IN OMAHA ON JULY 12th, 13th and 14th.

--Leonard Hill

By way of celebrating his retirement he has taken off on a flying visit to Rainbow Chapters in the South and Southwest. He will visit Chapters in Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., New Orleans, La., and Dallas, Texas.

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