



The President's Message

NOW THAT THE FISHING RODS are in storage and the golf bags in the lockers, it is time for increased Rainbow activity. All over the United States, the Rainbow Chapters are coming to life with all reports indicating this will be another good year. Membership is off to a good start and many Reunions, parties and holiday gatherings are on the Chapter calendars. Everywhere I travel to Chapter functions, I find new interest in our Association. During the months of August and September I had the privilege of attending a number of these get-togethers. On August 27th we were the guests of the Muskogee group. The Ed Stroups and Leo Elskys were hosts at a picnic at the home of the Stroups. Though the crowd was not large it was a typical Reunion, mostly of WW II men, and the fact that it was held only a few miles from Camp Gruber, birthplace of WW II Rainbow, gave it an especially interesting Rainbow background. Beside the hosts, the following Rainbowners and their families were present: William LaHorne (M-222d) Harold Penne (A-232d), Charles Eaton (B-142d Engr), Richard Golding (A-222d) Harold Mill (242d Anti-Tank), and Jim Durkee (H-222d). We picked up five new members for the Tulsa Chapter, and feel assured that Gruber Chapter will be re-activated next year. On September 3rd we attended the annual picnic at Chanute, where the Henry Booes did their usual fine job of making arrangements. Several couples came from Tulsa, Kansas City, Parsons, and other towns nearby. Included in the group were the Butts, Dales, Hills, Schrecks, Sharshels, Jacksons, Tom Cagney, Fehrs, Berkleys, Chickadonz's, Booes, Welches, Hansens, Travis', Bomans, and Hoopers. This group, unlike the Muskogee party, was

mostly WW I men from the Kansas Ammunition Train. An old-fashioned Reunion followed the dinner that night. On September 10th I attended the first Tulsa Chapter meeting of the year. There was a good turnout and a very interesting meeting. I appreciate very much all the congratulations, good wishes and offers to help out this year.

From all indications Ted Jones and the Texas Rainbowners can expect a big representation from Oklahoma next July. Present at the meeting were Dr. Bradfield, Bill Butts, Frode Andersen, Amos Todd, Frank (Furlong) Whayman, Ed Brown, Wes Caughron, Charles King, Bill Veich, John George, Jim Tranam, George Evans, Fred Gogolan, Dick Kilmer from Bartlesville, Bob Neese, Tony Zitel, Carl Laughlin from Kansas City, Leonard Hill and HOST H. EVERETT POPE.

THE NEW CHAPTER AT WICHITA met September 17th, and I had the pleasure of presenting the charter which was granted at Omaha. It was a dinner meeting arranged by Roy Blackford. The following officers were elected: President, Roy Blackford; Vice President, Sidney Millikan; Secretary-Treasurer, John C. Corrin. Most of the members are WW II men and many had never belonged to the Association before. There are many "prospects" in the area, and we predict they will build Wichita into a strong Chapter. The following charter members attended the dinner and meeting: Blackford, Millikan, Corrin, Harold Cullum, Martin McClure, Bill Waller, Richard Harwick, Gerald Ferris, Wilbur Brattan and T. J. Bartonek.

It is encouraging to see the WW II

Rainbow Big Time Events

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| November 9 | MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; Party in honor of National President. |
| November 11 | BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; Annual Veterans Day Banquet.* |
| November 12 | NEW YORK, N. Y.; Annual Armistice Party; Armory.* |
| November 13 | ORLANDO, FLORIDA; Dinner for National President.* |
| November 15 | MIAMI, FLORIDA; Party in honor of National President.* |
| December 10 | TULSA, OKLAHOMA; Dinner-Dance; Alvin Hotel.* |
| January 14 | BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; Annual Stag Banquet; Hotel Stafford. |

*For details, see Chapter Chatter.

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ALABAMA Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter
of Birmingham held its initial
meeting of the Rainbow year at the
Warrior River cabin of Josh and Judy
Armour. A gratifyingly large number of
the faithful availed themselves of the
Armour's gracious hospitality, and spent
a very enjoyable and delightful evening
amid surroundings devoid of the excessive
heat of the city. It is simply amazing
the way one can stow away the groceries
on such an occasion. Our immediate
Past State President, Ace Coggins of
Mobile, and the missus, were among
those present.

The perennial Secretary-Treasurer
of Mortimer Jordan Chapter, Jimmy Wall,
was elevated to the Chapter Presidency
at the recent annual election --- a well
deserved honor and appropriate recog-
nition of the great contribution he has
made to Rainbow down through the years.
This does not mean that Jimmy will be
turned out to pasture at the expiration
of his term as Prexy. The nominating
committee, headed by PNP Hugh Foster,
carefully and properly specified that
Jimmy would be "permitted" to resume
his duties as Secretary-Treasurer next
year. Lindsey (Skinny) Cox, another
local wheelhorse, was entrusted with the
secretarial duties in the interim.

The Chapter's Annual Veterans Day
banquet will be held at the Redmont Hotel
in Birmingham at 7:30 pm, November
11th. The Cocktail Hour will be from
6:30 to 7:30. Tentative charge will be
only \$3.00 per person.

As has been the custom for many,
many years, Rainbow's National Presi-
dent and Mrs. Leonard Hill will honor us
with their presence on this occasion.

We are expecting a large attendance
for this "Big Time" event, not only from
Alabama but from adjoining states. YOU
are cordially invited.



Pictured above are a few of those who
attended the August meeting at Warrior
River. Watching Skinny Cox, James
Mize and Ada Hutto cavort in the water
are, standing, Claude Shaw, John Hutto,
Ace Coggins, Jimmy Wall and Josh Ar-
mour; sitting, Thelma Mize, Ace's
sister, Mrs. Coggins, Mildred Cox and
Sarah Shaw.

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CALIFORNIA The September meeting
marked the beginning of
a new Rainbow year for the Los Angeles
Chapter after its summer "lay-off."
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A friendly smile is more contagious than
the measles, and doesn't leave spots.

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Rainbowers fall into line. They are be-
ginning to realize that Rainbow in the
second war had a glorious record. They
find an hour or two spent with their bud-
dies brings back memories of days spent
in France, Germany and Austria. The
Rainbow Division Veterans Association
never was and never will be controlled
by a clique or a group. That is why it has
existed since its formation in 1919 in
Ahrweiler in far-off Germany. Let me
urge all Rainbowers to carry on through
the holidays and next year. It is a pri-
vilege to belong to Rainbow. We must
perpetuate the memory of our Division.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that
our very capable National Secretary,
ALLEN GIBBONS, is up and out again
after a serious operation on September
15th. --Leonard Hill

1956 TRI-STATE TO PHILADELPHIA

The 1956 Tri-State Reunion will be held in Philadelphia on February 18th and 19th, and President Hill has accepted the invitation of the Host Chapter, and will hold the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting at that time.

The Tri-State Reunion Committee was organized on August 8th at the home of P. N. P. John Brenner in Lancaster. The Benjamin Franklin Hotel was selected as Reunion Headquarters and the Banquet and Executive Committee Meeting will be held there. This meeting will be held on Feb. 18th, at 3 pm, and will be followed at 7:30 pm by the Banquet. Plans for the entertainment of Reunioners include personally conducted tours of Historic Shrines of Philadelphia. A Dutch Treat luncheon and shopping tours have been arranged for the ladies.

Full plans for the 28th Annual Tri-State Reunion will be published in the December issue of the REVEILLE.



P. N. P. Brenner

FLASH!!!!

Just before going to press, a report was received in National Headquarters, that some character named Dave Crockett from Tennessee has been up to Philadelphia and after invading Constitution Hall has done some tampering with the Liberty Bell. The rumor continues that he has fixed the crack but the rest of the report is somewhat garbled and deals with "shooting a bar" when he was three. Nothing, of course, can take the place of an on-the-spot inspection and the following telegram has been dispatched to Philadelphia:

BOB CALHOUN, PRESIDENT,
PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
REQUEST YOU INVESTIGATE RUMOR SOME CHARACTER NAMED DAVE CROCKETT HAS FIXED CRACKED LIBERTY BELL STOP PLEASE HAVE REPORT AVAILABLE FOR INCLUSION IN DECEMBER REVEILLE STOP



LEONARD

Big John Darnell "Hotting" Welcome Brand

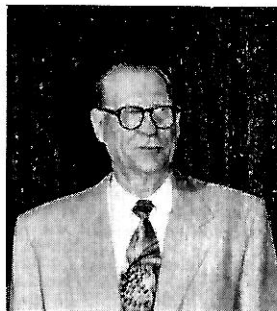
Just like a breath from the plains of West Texas, Big John Darnell will be on hand to stamp his WELCOME brand on arrivals in Dallas for the 38th Annual Rainbow Reunion, next July 12th to 14th. Big John shares the Chairmanship of the Reunion Committee with Ted Jones, our National Vice President.

Organization of the Dallas committees for the Reunion was near completion in October with the reactivation of the Dallas Chapter of the Auxiliary, and the appointment of the Auxiliary Reunion Committee. The Program and Entertainment Committee was strengthened with the addition of Ben Schmid to serve as Co-Chairman with Bill Rochelle.

Big John Darnell does not disclaim a little town in East Texas as his birthplace, but he got West Texas branded permanently when his folks moved to a ranch near Abilene where he grew up with the Longhorns in the sage grass. Possibly it was the scarcity of trees on the ranch that got John in the lumber business, where he started in 1913 after attending Simmons College. He was living in Dallas when he enlisted in Co. A, 117th Supply Train, in 1917. By the time his outfit got to France he was a corporal, and for a time was "BIG JOHN" DARNELL attached to Division Headquarters as a courier.

After the war, John returned to Dallas and the lumber business, where he started as a mule skinner and worked up to be President of the Central Lumber Company. He has served as President of the Retail Lumber Dealers of Dallas, and presently is a director of the Lumberman's Association of Texas, and State Deputy in HOO-HOO.

He is a Past President of Texas Rainbow Veterans, and during World War Two served as head of the lumber division of the OPA for the Southwestern Area. John married Kathryn Halbrook, of Oglesby, Texas, thirty-three years ago, and has a daughter and three grandchildren living in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



--Bryan Snyder, Jr.

CALIFORNIA CHATTER (from page 2)

Installation of officers was the prime order of business with E. B. Hershberger being installed as President for the 1955-1956 term.

As an innovation in entertainment a discussion period was tried out. A timely subject of national importance was selected and each one who wished to express his views was allowed three minutes to have his "say." It was surprising how, after the ice was broken, the members warmed up to their subject and the discussion became quite lively. In fact, the idea made quite a hit with the members and it was voted to have a discussion period as a feature of each meeting.

Two Past National Presidents were visitors in the Los Angeles area during August. Bill Butts, P.N.P. of our Association, and Ruth Butts, P.N.P. of the Auxiliary, took in the sights of Southern California.

Slim and Corby Sutherland entertained Bill and Ruth with a patio supper where they met a number of local Rainbowners and the Los Angeles Auxiliary entertained Ruth at a tea and fashion show at Bullock-Wiltshire. During their visit Bill and Ruth made their headquarters on Orange Drive, in Whittier.

Hospital Notes: Harry Hardy (149th F.A.), who served with the Rainbow in WW II and is now a Master Sergeant in the Air Force stationed at Hamilton Field, California, underwent a serious operation at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco in September. At last report Harry was coming along fine.

Clarence Lasure has been in the Long Beach V. A. Hospital recuperating from an operation. He is now out again and feeling okay.

The Los Angeles Chapter wishes to extend its best wishes for a speedy recovery to our National Secretary, Allen Gibbons, and hopes when he reads this he will be back at work and feeling fine.

We received a letter from the Gentleman from Indiana, Hook Young, the last week in July saying he expected to pass through Los Angeles headed for Arizona the latter part of September and would give us a call. To date we haven't heard from him. Wonder if he passed us up, again?

What happened to the Rodiers? In Omaha Hal told us that when the Reunion was over he and Elsie would head for California, to reopen the Malibu Chapter of Rainbow. At last report they were in Florida. Their compass must really have been off if they started for California and wound up in Florida!

Attend your local Chapter meetings and keep the Rainbow colors ever bright.

-----Warner H. Grassell

Proud of the Outfit you were in?

Tell the World with a Rainbow Pin!



P. N. P. BUTTS

FLORIDA Hi, everybody! This is being written from Coral Gables, Florida, where some 150-odd Rainbowners and their ladies are gathered at the home of genial Charlie McCord and his very fine wife, who are acting as hosts to the Rainbow Party held during the American Legion Convention at Miami. They are here from all over the U. S. A., and almost every outfit from both wars is represented. We're all agog down here in the Sunshine State, anticipating the visit of our National President Len Hill, and Jean. On November 13th, Leonard and Jean will be the guests of Summerall Chapter at the home of Marie and Jim Rolfe, 1604 Auburn Avenue, in Orlando. Chapter President Bill Kay extends a most cordial invitation to everyone reading this to join Summerall in bidding the Hills welcome. After an all-too-brief stay in Orlando, the Hills will be the guests of Miami Chapter. Oklahomans Jim Brill and Ed Domingues are Chairmen of the Miami Doings --- can't give you all the dope on this party as arrangements are not yet complete. Leonard and Jean will be the house guests of their old Oklahoma friends the Brills during their stay in the Magic City. Ed Murphy, President of the Miami Chapter, says he hopes to see the entire membership of Rainbow in Miami at this party on November 15th. Remember the dates, Sunday, November 13th, at Orlando, and Tuesday, November 15th, at Miami. Following the Miami party, Jean and Leonard Hill will be entertained by Harold and Elsie Rodier at their home in Clearwater, and at this time the nearby St. Petersburg Chapter will do honor to our National President.

--Jim (Adi) Rolf

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IOWA They have always said, "After the storm comes the sunshine;" but to me it's not quite the same, as it seems that "after a National Reunion comes the let-down" --- and how! Yea, after the Omaha Reunion the Gardners returned to Des Moines, hurriedly began the packing that had been delayed by Reunion planning. On a day when the temperature stood at 105° --- we moved into our new home. The furniture got hot, so did the movers and the Gardners and then the new house got hot too; and it seems just now that things are cooling off! But we like our new home --- and like it much more since we moved a lot of our Rainbow memories here with us.

Like Allen Gibbons, I too have just returned from a trip to the hospital and surgery. Gillette advises that they have three new razors, so I keep up with them. I have three new scars and I can prove it! And, of course, while I was in the hospital the Bennett Chapter Rainbowners were very kind and gracious to me.

But what of Rainbow in Iowa? We



P. N. P. GARDNER

did have a good year in 1955, in fact the second best on record for us. We felt for sure that a National Reunion so close would do us a lot of good in the immediate future. But the loss of hard-working Rainbowers like Herb Poe, who passed away since the Omaha Reunion, and our newly elected WW II Rainbower Ted Johnson, transferred to Washington, D. C. --- well, you just wonder what of the future. There is, of course, a future for Rainbow, but someone, not only in Iowa but in each state where Chapters exist, must step forward and accept the job of working for Rainbow. The same problems exist in Iowa as elsewhere --- who will do the job? Well, let's look forward to Dallas, anyway - because they do things in a big way and maybe we can get some ideas. Good luck to you, Ted Jones. Since you served with the 168th Iowa Regiment we know of your training, basic or not, and so it will be a dandy next July.

Anyone interested, the Gardners now live at 1709 34th Street, Des Moines 10, Iowa. ---Homer

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NEW JERSEY The Tri-State Reunion, to be held in Philadelphia on February 18th and 19th was the subject of much discussion at the meeting of the New Jersey Chapter, held in Red Bank. The suggestion was made that Jersey Rainbowers go in a chartered bus.

It was voted to hold a joint meeting and Christmas Party at the Shrewsbury Legion Post Home on December 11th, to which all Rainbowers and their wives are invited. Honorary President Stan Barrow reported on the Omaha Reunion. The matter of a possible increase in National dues was discussed, and it was voted to oppose such an increase unless and until it becomes evidenced that there is an actual need for such an increase. The Secretary advised that 65 dues have been collected to date. National Membership Chairman Loyd Matson suggested that a sustained effort be made to collect as soon as possible from the "faithful" and then work to bring the wayward into the fold. The Auxiliary held their meeting at the same time as the Chapter meeting, and later served a buffet supper. Among those present at the meeting were Honorary President Barrow, P. N. P. Bob Hayward, Loyd Matson, Harry Smock, Frank Mitchell, O. E. Harrison, R. B. Van Brunt, Ken Smith, W. H. Allen, Frank Golden, Charlie Albert, (formerly of the Bethlehem and Baltimore Chapters), Col. Joseph E. Fix, Ed Shiola, Al Bryniarski, Al Heinroth, Arthur Slattery, Bill Nelson, and Al Pattison. ---Loyd Matson

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NEW YORK President Joe Jones calls attention to the Annual Armistice Party of the Father Duffy Chapter which will be held at the Armory on November 12th, at 9:00 pm. Last year's party was an outstanding success and this year's fine program is awaited with enthusiasm. Bill Nugent is Chairman.

At the September meeting, on the motion of Jim Striffler, Lucy Loughlin was appointed as Authorized Representative of Veterans Affairs of Father Duffy

Chapter. Lucy, who is known and loved throughout Rainbow, is by this appointment strengthened in her task of handling hospitalization and other intricate problems of our men in their dealings with the Veterans Administration, a job which she has handled long and capably.

Membership Chairman Jim Mason reports good progress with membership of 195 so far this year.

The Chapter is already making its plans to take a big delegation to the City of Brotherly Love for the Tri-State Reunion and Mid-Year Executive Meeting, to be held February 18th and 19th in Philadelphia. ---Harry J. Fullam

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OHIO The Buckeye State, after a smashing membership record last year is starting off like a runaway fire engine with half of her membership in by the end of September. Watch for that fire engine to start pumping dues into NatSec Allen.

The first meeting of the Ohio Association's Trustees and Service Officers for this year was held September 18th, at the Deshler-Hilton in Columbus.

Official: The 1956 State Reunion will be held June 7th, 8th and 9th in Cincinnati. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Sinton.

The following State Association Officers were elected at the Youngstown Reunion: President, J. Cassat Miller, Cincinnati; Vice Presidents, Bill Johnson, Lakewood, and John Janosik, Youngstown; Chaplain, Wm. C. Mead, Mansfield; Secretary-Treasurer, O. R. (Kit) Carson, 1626 E. Arlington Avenue, Columbus; Sergeant-at-Arms, Everett (Red) Brooks, Columbus; Historian, George R. Walters, Columbus. Mel Horne was elected National Executive Committeeman representing Ohio at the Omaha Reunion. The following were elected to the Board of Trustees: Carl S. Thimmes, Charles Hasselbusch, Everett (Red) Brooks, Earl (Bob) Massa, Fred Miller, John Michaels, Frank Baumgartner, Lloyd Lea, James Zimmerman, John Janosik, George Havens, Al Hoyt, Fred Pinney and John (Jack) Boyles.

Past President Art Kinney, in a message thanking Ohio Rainbow for the splendid support he had received, said: "You have just finished the greatest year in Ohio's Membership History. The eyes of thousands of Rainbowers are on Ohio. We can equal last year's record with ease. You were magnificent."

---Harold B. (Slim) Rodier

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OKLAHOMA Sixty-five Rainbowers from the tri-state area of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri attended the Annual Reunion in Tulsa. A Banquet and Dance highlighted an interesting day of fellowship and recollection of Rainbow days among the WW I and WW II buddies.

Outgoing President H. Everett Pope did his usual superb job of emceeing. At the business session of the program, Fred Gogolan was elected President for the coming Rainbow year. Assisting Gogolan in his duties will be Executive Vice Presidents Mickey Whitney and Ed Dale; Chaplain, John George, Jr.; and Secretary-Treasurer, Leonard Hill,

"Mr. Rainbow."

Visiting Rainbowers included Bill Gee, the Lawrence Woods and Tom Mangums of Oklahoma City; Walter Heath of Kansas City; J. B. Koche of Norman; the Leo Elskys, Ed Stroups, Arthur Nices, and Ambrose Rochels from Muskogee, and Henry Booes, from Chanute, Kansas.

Summer's past thoughts --- the Leonard Hills were hosts at an ice cream party in August in honor of Tom and Betty Giboney, who were transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia. National Prexy Leonard was very pleased with the Tulsa representation at the National Reunion in Omaha. Making the trip from T-Town this year were the Amos Todds, the Bill Butts, the Whaymans, the Andersens, the Hills and Jim Tranam. How Jim went alone we don't know. Of course they all had a fine time and are looking forward to the Dallas Reunion next July.

Plans have been completed for the Annual Christmas Dinner-Dance at the Alvin Hotel in Tulsa on December 10th. The Committee in charge is composed of Amos Todd, Frank Whayman and Bob Neese.

Tulsa's one and only Frank Whayman is recovering from recent surgery.

Sympathy is extended to the Fergusonsons and the Georges. John lost his father in June, while Lorena's Mother passed away while the latter were vacationing, in July.

Recent visitors to the Oil Capital included Editor Harold and Elsie Rodier; Kenneth Keith, San Diego; and Gordon Eskridge. Glad to have Henry Park (222d) and Mike Yealdhall (117th TMBn) back on Tulsa's Rainbow rolls. Tulsans had their first Chapter meeting of the new year at H. Everett Pope's School of Accountancy. The year's program was mapped out at this session.

Oklahoma Rainbow was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Ben Arnold on September 30th, in Oklahoma City. He has been in ill health for a number of years and had been in the hospital since July.

Oklahoma has been justly proud of Ben Arnold's distinguished career at the bar and on the bench. He has served as a Justice of the State Supreme Court since 1940. His Rainbow service was with the Oklahoma Ambulance Company.



JUDGE ARNOLD

--John A. Ferguson, Jr.

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PENNSYLVANIA On August 6th the Pennsylvania State Association met in Lancaster. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Robert J. Calhoun, Philadelphia Chapter; Vice Presidents, Reuben Blivass, Pittsburgh Chapter; Wm. Otten, Easton Chapter; Chaplain, Rev. Sidney C. Burgoyne, Jr., Philadelphia Chapter; Sergeant-at-Arms, Anthony Schuster, Bethlehem Chapter; Historian, Arthur Knehr, Reading Chapter.

The annual outing of the John D. Brenner Chapter was a success, as usual. It was held on Sunday, August 7th.

The Chapter lost two members. Sam Mahaffey, the Company Bugler, and Sam Resh. Resh, indifferent to the fact that the bullet which had creased the side of his head was lodged back of the brain, planned to be operated upon for same after 37 years; in the meantime died of a heart attack.

Pittsburgh Chapter, representing Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, had their annual outing in August at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Vince Fleckenstein's daughter was married in August, and we missed him at our annual outing.

Pittsburgh lost a loyal Rainboweer, Fred Signet, of McKeesport. He served in the 160th Infantry.

Dave Heller, Philadelphia Chapter, retired from the Navy Yard; so will have plenty of time for Rainbow work.

The State Chaplain, Rev. Sidney C. Burgoyne, Jr., is a Rainboweer of whom many of you have never heard. It is evident he went into the Priesthood since the war, and is now in the St. Ann's Rectory at Lansford, Pennsylvania.

We know Loyd Matson is doing a perfect job with plans for the Tri-State Reunion and Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting to be held in Philadelphia on February 18th and 19th, 1956.

The Chapters not mentioned are probably having their activities, but so far we have no news of them. How come, Rainbowers? --John D. Brenner

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TEXAS Texas gals can't be too different from any others in the other 47 states, but to hear the chatter that is going on about Reunion plans you might conclude that there ain't none other such so vocal. Maybe in a month or two we will make up our minds sufficiently to announce plans for entertaining the visiting gals and dolls from up North, South, East and West!

Twenty-five of the ladies presently constitute the Texas Auxiliary, with Mrs. Philip P. (Elizabeth) Johnson as President. Her address is 4022 James Road, Dallas 27, Texas. She has appointed her organization committee as follows: Mrs. John R. (Kathryn) Darnell, Chairman; Mrs. L. O. (Dorrell) Braden, Mrs. M. F. (Magdalene) Curry, Mrs. Theodore E. (Ernestine) Jones, Mrs. William J. (Jacqueline) Rochelle, Jr., and Mrs. Noel B. (Roberta) Lott.

Some thirty-eight years ago a group of shavetails earned their gold bars at the first Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, Texas. Forty-two of these "90-Day Wonders" were sent to Camp Mills where they were assigned to various outfits in the Rainbow Division.

Last month sixteen of the survivors sat down to breakfast together during the 39th Roll Call of the Texas First Camp Association. Never before had so many Rainbow men shown up for the Roll Call. Maybe the Texas Reunion, come next July was responsible for the big attendance

--- And if such is the case it is a good omen for a big crowd in Big D. Here is

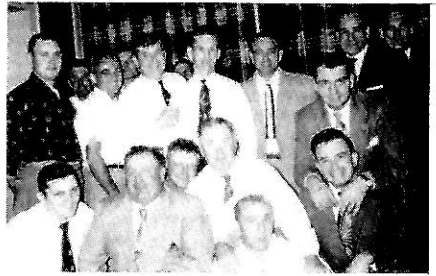
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THANKSGIVING - THEN AND NOW

Just about eleven years ago today, a lot of Rainbowers of World War Two were very busy marking clothes and equipment for shipment overseas. And eleven years ago this Thanksgiving, very few of the younger Rainbowers were enjoying Thanksgiving with their families! Somehow, it is quite appropriate for us in our observance of Thanksgiving this year, to let our memories wander back over the years to that Thanksgiving, and to give thanks for the privilege of having known those fellows we served with and for having had the opportunity of serving our country with them. In the months that followed several were chosen to give their lives for their country, but the greater number of us were chosen to return to our families and our friends and the communities from which we had come. As we left Austria and said goodbye to our comrades-in-arms we promised to keep in touch with each other and to get together from time to time, and to re-live those experiences which we shared as members of one of the finest units of the United States Armed Forces. We promised also that those buddies who had given their lives for their country would not be forgotten. As time has passed some of us have limited our activities to the exchange of Christmas cards.

In some respects we who have done no more than this have been a very selfish group. But we who have come to realize that we have the finest veterans organization in the country, with the most sincere spirit of comradeship and fraternity that has ever existed in a diversified group from all walks of life and all sections of the country, and have never let the rest of our buddies know about it are a much more miserable group. While it is true that we have, when asked, told others about attending Reunions and meetings and parties, no amount of conversation could explain to a former Rainbower who hasn't felt the spirit of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, why Franklin Voss would travel all the way from Del Norte, Colorado, to Boston, Massachusetts, on the possibility that one of his World War II buddies from the Service Company of the Triple Deuce might show up. Nor would it be possible to explain why, even though none of his former buddies appeared at the Reunion, he was equally at home with the Rainbow men of BOTH wars whom he had met for the first time some five years before at a Reunion in New York City. It is just as difficult to explain to a former Rainbower who hasn't experienced the feeling of brotherhood that exists in our organization, why 500 Rainbowers and their wives, from both World Wars, including 22 Past National Presidents of the Association and the Secretary of the Army, traveled from near and far to honor a former Regimental Commander of the Rainbow Division. Occasionally some very patient Rainbower attempts to explain to the uninitiated and usually, with a feeling of frustration, concludes by saying, "It's just Rainbow, that's all!"

But actually our selfishness does
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Far Back Row: Clarence Lewis, Howard Wheeler and James Torrey. Standing: Arthur Orabutt, Ernest Hecht, William Deegnan, Louis Deutsch, George McKinnon, Henry Keaton, and Bud Roesch. Front Row: Jack O'Kane, Ernest Roudebush, Kenneth Jackson, George Ciganko, John Spruce (sitting) Charles Backus and Julian Graham. (Charles Lyons had stepped out when the picture was taken.)

D-242nd HOLDS REUNION IN CHICAGO

Here in Chicago the men of D Company of the 242nd held a Reunion over the Labor Day weekend. There were 18 in attendance, and everyone had a swell time. In fact, everyone had such a good time that we have made plans to have another Reunion on the Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day next year, in Columbus, Ohio. There we hope to have between 30 and 50 in attendance. A committee of three has been picked to handle all of the arrangements, consisting of Ernie Roudebush, Johnnie Spruce and the writer, Jack O'Kane.

D-242nd MEN ATTENTION

If any of you reading this have not received a letter from me during the month of October, then I don't have your current address, so please drop me a line as to where you are. I now have a list of 75 names and addresses and that is the list I will work off of on this coming Reunion to be held in Columbus, Ohio. I have lost contact with Thomas Aldridge so if he will write me his current address it will help.

--Jack O'Kane,
2914 N. 74th Ave.,
Elmwood Park, Illinois.

"WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW" DEPT. REUBEN BLIWAS (242d) has been acting as Coach of the "Little League" ball team in Corapolis, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH F. HEFFERNAN (K-242d) is Assistant Librarian at the Philadelphia Law Library, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.; would like to hear from K-men.

LAWRENCE DEIERLEIN (E-222d) has graduated from Fordham Law School, passed the New York Bar Examinations and is practicing law in New York. Has a very attractive wife and one child.

GEORGE BEARD (E-222d) was selected by Culpepper, Virginia, Junior Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding young man of Culpepper this year. He is married, and there are three little "whiskers."

OSWALDO CUTILLI (E-222d) (Al to his pals) has acquired a wife and three

children since returning to the Bronx. GEORGE DIAMOND (E-222d) has returned to Cleveland and become a big family man with at least three little "chips."

JAMES HUDSON (1st Bn-232d) has retired to Salisbury, Maryland, where he is enjoying life with his charming wife, Mary Etta.

WARREN KAEN (E-222d) is living in Elmwood Park, Illinois, where he and Mrs. Kaen have two children, Billie and Barbara.

J. W. (MICKEY) WHITNEY (A-242d) has moved back to Tulsa. Is Chief Petroleum Engineer for Helmerich & Payne.

CLINTON SAYLES (B-242d) and wife Leila, report safe arrival of daughter, born August 17th. Clint is District Engineer for DX Pipe Line at Wewoka.

BUFORD WESTER (B-242d) was recently married. Is with DX Refinery in Tulsa.

ROY BLACKFORD (242d Medics) was instrumental in organizing the new Rainbow Chapter at Wichita, Kansas, and operates his own bakery there.

GLEN NELSON (232d F.A.) has moved from Wichita to Tulsa; owns and operates Montague Picture Studio at 1213 South Boston.

JEFF BOHANNON (B-402d F. A.) is an electric pipeline welder; has completed a job in South America and is now on another assignment in Michigan.

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not stop with our failure to keep in touch with each other or our failure to advise our former fellow soldiers of the spirit of comradeship and fraternity in our national organization, for we also --- and this is one deficiency we are all guilty of to some degree --- fail to invite them to share these experiences with us. Lots and lots of us haven't asked one of our former buddies to join our Association, nor have we ever endeavored to arrange to get a group from our squad, platoon, company or battery together for a Reunion where they can see and feel this rather unique phenomenon which some call the "Spirit of Rainbow."

When I started this appeal for help in securing more membership my thoughts were largely directed toward doing something about the 1600 WW I Rainbowners that I would like to see in our Association by July 12, 1956; and while they were the ones that I have continued to think about, I now realize that by changing a word here and there this appeal is equally applicable to all the

Rainbowners of both wars.

Somehow it seems that with Thanksgiving approaching it is a very appropriate time to write to those fellows whom we haven't seen for a long time, and an even more appropriate time to invite them to join or to renew their membership in the Rainbow Division Veterans Association. It is an equally good time to write and cordially invite those members whom you haven't seen for some time to come around to a meeting. This is not a job that is limited to the Secretary, but one in which each of us has an equal responsibility. The extent to which we as a group accept the responsibility will determine the success or failure of our Association.

--Lloyd H. Matson, Co-Chairman, Membership Committee.

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a list of those attending: From the 167th Infantry (Alabama's Own, Cream of the Fighting Men!), John J. Adams, Chico, California; William E. Hardin, Stockdale, Texas; Scott J. King, Amarillo, Texas; Reed M. Mulker, Roswell, New Mexico; Roy F. Sharp, Fayetteville, Arkansas; James B. Wheeler, Dallas, Texas; and Bryan Snyder, Jr., Dallas, Texas. From the 166th Ohio Infantry: Sam H. Davis, Houston, Texas; Joseph W. Smith, Dallas, Texas; Edwin R. Spencer, Columbus, Texas, and Minter Wornack, Garland, Texas. From the 168th Iowa Infantry: Guy M. Douglas, Dripping Springs, Tex.; Theo. E. (Ted) Jones, Dallas, Tex.; Walter K. Setzer, Dallas, Texas. The sole representative of the 165th (Fighting 69th) Infantry, William E. Welborne, came all the way from Los Angeles, California, and we had one Artilleryman, Sheridan E. Gavitt of Waco, Texas, who served in the 149th Illinois Field Artillery.

We expect them all back in Dallas, next July, for the Rainbow Reunion.

Ever mindful of the monetary needs of a Reunion, Fred Cornelius sends from El Paso two beautiful oil paintings of Texas desert scenes, with instructions that they be auctioned off and the proceeds be deposited in the Reunion kitty. Fred did these paintings from his bed, and this expression of his devotion to Rainbow and the ideas it represents should be an inspiration to all of us.

--Bryan Snyder, Jr.

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