



The President's Message

The new Rainbow year has begun, with every indication of continued progress for our organization. Vacations are over with for most of us, and the general prosperity of our country, along with renewed hopes for continued peace, make a pleasant prospect. Of course we are all busy, perhaps too busy at times for our own good. Isn't it wise to relax a bit, to take time out to do some things we have been putting off? How about getting back into the swing of Rainbow? For most of us there is a nearby Rainbow Chapter. Why not get in touch with it, meet your old buddies of the 42nd, and fight the wars all over again?

Your organization is growing. Each year for several years we have shown a gain in membership, chiefly because we Rainbowers realize that organization makes the bond that holds together the friendship and loyalty of our Division. Thus, we keep alive the finest traditions of America's military history.

Dues are due! The small fee isn't important in itself, but your name on Rainbow's roster is very important. Chapter Secretaries are the file closers of our column. It's up to them to get everybody in step. Rainbow membership costs little, but without members nothing can be accomplished.

As membership chairmen this year we have Loyd Matson of New Jersey and Ted Johnson. Loyd, whose New Jersey address is really a suburb of Philadelphia, has been active in Pennsylvania and National Rainbow for many years.

Ted Johnson (H-232nd) has been a loyal and active worker in Iowa, zealous to promote WW II membership and at the same time right in the thick of Chapter

activities. He was Secretary of the Iowa State Association until he was transferred by his firm to Washington, D. C. in September. Incidentally, the current issue of Iowa's state publication, the SNIPER, says some pretty nice things about Ted.

And these two splendid Rainbowers bring into our administration some new ideas on how to increase membership which have already paid dividends --- our total on August 15th was well ahead of that same date last year. We are happy to report the reactivation of Dallas B. Smith Chapter in Anniston, Ala., and the Tennessee Chapter at Memphis. San Francisco was the first Chapter to exceed their 1955-1956 membership totals. Dodge City - Pratt has already equalled last year. We welcome the new Chapter at Wichita, Kansas, which is composed almost entirely of the younger men.

Through the continued efforts of Chapter Secretaries, membership committees, National Vice Presidents and of every member, I am sure we can have a very successful year. I hope to visit many Chapters during the year but it will be impossible to contact them all. Please accept my sincere thanks for the good start we have made. I hope many more Chapters will have reached their quotas at an early date. Let's all get in line to make this Rainbow's greatest year.

On August 12th Frank Whayman and I attended the meeting at Dallas, Texas. Ted Jones and Big John Darnell, Reunion Chairmen, have their committees appointed and plans are already being made for the new Reunion next July. The new Statler-Hilton Hotel will be our headquarters, and we can count on another fine Reunion next July in the Lone Star State.

--Leonard Hill

Rainbow Big Time Events

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| October 10 | MIAMI, FLORIDA; Miami Chapter's "Little Reunion" for Rainbow men attending the American Legion Convention; home of Charlie McCord, 1132 Obispo Avenue, Coral Gables; 7 pm. |
| November 11 | BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; Annual Armistice Day Banquet. |
| November 11 | OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA; Stag Dinner, Biltmore Hotel; 7 pm. |
| November 13 | ORLANDO, FLORIDA; Dinner in honor of National President. |

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"It is better to light one candle
than to curse the darkness."

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ALLEN GIBBONS RECOVERING AFTER OPERATION

National Secretary Allen Gibbons
is in the Shenandoah Hospital, Roanoke,
Va., as this is written, recovering from
an operation on September 14th.

By the time you
receive this Reveille
Allen is expected to be
at home recuperating.

Few Rainbowers
are so well loved as
Allen and prayers for
his speedy return to
health are fervent and
widespread.

THE REVEILLE
suggests that if you
write to Allen, you in-
clude in your letter the
admonition that he
NOT answer it; let
us not confront him, during his con-
valescence, with the task of answering
the avalanche of "get well" letters that
he is sure to receive!



As reported in the September
REVEILLE, the Omaha Reunion made
several changes in the Constitution and
By-Laws which are here reported:

Article I, Sec. 2, "Each Chapter shall be
authorized to send one delegate per 10
actual members or major fraction there-
of, and in addition two Delegates repre-
senting the chapter-at-large." This ar-
ticle was repealed.

By-Laws, Article III, "The Executive
Committee shall estimate the expendi-
tures necessary annually to execute suc-
cessfully the affairs of the Association,
and, upon approval by a majority of the
Delegates to the Annual Reunion or Con-
vention, shall apportion it among the
several chapters in proportion to their
actual membership." This article was
repealed.

By-Laws, Article IV, "The Secretary shall
receive such compensation for his ser-
vices and expenses as may be author-
ized by the President with the approval
of the Executive Committee." This article
was amended by adding the following lan-
guage: "He shall furnish bond in such
amount as may be required by the Exe-
cutive Committee."

By-Laws, Article VIII, "All necessary
arrangements in connection with the
Annual Reunion or Convention shall be in
charge of and supervised by the Chapter
in the State in which the Reunion or Con-
vention shall be held." This article was
amended to read as follows: "All neces-
sary arrangements in connection with an
Annual Reunion shall be in charge of and
supervised by the Host City Chapter, if
the time and place of such Reunion has
been determined by the preceding Annual
Reunion. In event the time and place of
the next Reunion should not be determined
by any Reunion, the Executive Committee
shall determine the time and place of the
next Reunion and authorize the President
to make necessary arrangements, ap-
prove a suitable Reunion Committee, and
generally to provide for the Reunion under
the supervision of the Executive Commit-
tee. All income derived from such a Re-
union so arranged and conducted shall be
the property of the National Association
which shall assume full responsibility for
the payment of all authorized expense."

By-Laws, Article IX, "The official name
of this Association, to wit: "NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, RAINBOW DIVISION
VETERANS," together with the insignia,
shall be copyrighted in the Bureau of
Patents-Copyrights, Washington, D. C.
This article was repealed.

By-Laws, Article X, This Article was
amended to read as follows: "A regis-
tration fee for a National Reunion, not to
exceed ten dollars per member, may be
collected by the Host City Chapter to as-
sist in defraying the cost of the Reunion,
except in event the Reunion is arranged
and conducted by the Executive Commit-
tee as provided in Article VIII of these
By-Laws, when registration fees and all
other income derived from said Reunion
shall be the property of the National As-
sociation."

---H. B. R.

A Big, BIG Reunion For A Big, BIG State

UP FROM THE LUSH BEAUTIES of the Gulf of Mexico to the tumbleweed of the Panhandle and across 800 miles of the Lone Star State from the Juarez bull ring (El Paso) to that street in Texarkana, where a Rainbower can stand in Texas with his posterior protruding into Arkansas --- Rainbow interest has mounted almost as high as the thermometer in California since the word has come that Texas and Dallas will be hosts to the Thirty-Eighth Annual Reunion in 1956. BIG --- Big as Texas --- is going to be the gathering of heroes of the 42nd, their wives and sweethearts, their children and their grandchildren, as Reunion plans, already simmering by the old chuck wagon, come to a boil. Some Committee Chairmen have already been named and the Reunion organization will be complete before cotton pickin's done.

Heading up the Dallas arrangements will be not one, but TWO Chairmen, namely: Ted Jones, a National Vice President and long-time Mr. Texas Rainbow, and Big John Darnell, the hand that gets things done come hell or highwater. Other committee appointments include: Phillip P. Johnson, Budget and Finance; William J. Rochelle, Program and Entertainment; Bryan Snyder, Jr., Publicity and Promotion; C. Nate Bradley, General Arrangements, and Everett Hale, Registration.

Just to prove that Texas isn't all Cow Country and Oil Fields, a real citified bunk-house has been picked for Reunion G. H. Q., the Statler-Hilton, newest and most fabulous in Connie Hilton's stable, with an elevator for every room and the kind of reservations that you can cash as surely as U. S. Bonds. And for entertainment, the Committee is trying to decide just what brands will please the most. Maybe a barbecue right off the turning fork, and a style show for the gals --- fur coats and lingerie.

Ten short months to go until we see you here in great Big D. We're a gettin' ready fast to welcome all in Texas style.

--Bryan Snyder, Jr.



TED JONES, National Vice President and Reunion Chairman



ALABAMA Birmingham is proud and happy to report that the privilege of entertaining Rainbow's National President at its annual Armistice Day Party --- a privilege we have enjoyed each year for many years now --- will be ours once more this year. National President Leonard Hill and his charming wife Jean will be the guests of the Birmingham Chapter during the November 11th festivities. We couldn't be happier about it! Full details about the affair will be published in the next REVEILLE.

The Alabama State Annual Reunion held June 11th and 12th in Montgomery was a brilliant success. The beautiful and spacious Headquarters of the Department of Alabama American Legion were made available to us by our Joe-Dick. After beaucoup refreshments (corn squeezin's!) we had a delightful banquet scintillating with spontaneous and overlapping speeches from the floor and under the tables, in Rainbow's most felicitous style.

Fifty-seven Rainbowers were there

from all over the State, and a five-piece orchestra, hopelessly outnumbered, tried to make itself heard over the squeaking joints of our elderly but only too willing contingent of dancers.

From Birmingham came John Winingham, Skinnay Cox (149th F. A.), Dewey Berry, Hugh and Mary Jane Foster. From Tuscaloosa came too long absent Britt Coates. Mobile contributed State President and Mrs. Asa Coggins, and Secretary Gene Unger. From Lannett came Past State President T. A. Warren. Prominent among the local Rainbowers were Billy Screws, Joe Dickerson & Ernie Pritchett.

At the business meeting next day, Sol Monsky was elected State President, a Vice President was elected from each local Chapter in the State. As a method of building up membership, a state-wide publicity campaign embracing over sixty newspapers urged every Rainbower in the State not now on our mailing list to send in his name. To date over 200 names have come in and they are still coming. This is really going to pay off in new and renewed Rainbow interest and activity in Alabama. Possibly National could do a similar job on a Nation-wide basis with much bigger results.

--Lindsay (Skinnay) Cox

MORE ALABAMA be a Rainbower!



"What a privilege to be a Rainbower! The prayers and good wishes sent to me from all over the Rainbow in my recent operation, from which I have practically recovered, mean more to me than I could possibly express in words. My heart is filled with gratitude and humility. Many, many thanks!

--Ted Hagen

CALIFORNIA The San Francisco Chapter, which has already topped its 1954-55 membership, opened its Rainbow year with a meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building on September 3rd. Tribute was paid to Bernard J. Jones, who came to the End of the Rainbow on August 1st, at Lodi. Services, in Lodi, were attended by President Phil Greenfield, Dr. and Mrs. Fred L. Edwards and sister, Mrs. Earl Burlington, Edward Ensminger, Mrs. Vic Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. Bishofberger.

At the last meeting the following officers were elected: President, Phil Greenfield; Vice Presidents, John Adams, Chico; Virgil J. Anderson, San Francisco; R. W. Beebe, Oakland; W. Bucher, San Francisco; W. J. Cole, Richmond; Lt. Col. W. T. Canaway, San Francisco; Dr. Fred L. Edwards, Berkeley; Verne J. Fowler, Chico; George F. Fratus, Vallejo; Major J. A. Given, Redding; Arthur N. George, San Diego; William T. George, San Francisco; Vernon George, San Francisco; John A. Leas, Alameda; Ernest N. Lisner, San Mateo; R. E. Lyter, San Jose; Peter McLaughlin, Lodi; Gen. Wallace A. Mason, Sacramento; John B. MacDonald, Pittsburg; Merl A. Nesby, Hayward; Harry Rasmussen, Walnut Grove; Stephen S. Ridgley, Campbell; J. C. Saylor, Los Gatos; Harold F. Uttley, Long Beach; Clyde Westervelt, Glendale; and V. M. Higgins, Taft; Secretary-Treasurer, Pinky McCants, Room 127, Veterans Memorial Building, San Francisco; Chaplain, Thomas Marchi, Oakland; Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles Goodman, San Francisco; Board of Directors: Louie Menein, San Francisco; Ray R. Davis, San Francisco; Joe E. Hester, Palo Alto; Edward Ensminger, Lodi; Earl E. Burlington, Lodi; John H. Conroy, San Francisco; Lester Bishofberger, Lodi; Harold W. Westbrook, Grass Valley; James E. Clausen, Sacramento; and Carlo P. Rossi, Stockton.

--Phil Greenfield

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Membership Co-Chairman

Ted Johnson having just moved to Washington, introductions are in order. Ted, meet the Biggest Little Chapter in Rainbow, a Chapter which since 1946 has been a happy and inspiring example of WW I and WW II Integration (Without a Shotgun!) The first time, years ago, that a WW II Rainbower called out to a WW I speaker (probably Rodier) who was beating his gums unduly, "Aw, shut up and sit down!" we opened up our arms and our hearts to the WW IIers, and have held'em

fast ever since. D. C. Rainbowers, meet Ted Johnson, a swell guy, a great Rainbower and an enthusiastic worker who will undoubtedly get more local Rainbowers off of their fat cushions and into Rainbow activities than we've seen for a long time.

--H. B. R.

FLORIDA To every Guy and Gal reading this: You're all invited to attend the General Summerrall Chapter Covered Dish Eatin'-Meetin' to be held at the home of Marie and Jim Rolfe, 1604 Auburn Avenue, Orlando, Florida, on Sunday, November 13th, from 2 pm until 7. The Chapter is playing host to our National President Len Hill, and his General Manager, Jean Hill, on that date. We hope to have a turn-out that will knock Len dizzier than a Pet Sooner Coon. We are banging away at our membership campaign. Latest reports we have received were: from Miami 60, Summerrall, 70; no report from St. Pete. Come on, fellows, please send in your dues. Let's give Len Hill --- one of Rainbow's real work horses for these many years --- a count of at least 150 by the time he pays us a visit.

From Orlando National President Hill will go on to Miami, but as we go to press details of Miami's entertainment of Len Hill are not available.

--Cracker Jim Rolfe

KANSAS Chanute Chapter held its annual picnic at Highland Park on Saturday, September 3rd. National President Leonard J. Hill and Jean; Bill and Ruth Butts, Ed and Pearl Dale, Bun and Lucille Schreck all attended from Tulsa, Oklahoma. From Kansas City came Tom Cagney, the Hoopers and Hugh Berkley. Hugh is President of Mo/Kan Chapter, and was the life of the party. After an excellent meal prepared by the ladies, the evening was spent in typical Rainbow Reunioning. Our regular meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, with a covered dish dinner --- to which all Rainbowers are cordially invited.

--Henry Boose, Secretary

Veterans of Company C, 117th Ammunition Train, report that their annual Reunion at Dodge City, before the Omaha Reunion, was a great success, with increased attendance and old-time enthusiasm. Co. C was composed of men from Dodge City and Pratt. Their Reunion alternates each year between the two cities. It will be held in Pratt next year.

The Reunion at Dodge was a happy affair. The veterans met at the Legion Clubhouse, where lunch was served. Emery F. Fairchild, of Pratt, was elected President; Jay Morgan, of Pueblo, Colorado, and H. F. Petersen, of Pratt, were elected Vice Presidents. Arthur Powell continues as "perpetual" Secretary-Treasurer.

Distance means nothing to Rainbowers bent for Reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver came all the way from Albuquerque, New Mexico; "Red" Stinson and his new wife from Ottawa; Carl Laughlin from Kansas City, Missouri; Leonard and Jean Hill from Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schall from Ponca

City, Okla., and Vern Greenstreet from LaMar, Colorado.

While the men were re-hashing the War, the women were entertained delightfully at the Shangri La. In the evening the annual banquet was served at the Legion Clubhouse. Movies of Rainbow activities from "way back" were shown.

It was with sadness the veterans recalled the deaths of John Snyder, Bill Christopher and Oba Wilson during the past year.

The Old Timers gave a cordial welcome to World War II Rainbows Eugene Sherwood, of Sublette, and to Justin Davis and his wife, of Meade.

Jack Schall, retiring President of the Chapter, ably assisted by Charles Russell and Art Powell, made the arrangements for the Dodge City Reunion.

--Cal Lambert

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LOUISIANA A recent meeting of the

Chapter saw the installation of the new officers. These are: President, Edward H. Butler; Vice Presidents, Cleve A. Lafargue, William Sirera and Malcolm L. Streble; Secretary, Carroll Montet; Treasurer, Joseph H. DiGiovanni; Chaplain, Arthur F. Hennen; Director of Publicity, E. C. Gerdes. National Executive Committeeman for Louisiana, elected in Omaha, is Carroll Montet.

The Chapter is happy at the improvement in the health of George D'Aquin, who has been ill for some time.

The Chapter has set up three goals for the year, (1) bigger and better meetings, (2) a new all-time high in membership, and (3) a big delegation of Louisiana Rainbows at the 1956 Reunion in our neighboring state of Texas, at Dallas.

--Carroll Montet

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MARYLAND Since your correspondent

must still work for a living and was therefore unable to attend the Annual Orgy of the Division, all information in this article is supplied by secret agents and therefore any resemblance to the truth is purely coincidental. We have been informed that our Chapter was represented by Jack Clark, O. E. A. Hickman, Mac MacDonald, Gould Rollins and Steve Masson. A sorrier group could hardly be imagined. Pete Greer, our President-Elect and his charming wife also attended. Very wisely they drove out, thereby enjoying the pure air and delaying the ordeal as long as possible.

With his usual flair for the dramatic, Steve Masson flew out along with, of all people, Woodall Greene, whom we first knew as a very young second lieutenant of our old Mortar Battery. He also served on General MacArthur's staff through World War II and Korea and is now resting on his honors and practicing law until the next war. It was wonderful to see him, I know.

Always one to draw attention to himself, O. E. A. Hickman disappeared during the tour of a local brewery. Soon that well known human bloodhound, Captain Gould Rollins, was on his trail. After hours of frantic searching in grain bins, kegs and beer vats, he was found gulping beer and sandwiches in the tap room.

Anyone who thinks he was lost is crazy.

One of the best liked of our old Battery men was George Holmes, a fine athlete and soldier. He went underground after the first war and was presumed dead. Just to prove that the dead can sometimes return to haunt you, he turned up at the Reunion, to the great delight of our somewhat mangy group. He is now living outside of Chicago in Champaigne; which sounds like a very lovely place to live.

--Harry S. Stansbury

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MINNESOTA Rainbow lost a gallant and beloved leader when Major

General George E. Leach died, in Los Angeles, California, on July 17th. Funeral services were held in Minneapolis, where General Leach served six terms as Mayor, on July 22nd. Six former presidents of the Minneapolis Chapter served as pall bearers. He was interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

2nd Lieutenant George

E. Leach started his career with the National Guard in 1905. He had reached the rank of Major when the 1st Minnesota F. A. was sent to the Mexican Border in 1916. He returned as Colonel of the Regiment and under its new designation as the 151st Field Artillery, took it to France with the Rainbow Division.

With the Regiment, Colonel Leach won distinction, honors, (he was awarded the D. S. C. at the same time as General MacArthur, and promotion. General Leach had three loves; the Rainbow, the National Guard, and Minneapolis. His love was returned in all three quarters. His regiment was devoted to him, Rainbow made him its National President in 1921. Minneapolis elected him Mayor for six terms, a record not equalled before or since. He served as President of the National Guard Association for many years, and was Chief of the Bureau of Militia Affairs for a term.

General Leach, who was 79 at the time of his death, had been in poor health for some years and was in a V. A. Hospital in Los Angeles at the time of his death.

--F. H. B.

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OKLAHOMA Newly elected officers for Oklahoma City Chapter are

promising great things for 1955-56; L. Earl Glass, President; Cecil Young, Vice President; Russell McCabe, Chaplain, and the writer, still Secretary-Treasurer. Plans for a membership drive were discussed at our September 10th meeting. A Stag Dinner with all the trimmings is arranged for the night of November 11th at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City. Rainbows far and near are urged to attend. This will be an outstanding event with fun and good fellowship. Its purpose --- to get better acquainted. Each regularly attending Rainbow has pledged



himself to bring at least one member who has been missing all of our fun. Glad to see Ted Scott greatly improved after a critical illness. New grandchildren arriving all the time; the latest representing the Capps and Shipman families. Sorry to report the loss of Billy Gee's brother, in Indianapolis.

Our heartiest congratulations to those responsible for the splendid Reunion in Omaha, continued proof of the real place in our organization for WW II Rainbowers. It is indeed gratifying to those of us who have been around a long time to see more and more of the younger men taking their proper place in Rainbow affairs.

--Lawrence G. Wood

NEW YORK Father Duffy Chapter reports that at their June 10th meeting the following officers were elected for the current year: President, Joe Jones; Vice Presidents, James J. Walsh, Thomas P. Loughlin and Timothy McCrohan; Recording Secretary, Eugene F. Eagan; Financial Secretary, James T. A. Mason; Treasurer, Frank J. Rogers, Permanent Honorary Chaplain, Rev. Jas. A. Murray; Local Chaplain, William P. Judge; Historian, James C. Mintogue, Editor, Harry J. Fulam; Sgt.-at-Arms, Peter J. Murray; Executive Committee-men; Wm. J. Nugent, Robert E. Morrison, Arthur C. Totten, John J. Tyson and Martin H. Meaney. At the Omaha Reunion Richard Hannigan was elected as National Executive Committeeman for New York.

President Joseph J. Jones was also elected National Vice President at Omaha.

The election of Joe Jones for a second term as President was the second time in the history of the Father Duffy Chapter that a President has been re-elected. Edward J. Riekert was also given a second term as President of the Chapter.

--F. P. H.

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TEXAS Because Texas is a BIG State it has always been difficult for Rainbowers in the widely separated centers to keep in as close touch with each other as they would want. It is believed that the Dallas Reunion will bring our Southwestern veterans closer together than ever before. In the meantime we are trying to contact just as many as possible, and it is suggested that you write Ted Jones (1500 Adolphus Tower, Dallas,) giving the names and addresses of any who may not now be on our list.

Late summer and early autumn -- usually a quiet time of the year, was a period of intensified activity for Texas Rainbowers in this year, 1955. A visit from our National President, installation of Officers by the Texas Chapter, and preparations for the 1956 Reunion featured Dallas meetings in August and September.

With our National President, Len Hill of Tulsa, present to lend dignity to the occasion, the Texas Chapter met in the Dallas Y. M. C. A. at supper, and heard a report on the Omaha Reunion from Ted Jones, who also showed colored movies taken on his trip with a camera presented by a group of his admiring buddies in appreciation of his many years of service to the Chapter as perpetual Secretary. Ted was again elected National Vice President at Omaha.

Of course the Omaha Reunion and plans for the Dallas gathering next July were the chief topics discussed at the August meeting. Leonard Hill drew from his long experience in Rainbow to give some sage advice in arranging the big event of 1956, and the Texas Chapter is assured of the full cooperation of the National organization in planning the Reunion. Tulsa is not so far but that Len Hill can visit us frequently as Reunion plans mature.

Further Reunion plans were discussed when the Chapter met again early in September. Committee Chairmen, announced elsewhere in this REVELLE, reported on progress. It was also reported that Chapter enrollment has passed the 100-mark of paid-up members. Enrollment of members of the Auxiliary has also begun.

Memories of the Rhine ... Coblenz, Sinzig, and Remagen, ... came to life at the last meeting when Earl H. Cotton showed up with a loving cup won at a horse show held during the Occupation. He was a member of Division H. Q. Troop (Louisiana) and was quite a horseman in their happy days of WW One.

Texas has something else to brag about in the naming of one of our WW II men as Sergeant-at-Arms at the Omaha Reunion. He is Harold Dawson, of Dallas and we are right proud of him.

--Bryan Snyder, Jr.

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WISCONSIN At the State Reunion held in Fond du Lac before the National Reunion, the following Officers were elected: President Ervin Hantschel, of Appleton; Vice Presidents, Arthur Kroll, of Oshkosh; John J. Moonen, of Milwaukee, and Jack Kubej, of Fond du Lac; Treasurer, John Scheibinger, of Oshkosh; Chaplain, Conrad Paffenroth, of Oshkosh. President Hantschel appointed John Deltgen, of Appleton, as Secretary. At Omaha, Fred Rosenthal was elected National Executive Committeeman for Wisconsin.

The State Reunion will be held in Appleton in 1956.

--Thomas E. Sullivan

ATTENTION, CHAPTER CHATTER CORRESPONDENTS

The deadline for the REVELLE has been moved up 10 days, and it is now the TENTH of the month instead of the 20th, as heretofore.

PLEASE NOTE, however, that until all of our Correspondents have become familiar with this change, we will accept and use all copy which comes in not later than the 20th. Get all copy in by the 10th if you can, but in any case, GET IT IN!



Man Bites Dog, Says Ted

At the Annual Picnic of the Bennett Chapter, Des Moines, Iowa, we were told about a World War One Rainbow who hadn't paid dues for years until a WW II Rainbow, not believing in precedent, asked him to pay up. Pay up he did --- and in that simple incident there are three good lessons.

First, it's a symbol of what Rainbow has come to be, a union of every man who ever served those grand colors, regardless of time or place. The reflection of pride and honor of that patch still gleams in the camps and bivouacs of the U. S. Army as they do in the fields and towns and shrines of France and Germany and Austria. The thrill of the men of the 168th when they saw the movie of their Glory Road was the same as that of General Collins when he traveled back across the arching trail of the Rainbow of World War Two, or of an old friend of mine who returned to the silent grounds of Gruber and looked in at the "H" Co. Day room, finding a million memories and a single Rainbow plaque above the door.

Second, it shows that getting members is really only a problem of asking. How many memberships are passed by, simply because we fail to ASK for dues? But it's a safe bet that there's a willing signer not over twenty minutes from most of us.

Third, it shows what a little interest in our comrades and buddies can do. We owe it to all Rainbows to induce them to join. By getting them to sign up, the organization gets the incidental benefit of their dues, but THEY get an opportunity to join in Rainbow and enjoy that ever growing fellowship, the spirit of which may be dimmed but not tarnished by the years of neglect. And we, in turn, benefit even more by the addition of one more Rainbow to share in and enhance our activities.

STOP --- pause briefly before you pass on to the next column, and resolve to call on a Rainbow NOW. You owe it to him and to yourself. You'll be surprised what a little enthusiasm will do!

---Ted Johnson,

Membership Co-Chairman



Staff Sergeant Ted Johnson, (far right), and some mortarmen, at Wurzburg.

EVER BEEN TO MUSKOGEE?

Next time you're there, here's some of the Rainbows you're liable to meet: Ambrose L. Rochel, (Ser. - 232d, married; is teaching at A. & M. Tech.

Richard Golding, (A-222d); the Goldings have three children; Dick has a Doughnut Factory. Put all his dough into doughnuts, but isn't going in the hole!

Bill LaHome, (M-222d), is married, is in the Glass business.

Charlie Eaton, (B-142d Engr.), is married, has a cabinetworking business.

James Durkee, (H-222d), is married and is in the air conditioning business.

Harold Penne, (A-232d), has a wife and three children, is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Ed Stroup, (D-222d), is married; is with the Engineering Division at the V. A.

Leo Elsky, (Hq 1st Bn-222d), has a wife and four children; Leo is a railroad man.

A Special Kind of Blood

VE Day in Europe resulted in more GI mathematics than were dreamt of in Mr. Einstein's philosophy. When the good word hit the Stars and Stripes headlines, the average GI's first reaction was, "Well, what do you know, I won't get knocked off after all; I'll really get to go home and GOSH!!!" Then that grand old American institution, the Point System, was inaugurated, and presently, in lonely old outhouses, in estamets and rathskellers, earnest GIs were busy with well chewed pencils and old envelopes, calculating. "Let's see, now. 38 months at a point a month; umpteen battle stars at 5 points, one wife at 10 points---gee, wasn't THAT a break!"

Historians will be claiming for a long time that this same point system, (and we loved it!) made a turned-up deuce out of America's hole card in our subsequent dealings with Russia, but that doesn't have much to do with the R. D. V.

But what the point system DID do to the Rainbow Division Veterans was noteworthy. It took a whacking percentage of the men who had fought through the war with the Rainbow back to the States before the famous membership drive for the Association got under way in Austria.

The result was that a great many of the men most likely to become ardent members of our Association got out of touch with the rest of us without being approached to join up.

This big contingent of WW II Rainbows constitutes our "Lost Battalion." Probably most of these men will join our Association the first time they are contacted by a member and asked to join.

A lot of work has been done, trying to locate this Lost Battalion by use of old rosters --- with pre-war addresses. It won't surprise anyone that these old addresses in the main have proven to be useless. But every once in a while you'll just "run into" one of these old Buddies. When you do, grab him by the necktie and hold on 'til he joins up! But under no circumstances let him get away until you have his address. Then work on him by phone or by mail until you have him in the fold. Eligible veterans join the

Rainbow for something they cannot get elsewhere. This is a fraternal organization which is --- forgive us if we seem snooty about it --- darned exclusive. It has an irrevocable and unforfeiting requirement for membership. If you did not serve in the Rainbow Division in time of war, you can't belong. Sorry, brother.

The primary and basic reason for joining our Association may be summed up by quoting from an editorial in the November, 1954, REVEILLE, which says:

"Service in the Rainbow Division was probably the dramatic highlight of our lives. It was a splendid and colorful chapter We do not want it to fade into oblivion, nor do we want lost forever from our lives the heartwarming friendships we formed during the days when we served under the Rainbow colors.

"Our Association furnishes the means for keeping these memories and these friendships forever undimmed by the passing years."

That is the strong and solid reason for anyone eligible joining the Rainbow; if it isn't good enough, probably nothing

else will induce a man to join.

But it really isn't the only reason. Ours is a social organization; we meet to have fun together and we damned well DO have fun together --- in Chapter meeting and parties of all kinds, in State and regional meetings, and in our big National meetings. These affairs bring together men with a strong common bond of vivid experience. Brought together, they form precious friendships, and enjoy meeting together. Nothing else could have or would have kept this organization in successful operation for a third of a century and if that testimonial doesn't impress you, you don't have to buy the medicine!

Most organizations can keep in a healthy condition by continuously bringing in new blood --- and generally speaking, most anyone with a few bucks for dues is food for the mill. We can't use new blood! It has to be "old" blood, and just the right type, too! It has to be blood that was once ready to spill for the cause the Rainbow served, and under the Rainbow colors.

If you have that "type" of blood we really do want you!

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