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The President's Message

February is an important month for Rainbow. Thirty-eight years ago the Rainbow Division moved into the line on the bleak and cold Lorraine front. In the pine-clad hills of that country, the 42nd broke the stillness of a long-quiet front, and after the Germans had met the Americans in combat they realized that they were up against a formidable foe. They were to meet the Rainbow later many times in many sectors, and always they found the 42nd more than their match.

Since those memorable days, the world has been spinning at a rapid rate. Radio, television, atom bombs, diesel trains --- all have changed our mode of living. America has fought two more wars since 1918, and is ready to defend its liberty again if need be.

We men of Rainbow in both Wars had a small but important part in saving America from greedy militarism, and as our Rainbow Association approaches its Mid-Year, we are thankful that we veterans are strongly united, just as we were in France.

Membership is increasing, Chapter interest is growing, and as 1956 moves ahead we feel confident that this will be a banner year, culminating in a Reunion at Dallas which gives promise of being one of the best in the Association's long history of successful Reunions.

Your President's December activities were confined to Oklahoma. On December 4th the following Tulsa Rain-bowers were guests of the Oklahoma City Chapter: Bill and Ruth Butts, Paul and Margaret Havenstrite, Frank and May Whayman, Frode and Agnes Andersen, Jean and I. Lawrence and Frances Wood were hosts in their home to a large group which included the Harold Wilfongs,

Jim Brills, Cecil Youngs, Bill Gee, Cyrus Wrights, Marion Lynches, C. A. Van Vrankens, Darrell Tuttles, Ted Scotts, Ross Lilliards, Larry Kelseys, J. B. Koches, John Verners, Russell McCabes, Dr. John Capps, Harry Mundays, Margaret Crawley, Mrs. Gus Johnson, and the Tulsa group. Our thanks to the Woods and the Oklahoma City Chapter and Auxiliary for a fine party. Tulsa held its Annual Christmas Dinner-Dance on December 10th. Present were the Popes, President Fred, and Dorothy Gogoland, the Georges, Whaymans, Todds, Hills, Havenstrites, Wilkins, Neeses, Schalls, Gruenbergs, Houpperts, Durkees, Wilfongs, Veltsches, Weisers, Segraves, Butts, Brocks, Westers, Dales, Cannons, and Lahmans. From Oklahoma City came the Woods, McCabes, Margaret Crawley and Billy Gee. It was Bill's 77th birthday. He was honored by Oklahoma presenting him with a Life Membership in our Rainbow Association. Amos Todd, Frank Whayman and Pete Neese, the Committee, did an excellent job.

We are looking forward to our trip East in February, when we will attend the Dinner of the Newark, Ohio, Chapter on the 15th. From there we go to Philadelphia for the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting and Tri-State Reunion. This promises to be an outstanding affair and we hope that every Rainbower who possibly can do so will attend. After Philadelphia we go to Michigan for a Dinner Meeting at Grand Rapids, on the 22nd, then back to Detroit for a Party on Saturday, February 25th.

Membership on January 1st was ahead of last year, but the margin was (Continued on page 2)

RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

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| February 15 | NEWARK, OHIO; Dinner in honor of National President. Y.M.C.A. |
| February 18 | PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting and Tri-State Reunion. (Details on page 3.) |
| February 22 | GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN; Dinner in honor of National President. |
| February 25 | DETROIT, MICHIGAN; Reception for National President, Danejaig Buffet Supper; Veterans Memorial Building. (Details on page 5.) |
| February 25 | MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA; Annual Banquet and Party; Whitley Hotel; Cocktails, 6 p.m.; Banquet, 7 p.m.; Followed by Reception at the Joe Dickerson's "Unfurnished Ranch," 10 p.m. "11." |
| March 3 | KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; Annual Mo/Kan Banquet; The Wishbone. |
| April 14 | DES MOINES, IOWA; Annual Iowa State Reunion and Banquet; Headquarters, Hotel Savery. (See page 4.) |
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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not enough for us to relax. Many Chapters have gone over the top, but others are lagging. We all need to put forth our best efforts if we are to show a gain over last year.

--Leonard Hill

SOME RAINBOW HISTORY

With the staging of the Tri-State Reunion in Philadelphia it will be the 25TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION of this outstanding Rainbow event. Here is a brief history of its origin.

In 1930 the National Reunion was held in France. Your Editor conceived the idea that Rainbowners in his locality, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, would like to hold a Rainbow affair for those who couldn't make the Reunion in France. The three Chapters all concurring, a banquet was scheduled to be held July 14th in Washington, at the Raleigh Hotel. It was a signal success, with 125 attending; all Rainbow men, as it was a stag affair. It was voted to make it an annual affair for the benefit of those who couldn't make the National Reunion.

Next year the National Reunion was to be held in Detroit; Wilber Brucker was National President. Early in that Rainbow year Wilber wrote to your Editor and pointed out that our party had been such a big success that he feared that it might compete for attendance with the National Reunion. He asked that the date of it be changed. This request met with instant compliance and the date was changed to February 22nd, a Rainbow Anniversary second in importance only to July 14th.

The new date proved most popular. The affair grew in popularity and Rainbow importance. In 1942, President Colston called the first Mid-Year Meeting of the National Executive Committee, for the purpose of deciding whether or not the National Reunion scheduled for Orlando, Florida, should be held, in view of the War. (They decided to hold it anyway.) These Mid-Year Meetings have been held each year since then. Ten or eleven of them have been held in conjunction with Tri-State Reunions.

These Tri-State Reunions attracted Rainbowners from all over the Nation. So many Rainbowners came down from the Keystone State that some years ago it was voted to expand the "Tri" to include Pennsylvania; but this year will be the first time that Pennsylvania has been Host to the Tri-State. Tri-States have been held in Baltimore, Richmond and Roanoke, but most of them were held in Washington, and your Editor was Chairman for most of these. It was always a joy to handle these wonderful affairs, but each year a serious problem was faced.

Tri-State Chairman Loyd Matson faces this problem today. In setting up the Banquet, it is necessary to tell the Hotel in advance how many to prepare for. This number must be guaranteed, and at \$5 or \$6 a plate, this guarantee is a momentous responsibility. A bad guess "under" could ruin the party. A bad guess "over" could ruin a small Chapter, financially speaking.

The answer has been to require that everyone who plans to attend make a definite reservation with the Chairman in advance of the Banquet. If you are going to attend the Tri-State, for goodness sakes notify Loyd (his address is 266-B Garfield Avenue, Collingswood 7, New Jersey) He MUST get the reservation by February 16th, and if you don't want Loyd to get stomachic ulcers, for gosh sakes send your reservation in earlier!

AND DON'T MISS THIS PARTY!

--Harold B. Rodier

DALLAS REUNION NEWS

Plans and preparations for the 38th Annual Reunion of Rainbow heroes, their "gals," sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren advanced somewhat during January. Dallas Rainbowners got over their holiday celebrations and got down to business in completing committee assignments. Advance registration keep coming to the office of Ted Jones, Reunion Co-Chairman, and if this is some kind of an index the number of \$10.00 registrations received so early would seem to indicate that attendance will pass all recent records when we gather at the Statler-Hilton Hotel begin-

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY

The Tri-State Program

Well, the Tri-State plans have just about "jelled" now and as we look them over we are pleased with them, think you will like them, and are feeling sorry for all those Rainbowers who won't be able to come. To those who ARE coming, will you PLEASE write to me immediately and make your Banquet reservations? My address is 266-B, Garfield Avenue, Collingswood 7, N. J.



Among those Early Birds who already have made reservations are Col. Ed. and Kitty Rieckert of New York; Dr. H. B. Chalfonte of Hollywood, Florida; George and Jean Seaman of Hollis, N. Y.; John and Micky Brenner of Lancaster, Pa. The early reservations already indicate a record turnout, with upwards of 30 from Red Bank, N. J., an equal group from Baltimore and large delegations from New York City and the District of Columbia. Since its very inception the Committee has been anxious to welcome General Lenihan to this meet-



ing and even as this copy is being written we are still optimistic that his health will make it possible for him to be present. The General is now over 90 and is not as active as he was in his youth. He is very anxious to again meet with his friends in Rainbow and has been looking forward to this Reunion with great pleasure.

The Committee has intentionally
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ning July 12th. We repeat that it is a good idea to get the registration over with in advance so as to have time for a few more handshakes upon arrival. Ted's address is: 1500 Adolphus Tower, Dallas 2, Tex.

As the Reunion entertainment program begins to take definite shape it appears that the Barbecue on the first night (there will be an "Early Bird" party the night before) will be something to be remembered. "Barbecue" can mean many things in many states. But there is an official Texas brand of beef cooked in a certain kind of Texas pit and served with a certain kind of Texas sauce, that there ain't any other such. And to wash down the barbecue there will be plenty and to

follow --- a variety of entertainment to please both the refined and those few of low taste!

And now, as Dallas Reunion plans begin to mature, comes another talented Texan who will be plenty busy welcoming Rainbow visitors and making everybody feel at home. We present Philip P. Johnson, President of Texas Chapter, Rain-
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PHIL JOHNSON



ALABAMA Montgomery is holding their Annual Party at the Whitley Hotel on Saturday, February 25th. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. The tab is \$4.00 per person. As is the custom, the Joe Dickersons will hold open house at "The Unfurnished," from 10 p.m. 'til? They plan to make this the best party sponsored by the Julien M. Strassburger Chapter to date. Montgomery ALWAYS entertains delightfully and well, but if you fail to attend the loss will not be yours alone, because Strassburger Chapter will feel keenly your absence.



With sorrow we report the passing of Charles S. Goodrich, Medical Detachment, 167th Infantry. Charles died unexpectedly on Christmas Day, after several years of ill health. He was given a Masonic burial. Douglas Smith, Supply Company, 167th Infantry, died after a heart attack which followed several weeks illness in the Birmingham V.A. Hospital. Deepest sympathy is extended to their loved ones.

Jake Marianna (B-167th Inf.) is in the Birmingham V. A. Hospital. Both Bob Andrews (A-167th) and Virgil Mitchell (I-167th) suffered heart attacks recently. Bob has been transferred to the V. A. Hospital in Montgomery. Virgil is now at his home in Birmingham. We pray for their continued recovery.

--Joe F. McCartney
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CALIFORNIA When it rains, it pours, so San Francisco had to have its Christmas Party on the night of the big wind and rain storm. Couldn't blame anyone for not turning out but a few of the old Gold Bricks braved the elements. I couldn't help but think of the days of the Big War and wonder how this gang evaded their details. Not very complimentary and ain't meant that way! Take a look back, recall those that were always first in the Chow Line - the biggest Gold Bricks in the outfit... they never change and so six of the biggest and best turned out for one of Phil Greenfield's good feeds!

The meeting was most informal. Letter from Frank Polkinham with dues and a Merry Christmas; one from Loyd Matson complimenting the Chapter for being first to go over the top for '55-56. Letter from Harold Rodier, which was

read and enjoyed by all. One from Slim "Montana" Dixon, now in Santa Rosa, tending his chickens. Also from Ray Siler, Postmaster of Corning, Art George - Mayor of San Diego. John Adams, Chevrolet dealer up Chico way, is always one of the first to pay dues. From Maj. Wally Mason, our dues-collector in Sacramento, invites the Lodi and San Francisco gang for a feed and get-together in Sacramento.

Phil Greenfield urged that each member pay a year's dues in advance, to make it easier for the incoming President. A good idea, and worthy of being sent to the top brass of the Association. After listening to Bill McCants (Pinky!) the best Secretary-Treasurer of them all, and to Phil Greenfield --- wheelhorses of the outfit --- the gang began to yell for their eats. Phone call from San Jose explained absence of Tom Sharam, Tom Cassidy and Perc McMillan --- stalled in the high water. Next time, Tom, better leave that Cad at home and get a Chevy from John Adams! We did miss Tom Marki and his charming bride from Italy.

--Fred L. (Doc) Edwards
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA While much news of our

Chapter activities is carried in the WW II page of this issue, this contribution must report the Chapter's grief at the passing of Laura Jackson, wife of Past Chapter President Avelin Jackson, on December 22nd. Laura was a Past President of the Auxiliary, and had actively participated in Rainbow affairs since the formation of the Chapter. Laura's graciousness, her gentleness and her enthusiasm won the love of everyone who knew her, and she will be greatly missed.

Unreported in these columns has been the death, during the year, of two Rainbows of the D. C. Field Hospital, Fred Reed and Paul Demonet. Both had been in ill health for some time.

Fortunately, not all of the news of the Chapter is of so sad a nature.

We are happy to report the marriage last September, of Past National President, and Permanent Honorary President of the D. C. Chapter, Manning Marcus, to Marion Evelyn Brown, of Washington, D. C. Those who love Manning, and they would make up a pretty good Roster of Rainbow, wish him all happiness.

--Harold B. Rodier
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IOWA Well, they have taken the words, "Corn State" off of the 1956 tags.

For some reason, many people, depending for a livelihood upon that great product, corn, got to thinking it sounded "corny" and so the motor vehicle department dropped it. But we are proud of our corn, and just because "Corn State" has been dropped from our license plates will not keep Iowa Rainbows from singing that grandest of state songs, "We are from Iowa, IOWA, That's where the Tall Corn grows!" And we will be singing it in Dallas, come next July!

Yes, and we will be singing it on April 14th and 15th in Des Moines, at the Hotel Savery, during our Iowa State Reunion. And we hope some of you out-of-staters will come along and join us. No

matter if the thing is planned or not, you will at least find a swell gang of Rainbowers and their wives there, to sit down with and do some real Rainbow gettin' acquainted all over again.

The Gardners, Homer and Ethel, want to take this opportunity to thank the several hundred Rainbowers throughout the land for the remembrances at Christmas time. Also for the many, many others that came at the time of my illness, and getting back on my feet last Fall. Rainbow is SO worthwhile, when there are so many grand people who will take a little time out just to remember. It counts a lot, and when you are counted by Rainbow it is of great intrinsic value; founded upon comradeship and not purchased with material things --- and perpetuated by the golden memories of just one word: "Rainbow."

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--Homer

MASSACHUSETTS Plans have been completed for our Annual Banquet at the Y-D Club, Huntington Avenue, Boston, on Saturday, March 10th, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2.25. There will be Dancing and Refreshments. The Music will be furnished by the Y-D Orchestra.

Be sure and make your reservations as soon as possible. Make checks or money orders payable to Lucien Elie, Secretary. Address them to him at 10 Pleasant Street, Amesbury, Mass. The deadline is March 3rd.

Come and renew comradeship with your Rainbow Buddies. Don't forget, it is up to us to keep alive the Rainbow Spirit. The Banquet Committee is headed by Bill Rodgers, Milo Milauskas and your Secretary, Lucien Elie.

Ken Carnes and the Missus were laid low by a cold and missed our last meeting. One of our WW I members, Clarence Bigelow, passed away November 20th. His Buddies will sure miss him. Flowers were sent by the Chapter and comrades attended the wake.

Bill Sharpe writes that he is in good health. Also heard from Myron Attas, in Connecticut --- sent in his dues and greetings.

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--Lucien Elie

MICHIGAN

Last meeting Irwin asked, "What's the matter, The Reveille doesn't carry Michigan Chatter?" It was quickly discovered, no copy went in; And the Chapter resolved it must promptly begin. A Scribe was appointed, here we go in high gear - Best Wishes to All throughout the New Year!

While A. W. O. L. "Chatterwise," Rainbow in Michigan is very much alive as usual. Chapter meetings monthly, versus T. V. & the Old Rocking Chair, is on the upgrade in attendance. Paid membership at the half-year is at a healthy level.

Our "Big Time Event" set for Saturday evening, February 25th, will be a festive affair as we will be honored by the presence of National President Len Hill and his lovely wife, Jean. At 8:30 p.m. in the beautiful RAINBOW ROOM (dedicated during the last Detroit Reunion) the Chapter, Auxiliary and friends will join for a special meeting to welcome President Hill. Then follows our annual celebration of our entry into the lines.

Arrangements provide for dancing, entertainment, refreshments and a fine buffet, to assure a great evening of Rainbow fellowship. If you are in the proximity of Detroit that weekend, please join us.

On January 14th the Chapter and Auxiliary gave a party for Chapter President John Morehead, his good wife Vallie as sponsor and hostess.

Enroute to Detroit from Philadelphia President Hill will visit the Grand Rapids Chapter on February 22nd, to attend a meeting and party planned in his honor. Chett Lowe advises that the place will be Fingers, on Plainfield Avenue.

WANTED: A man of letters, (A.W.O.L.), P.N.P. Marx Rosenthaler. Last seen at Omaha with a phoney report; a cagey character who has deserted his Detroit gang.

Be on the lookout at Philadelphia, but beware. Knocks around with a Pal he calls "Waxe."

TAPS: We regret to report the passing of the Rainbower Sergeant Frank Miller, of the 16th Ambulance Company, who was laid to rest in Holland, Michigan, December 24, 1955. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

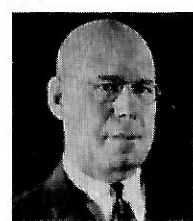
--(Alias) Norahs Revoc

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MO/KAN Our Mid-Year dinner and meeting has been postponed from February 18th to March 3rd, and will be held at The Wishbone. Election of officers for the coming year follows the dinner.

Leonard J. Hill, our National President, will be our Guest of Honor.

We are expecting a large number of 117th Ammunition Train veterans from Kansas and Oklahoma and "The Rainbowers" from World War I and World War II from the Greater Kansas City area.



All of Rainbow will share the happiness of Mo/Kan Chapter at the recovery of Colonel Ruby Garrett from his recent illness. The Colonel has been discharged from the Hospital, and is regaining his strength.

--Thomas L. Cagney.

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OHIO President Cass Miller has called a meeting of State Officers, Trustees and Alternates, Service Officers and Assistants. It will be held, starting at 10 a.m., on February 12th, at Columbus.

Newark Chapter will have the pleasure of being host to National President Leonard, and Jean Hill, on February 15th. A Banquet in their honor will be held at the Newark Y.M.C.A., at 6:30 p.m. The tab is \$2.50 per person, and reservations must be made by February 10th. Send to Mrs. Frank Baumgartner, 30 Maholm Street, Newark, Hotel space may be had at either the Taft or the Warden Hotels;

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left unscheduled periods of time in the program for the purpose of visiting, shopping, tours of the historic portions of the City of Brotherly Love. The Benjamin Franklin Hotel, at Chestnut and 9th is centrally located for shopping and touring. Its spacious lobby and balcony offer ample room for visiting.

The Mid-Year Meeting of the National Executive Committee will have several items of importance for consideration. Membership, which is always an important item in the agenda, will be given a re-examination in an effort to develop a program during the balance of the year which will produce increases in the total membership for the year. The report of the Year Book Committee will also be of interest.

The Tri-State Banquet and Reunion is not a new event in the program of Rainbow activities, but it is new in Philadelphia, which is the Host Chapter for the first time. The Committee has been handicapped because of the ill health of the Chapter's perennial Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Heller, but has, in true Rainbow fashion, gathered a group of local and guest Rainbowners to enhance the occasion. The Church Service scheduled for Sunday morning will give the visiting Rainbowners an opportunity to visit and worship at one of the oldest and most historic churches in the United States. George Seaman has agreed to present a showing of moving pictures of the Rainbow Division during both wars on Sunday afternoon.

There follows a program of the Tri-State Reunion as now scheduled:

FEBRUARY 16TH

7 pm Early, Early Bird Session

FEBRUARY 17TH

8 am Informal Reception to President Hill at Pennsylvania Station.

9 am Tour of Gettysburg or Washington's Crossing.

7 pm Early Bird Session --- Sponsored by Philadelphia Chapter.

FEBRUARY 18TH

10 am Registration (Continuing all day.)

10 am Historic Tours of Old Philadelphia (Continuing at intervals all day.)

1 pm Ladies Dutch Treat Luncheon.

2 pm Ladies Shopping Tour.

3 pm National Executive Committee Meeting.

5 pm Pennsylvania State Association Meeting.

5:30 Presenting of Bid for 1957 National Rainbow Reunion by Philadelphia Convention Bureau.

7:30 Tri-State Banquet --- Toastmaster, John D. Brenner. Guest Speakers: Dr. H. B. Chalfonte; Rev. Sidney C. Burgoyne; President Leonard J. Hill; Col. Ed Rieckert, and State President Bob Calhoun.

FEBRUARY 19TH

11 am Church Service, Christ Church (or Church of your choice.)

2 pm Moving pictures, Rainbow Division in War I, Reactivation of Rainbow Division, WW II, Rainbow Division Reviews, WW II.

7 pm LATE BIRDS SESSION.

--Lloyd Matson

DALLAS REUNION

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bow Division Veterans. It is said that you can get the boy off of the farm, but you can't get the farm out of the boy. And this seems to be true of the presiding officer of our Texas Chapter. Even tho Philip has been a city business man for the last thirty-odd years he still owns a farm near Goliad, Texas, where he was born and presently lives on an eight-acre place near Dalles, where for the last 15 years he has been keeping horses for their taste and raising pecans for their taste.

President Johnson went to work for Goodyear in Houston, Texas, at a very early age; joined up with the Rainbow Division via the 117th Texas Supply Train.

Following the historical interval at Camp Mills, L. I., he went overseas in that historic October of 1917, served on the historic Rhine and came home again. He then rejoined Goodyear at Kansas City, worked for a time in Florida and got back to the Lone Star State, still with Goodyear. At present he is Operating Manager of the Dallas Goodyear Branch.

Early in the present year President Johnson took time off from his work and pleasures to make a firm resolution to the effect that the Dallas Reunion will be the largest in Rainbow history. From all present indications, Brother Johnson is doing what it takes to make good.

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REUNION NOTES: Speakers at the Reunion will include Rainbowner Wilber Brucker, Secretary of the Army of the United States. He served in the 166th Inf. in War I. General Douglas MacArthur has been invited, but at this writing has been unable to make a definite commitment.

Reunion Co-Chairmen Ted Jones and Big John Darnell are taking the reservations now. Address your inquiries to: "Ted Jones, 1500 Adolphus Tower, Dallas 2, Texas."

--Bryan Snyder, Jr.

OHIO CHATTER (Continued from page 5) the Hills will stay at the Warden. Past State President Art Kinney looks for a record attendance and a wonderful party.

The 166th Infantry Signal Officer, Wilber M. Brucker, now Secretary of the Army, is plugging for Ohio Reunion attendance. He recently did a selling job



on Harlan N. Worthley of G Company, 166th. Harlan served in the Chemical Corps in WW II. He started as Battalion Commander in the RTC at Camp Sibert, Ala., and before the War Department caught up with the fact that he was one of the country's leading scientists and transferred him to the Pentagon he had

Harlan Worthley shown himself to be tops as a troop man. He is currently

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BILL ROCHELLE IS ON THE SPOT

Our illustrious Rainbow, Douglas MacArthur, has oft been quoted as claiming "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away." To this he might have added that "Old Soldiers" stiffen up with the years, particularly in the legs; and when they get caught, as this hero has been, with his hearing aid battery run down, his teeth misplaced and his eyeglasses broken --- all at the same time --- he is in a bad way.

All of the foregoing leads up to the thought that it is a mighty fine thing to have another generation of Rainbows able and ready to take over, particularly

here where the Dallas Reunion is in the offing. Forget not the dates, July 12th - 14th.

Such a taker-over is William J. (Bill) Rochelle, Jr., Co-Chairman of Program and Entertainment Committee. Just one look at Bill's likeness is convincing proof that he means business --- a further meaning being that you are REALLY go-



ing to be entertained in Dallas, come hell or high water, and despite the fact that Mlle. de Armentiers will be absent.

From his offices in the Republic Bank Building, tallest in Texas, Bill practices law as a member of the firm of Palmer and Rochelle. In the recent War Bill was serving as an instructor at the Bennings Infantry School when he was assigned to the Rainbow in August, 1943. Shortly thereafter he was given command of D Company, 242nd, and continued as its C. O. throughout the War. He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Croix de Guerre. After the War was over, and while the Division was on Occupation duty in Austria, he was assigned as instructor in Business Law at Rainbow University, Zellam Zee, Austria. He is married and has two children.

Now, with this fine write-up, Bill Rochelle is on the spot --- and that is just where we want him, 'cause once there he never fails to deliver!

--Bryan Snyder, Jr.

SOME RECENT NEWS OF WW IIs

When HAROLD McNELLY and LLOYD CHILDRESS (M-232d) picked up badly wounded RUDY MATKOWSKI and carried him to an aid station, he was in such bad shape that they believed that he couldn't possibly survive. But when Lloyd and Harold met recently in Philadelphia, which they knew had been Rudy's home, just for the hell of it they looked him up in the phone book. He answered the phone and the fun began. It moved on to Lloyd's home in nearby Collegeville, Pa., where they adjourned, families and all, for an honest-to-goodness dramatic Reunion. Harold lives in East Falls, Maine; Lloyd in Collegeville, (is married, three children.) He is a salesman for Farm Implements. Rudy is foreman of a machine shop in Philadelphia.

WW II RAINBOW REALLY HOT IN D.C.

Major Ed Keating, WW II President of the District of Columbia Chapter, has sent in an interesting and informative letter covering activities in his area, World War II men are making Rainbow history in the Biggest Little Chapter.

"Near the close of the last Rainbow year," he writes, "through the efforts of Walker Colston we were able to arrange a fine meeting at the Willard Hotel, with General Collins as guest speaker, and Walker as Emcee. As a special bonus we had the pleasure and honor of the unexpected presence of National President Stan Barrow. During the summer we held our annual picnic at Triton Beach, on the Chesapeake Bay. To add to our pleasure, Colonel Jim Tanner, a recent arrival at the Pentagon, was on hand to spark up the picnic.

"Early in November we met in the Recreation Room of my home in Alexandria. Permanent Honorary President Walker Colston brought P. N. P. Marx Rosenthaler, and Ted Johnson, National Membership Co-Chairman, made his initial Chapter meeting after moving to Washington from Iowa. Confidentially, Ted is now Membership Chairman of the D. C. Chapter!

"In December we again met at my home, and this time included the ladies. Attendance was good, and Marx Rosenthaler was again present. Naturally, after showing up at two successive meetings we made him pay dues. General and Mrs. Collins also distinguished the meeting by their presence.

"To encourage a large attendance by D. C. Rainbows at the January 14th Battery Dinner in Baltimore, and at the Tri-State Reunion on February 18th and 19th in Philadelphia, no meetings were set up for these two months.

"For March, (on the best date nearest the 15th) we will have a Dinner-Dance in one of the D. C. Hotels. Dick Wayland and Larry Kendrick are in charge of the March affair and we are looking forward to a gala event to celebrate the 15 March 1945 Hardt Mountains Offensive jump-off.

"Romeo Fagiolo as Secretary and Vince Pizzi as Treasurer are as usual the workhorses of the Chapter."



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER has picked up four new WW II Rainbows, all from Coraopolis, Pa., (probably recruited by Rainbow Wheelhorse Reuben Bliwas (B-242d) who lives there. They are: LOUIS LATTANZIO, 402nd Artillery; FRANK JAVA, 2nd Bn., 242nd Infantry; TONY DI BENNEDETTO and EDWARD DE SALVO, both of Co. A, 242nd Infantry.

Lloyd Matson just located Rainbow HOWARD A. PORTER, formerly Sergeant Major, Hq. Co., 242nd Infantry. He is married, has two children, Linda and David; lives at 329 Oak Road, Glenside, Pennsylvania. Howard is Comptroller for the Progressive Metals Products Co.

CHAPTER STANDINGS

(As of January 1, 1956.)

	1954-55 Totals	1954-55 W N H	Current Totals	Current W N H
Crawford Z. Ables (Caddo)	22	1	27	2
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	35	1	50	0
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	102	9	75	4
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	101	5	90	4
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	20	0	1	0
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	9	0	15	2
Dallas B. Smith (Anniston)	--	--	12	2
ALABAMA TOTAL	289	16	258	12
ARIZONA (Phoenix)	27	2	31	2
Los Angeles	86	4	90	8
San Francisco	85	8	90	8
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	5	0	0	0
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	175	12	165	10
COLORADO (Denver)	28	3	27	3
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	50	17	50	9
Miami	30	6	40	3
St. Petersburg	10	12	75	10
Gen. Chas. B. Summerall (Orlando)	150	28	115	13
FLORIDA TOTAL	27	0	18	0
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	27	0	6	2
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	49	7	24	2
GEORGIA TOTAL	550	64	400	14
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	54	1	49	1
Danville	604	66	449	15
ILLINOIS TOTAL	179	13	159	7
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	76	0	71	0
Fort Wayne	13	1	15	0
Lafayette	26	0	57	0
Martinsville	41	2	38	2
South Bend	18	4	11	5
INDIANA TOTAL	353	20	351	14
Iowa State Association	1	0	49	0
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	222	16	146	10
Cedar Rapids	44	6	33	3
Oskaloosa	46	1	38	0
Creston	66	1	36	0
Fort Dodge	9	1	2	0
North Iowa (Mason City)	22	2	10	1
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	50	0	24	0
Cedar Valley (Waterloo & Cedar Falls)	29	3	25	2
Oshtemo	59	2	32	2
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	23	0	31	0
Dubuque (Dubuque)	12	2	8	1
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	48	1	16	0
IOWA TOTAL	630	35	450	19
Chenute	46	1	45	1
Dodge City - Pratt	44	1	20	16
Wichita (New)	90	2	106	19
LOUISIANA TOTAL	41	13	29	7
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	73	8	53	5
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	63	39	40	21
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	150	38	135	21
Michigan State (Detroit)	16	7	13	7
Grand Rapids	166	45	148	28
MICHIGAN TOTAL	224	11	181	8
Minneapolis	53	8	42	4
St. Paul	277	19	223	12
MINNESOTA TOTAL				

Mo/Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	125	9	85	7
St. Louis	2	1	20	13
MISSOURI TOTAL	127	10	105	20
Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	44	10	11	3
Omaha	42	29	34	28
NEBRASKA TOTAL	86	39	45	31
New Jersey (Red Bank)	130	29	100	20
Gen. Chas. T. Mencher (Jersey City)	15	2	10	1
NEW JERSEY TOTAL	145	31	110	21
Father Duffy Chapter (New York City)	612	21	500	14
Long Island	22	1	20	0
Westchester	24	1	17	1
NEW YORK TOTAL	658	23	537	15
Ohio State Association	13	1	14	1
Ralph Berger (Marysville)	39	1	37	1
Cincinnati	50	10	45	7
Columbus	140	5	131	5
Newark	35	3	30	1
Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	24	1	22	1
Akron	23	3	2	0
Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	43	0	52	0
Toledo	21	4	12	2
Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	29	1	31	1
Lancaster	55	2	58	3
Cleveland	15	0	17	1
Springfield	229	82	185	56
Veta Co. G 156th Inf. (Greenfield)	3	0	1	0
Pickaway (Circleville)	17	0	10	0
Orvil G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	81	76	60	56
132d Signal Co. Chapter (Youngstown)	860	207	729	142
OHIO TOTAL	44	12	47	10
Oklahoma City	138	58	137	62
Tulsa	190	70	184	72
OKLAHOMA TOTAL	7	0	2	0
OREGON (Portland)	30	3	10	0
Easton	85	28	85	30
Pittsburgh	30	2	30	2
Bethlehem	95	8	50	0
John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	27	0	25	2
Reading	30	11	31	9
Philadelphia	308	52	31	43
PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	15	1	7	0
SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	1	1	0	0
Chattanooga	--	--	30	2
Tennessee Chapter (Memphis)	1	1	30	2
TENNESSEE TOTAL	150	23	159	37
TEXAS (Dallas)	80	6	75	8
Virginia State (Roanoke)	15	7	11	0
Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	18	7	3	3
Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	113	14	93	11
VIRGINIA TOTAL	1	0	1	0
WASHINGTON STATE (Seattle)	1	0	1	0
Wisconsin State Association	54	3	40	1
Appleton	25	8	16	4
Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	43	1	43	1
Fond du Lac	36	1	44	1
Oshkosh	159	13	144	7
WISCONSIN TOTAL	16	10	7	2
WYOMING (Cheyenne)	6	0	1	0
NATIONAL CHAPTER - War I	10	10	2	2
NATIONAL CHAPTER - War II				
GRAND TOTALS	5,905	835	4,906	596

OHIO CHATTER (Continued from page 5.) heading up the chemical section of the top Research Committee in the Defense Department. Lives at 912 N. Lexington Street, Arlington, Virginia.

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PENNSYLVANIA The most neglected thing happening in Rainbow today is the way Time slips by and who is doing something about it! Neither World War I nor World War II.

Lloyd Matson is one Rainbower, in the State of Pennsylvania, who hasn't taken time out to know it is really passing by. He just keeps rolling along; writing letters, making phone calls, sending carbon copies, asking advice, planning a program --- and why? Only thing on his mind is the hope that you will be in Philadelphia at the Mid-Year and Tri-State on February 18th and 19th, and have a lot of fun. We look forward to one of the

largest turnouts to date in these affairs. Arthur Knehr brings us up to date on Reading news. He reports that their annual Reunion was a real success, featuring a turkey dinner and graced by the presence of out-of-town Rainborders Bob Calhoun, State President, Lloyd and Gladys Matson, P. N. P.s John and Micky Brenner, the McGinnis', Houcks and Cavnas. Reading Auxiliary President Marie Reifsnnyder and her Chapter prepared 90 Christmas baskets for hospitalized vets in that area.



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Looking forward to seeing you in Philadelphia!

--John D. Brenner