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The President's Message

THE SECRET of the Rainbow Division's success was teamwork, directed by top-notch leaders. In World War I the front line trenches, where New York, Ohio, Alabama and Iowa Infantry Regiments, supported by artillerymen from Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, and supporting troops from 20 other states, dealt untold misery to the Boches. Every unit worked with clocklike precision. In World War II, men from every state in the Union comprised the Rainbow. The 222nd, 232nd and 242nd Infantry, supported by the 232nd F. A., 392nd, 402nd and 542nd Artillery, along with the supporting troops, had the same spirit and gave an excellent accounting in battle in France and Germany.

No wonder Rainbow was synonymous with Success, and no wonder we had pride in our outfits. The same cooperative spirit prevails in our Association. Nearly all Chapters are on their toes, increasing membership, enjoying Reunions, meeting old buddies and living over again old experiences. As is to be expected, some Chapters are out of step and need encouragement. Membership on Feb. 15th was 5,361 and we needed 456 to exceed last year's total of 5,905. While we are ahead of the same date last year, the margin is too close for comfort, and it will take the combined efforts of all if we are to increase membership again.

We learned from Secretary Allen Gibbons that the St. Louis Chapter has been reactivated and were happy to be able to stop there on the way East. We were entertained at dinner at the Kingsway Hotel. This Chapter is made up mostly of WW II men and we deeply appreciate the hospitality shown us. Present at the dinner were Ken and May Carter; Hugo and Orenna Grim; John and Mildred Strack; George and Irene Calvin;

Bill and Florence LaPasha; John and Dorothy Wolf; L. A. and Dorothy Kleber; Charles and Ann Ure; Robert and Julia Welp; John and Virginia Kroll, and James Harris. We found Rainbow interest very high and with Charles Ure and Bill LaPasha as President and Secretary, and with such a large potential in Eastern Missouri, we predict a fine future for the St. Louis Chapter.

There followed our first visit to Ohio, the State that has lead all others in membership for several years. We are happy that the February dinner of the Newark Chapter coincided with our trip East. The dinner on February 15th at the Y. M. C. A. brought out 60, many from other Chapters. It was marred only by the fact that Ohio's Secretary-Treasurer, Kit Carson, was ill and unable to be with us. State President Cassatt Miller and Mrs. Miller; State Auxiliary President Mrs. Roy Grant were present, as were: the Clyde Catts, Arthur Kinney, the Sam Billmans, George Walters, the Fatigs, Baumgartners, Johnsons, Thompsons, Kehrwickers, Crooks, Belhorns, Brensthuls, Haynes, Mowerys, Spitzers, Hunters, Leaches, Charles Priests, Nelsons, Dakers, Lees, Wilsons, Harrison, Hays, and Carl Thymmes. Thanks, Ohio, and we will see you again June 7th, 8th and 9th, at Cincinnati.

THE MID-YEAR AND TRI-STATE

The Mid-Year Meeting, held in conjunction with the Tri-State Reunion, has developed into a big affair, and this year's meeting in Philadelphia proved to be one of the best due to the hard work of Loyd Matson, John Brenner and the Philadelphia Chapter. New York, New Jersey, Maryland, D. C. and Pennsylvania had sizable delegations, and along with the

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RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

- April 7 - 8 HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA; Annual State Reunion; Home of Bill Rheney.
- April 14 - 15 DES MOINES, IOWA; Annual State Reunion; Hotel Savery.
- April 28 PRATT, KANSAS; Dodge City - Pratt Annual Reunion; Hotel Roberts.
- June 2 TULSA, OKLAHOMA; Annual Reunion; Lunch and Meeting, 315 So. Denver; Dinner-Dance, Alvin-Plaza.
- June 7 - 9 CINCINNATI, OHIO; Annual State Reunion.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mid-Year Meeting of the National Executive Committee convened at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia at 3 pm on February 18th, President Leonard J. Hill presiding. The opening Prayer was by Acting Chaplain Albert Hoyt. Present were Hon. Pres. Stanley Barrow, Pres. Leonard Hill, Vice Presidents Joseph J. Jones, and Theodore E. Jones, Secretary Allen Gibbons, Treasurer Leo Moquin, Historian George Seaman, Judge Advocate Leland Whitney, Membership Chairmen Loyd Matson and Ted Johnson, P. N. P.s Dan Glossbrenner, William Nevius, Walker Colston, Albert Hoyt, Robert Hayward, John Brenner, Jack Clarke, and members John Gardiner, Dr. James Foley, J. Gould Rollins, Chas. Frazer, Arthur Slattery, Richard Hannigan, Melvin Horne, Vincent Fleckenstein, Elbridge Hickman and James Walsh. Communications were read from P. N. P.s Hugh Foster, Lawrence Gibbs, Col. Ruby Garrett, Marx Rosenthaler, William Butts and Col. J. Monroe Johnson; and from Frederic Gogoland, Fred Rosenthal and Frank Bellew.

Secretary Gibbons reported membership on Feb. 15th as 242 ahead of the same date last year, with WW II memberships for the same dates being 8 ahead for the same period. He advised that the manufacturer of our lapel buttons and pins had advanced prices by 100%, and moved that our sales prices for these items be increased to \$2.00; which motion was duly carried.

Treasurer Leo Moquin reported as of Feb. 1st receipts for the first six months of \$5,352.07, expenses for the same period of \$3,227.02, leaving an excess of revenue over expenses of \$2,125.

Historian George Seaman reported considerable progress in preparation of (Continued on page 8)

TED JOHNSON QUOTES SOME FIGURES

This Membership piece is addressed particularly to our WW II members. On page 8 you will find the Chapter Standings as of February 1st. This is the exact middle of the Rainbow year and the total figures look pretty good, but less good



for the WW II contingent. Broken down, it may be seen that WW I men have now reached 90% of their last year's total; the WW II men have only 76% of their total for last year. It is clear that if we are to gain on last year - or even hold our own, we've got to get busy. As a matter of fact it isn't going to be too tough. 111 more members

would have kept us abreast and we ought to be able to pick up this many quickly.

THIS IS A DIRECT, PERSONAL APPEAL to you WW II men who have not yet paid your dues but intend to do so. If you will pay them NOW we can concentrate on getting ahead, instead of just "catching up." Won't you do this?

--Ted Johnson,
Membership Co-Chairman.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (from p. 1)
regular attendance from points farther away, accounted for 150 Rainbowers and ladies that attended the Banquet February 18th at the Benjamin Franklin. We were indeed delighted to have as speaker, Secretary of the Army Wilber Brucker, who took time out of a busy schedule to be with us. Ted and Ernestine Jones came all the way from Dallas to bring us up to date on Texas National Reunion plans. We missed such regulars as Ruby Garrett, the Rosenthalers, Butts, Gardeners, Rieckerts, and others who because of illness or pressing business matters could not be here.

It was a privilege to have attended this fine Rainbow meeting, the first to have been held in the historic city of Philadelphia. All who attended greatly appreciate the efforts of Loyd Matson and his Committee for a job well done.

We are coming down the track toward the finish. The National Reunion in Dallas will be an outstanding affair, well worth the journey from all parts of the United States. Plan to be there. You will be delighted with Texas hospitality and you will be happy to see your old Rainbow friends again.

--Leonard Hill

REPORT FROM DALLAS

INCREASED ATTENDANCE at the July Reunion in Dallas was assured early in the new year when Houston Rainbowers met with Ted Jones, Reunion Co-Chairman, and Phil Johnson, President of the Texas Chapter. Ted and Phil journeyed to Houston where they discussed Reunion plans at a special meeting in Bill Williams Cafe, arranged by Sam Becker and Virgil Brady. Sam acted as Chairman and those in attendance included: J. W. E. Alexander, C. E. Banks, W. O. Boren, V. H. Brady, H. L. Dodson, Jess Fourmy, W. Rod Henderson, Fred A. Hurd, W. G. Koneman, John M. Lamb, J. R. Long, Henry C. Peyton, E. A. Rodgers, G.D. Thiel, Joe Valenti and Byron F. Williams.

Many of those in attendance paid their registration fee in advance, and the group pledged a minimum of \$200 toward the Reunion funds. A Committee was appointed to organize a Houston delegation of at least twenty couples who will make the trip to Dallas in a body.

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Texas' Own 117th Supply Train, the outfit that got the cheers when the grub arrived upfront and jeers when it didn't, is organizing again in preparation for the Reunion. Jess Fourmy has taken over the South Texas area, John R. Darnell, Reunion Co-Chairman, has volunteered to organize North Texas, and Cecil Wasson is working on West Texas. (NOTE: For the benefit of WW II heroes, it should be explained that the gentlemen named above have formed a "cadre" and will "reactivate" the 117th.)

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More Reunion details were worked out when Texas Chapter met late in January to hear committee reports and make decisions on some of the Reunion entertainment features. It was finally decided that the big Barbecue on the first night of the Reunion will be held in the Texas State Fair Grounds. This is the largest State Fair in the World and all the permanent attractions, which are many and varied, will be going full blast when the Rainbowers come to partake of the barbecue.

One big question still to be decided is whether our guests from up North will enjoy the party most out under the stars or inside one of the big air-conditioned buildings in the Fair Grounds.

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From France John F. Meyers writes that he is getting a "Long and peaceful look" at some of our old battlefields. What your correspondent cannot understand is why John is wasting his time on the old battlefields when there are more exciting attractions in gay Paree. We have a nice assortment of phone numbers that are available to our friends.

Another tourist is T. E. Popplewell of Fort Worth, who is making a tour of the world. He is expected home in the Spring. He may claim that he has come the greatest distance to the Reunion.

Harold Wilfong, who served with the 117th Ammunition Train and now lives at 331 Glendale Street, Mid West City, Oklahoma, is promoting a Reunion of all

COLONEL BILL TALBOT

The memory of the late Colonel Bill Talbot will be much in the minds and hearts of Rainbowers at the Dallas Reunion. One of the Commanding Officers of the 117th Supply Train, Bill was a great officer, a great soldier, a great Rainbower, a great Texan and a great friend. He was for years the President of Texas Chapter and always one of its leading spirits. All Rainbow knew him, and loved him.



former members of the Train, and will later announce a special breakfast for the outfit in connection with the Reunion. His room at the Statler-Hilton will be Headquarters for the gang that come to Dallas. He would like to hear in advance from all 117th Amm. Trn. men who plan to come.

Arthur S. McCarthy is working with the 242nd Infantrymen to promote a Reunion of former members of Co. I particularly -- but says he would rather hold off on any publicity now and give you a story about it later.

Our Reunion Hotel, the Statler-Hilton, got off to a good start when it formally opened in January with the usual Hollywood glamour. Connie Hilton and Mrs. Statler were supported by a galaxy of movie stars, but George Gobel carried off the entertainment honors with a few dry remarks about his hosts. It is some joint, and will provide accommodations at least equal to what we are accustomed to in Baccarat and Rolamont.

Our Reunion Chairman is continually bringing up the subject of money, much to the embarrassment of your correspondent. He points out that an advance Reunion Registration of \$10.00 is the best investment any hero could make. If you desire to discuss this subject with him, his address is: Theodore E. Jones, 1800 Adolphus Tower, Dallas 2, Texas.

--Bryan Snyder, Jr.

TEXAS Well sir, all I know about Rainbow activities in Texas you could put in your vest pocket -- that is if you still have a vest with pockets. Anyway,

none pass through this Pass anymore -- or if they do they don't stop by to see this Rainbower. But according to tumbledweed news (or is it grapevine?) the boys and girls in Dallas will be ready to show you a swell time come Reunion, July 12th, 13th and 14th and expect a great turnout. So come on down to the biggest and bestest State in the Union and have yourself a good vacation with your Rainbow buddies.



--Fred Cornelius,
Associate Editor.



ALABAMA All you guys of WW II, 3rd Bn., 242d, A T T E N T I O N ! !

Mrs. Delores (Dee) Tobisha, Red Cross Angel with the Battalion during late '45 and early '46 while stationed in Mittersill, Austria, prior to its transfer to Vienna; nostalgically wondering what has happened to you fellows... she writes "Tho I'm not a veteran I am the proud possessor of an Honorary Rainbow Membership awarded by Gen. Collins in '45." She "would be delighted to have my name on the mailing list" if we distribute a roster of Rainbow men in Alabama we are attempting to compile. Obviously, Dee craves to hear from you guys. Why not drop her a line? She lives in Luverne, Alabama; is married to George E. Turner, Jr., is the mother of two potential Red Cross Angels. She teaches English at Troy State Teachers College.

Remember... if you want our organization to remain strong and virile, if you desire to continue and increase the sheer joy experienced thru association with those with whom you shared the dangers of war... you will search the highways and byways and leave no stone unturned to bring Rainbow men into the enjoyment of the glorious heritage they won on the fields of battle, by obtaining their membership NOW.

Would appreciate any Rainbow news you Chapters or individuals may send to me at 8225 3rd Ave., Birmingham 6, Ala.

--Joe McCartney

ARIZONA For the January REVEILLE Secretary-Treasurer Don Trent sent in a list of the members of Arizona Chapter No. 1, broken down according to organization. And did the



DON TRENT

REVEILLE evermore come up with a Boo-Boo! In listing the names we inadvertently skipped a name; this put the next name in the wrong outfit - and to top it the next man got credited to the "142d" instead of the 242nd Infantry! "You can't do that to Arizona!" says Don Trent. The correct listings follow, and to these men, to Don Trent and Arizona Chapter No. 1 we extend our sincere apologies. The list: 117th Engineers, Co. F, Ed. J. Corella. 232nd Infantry, Co. K, Eugene F. Nassoioy. 242nd Infantry, Hq., Fred W. Goldsmith. --Harold B. Rodier, Editor

FLORIDA Florida Rainbow extends a cordial invitation to all of you to attend the Annual Reunion of the Florida State Association and Auxiliary on Saturday and Sunday, April 7th and 8th. This event will be sponsored by the Miami Chapter, and Bill and Bert Rheney will be the Hosts, at their Homestead, Florida,

home. All of us who know what wonderful hosts the Rheney's are look forward with much anticipation. To those of you who ain't never been there, don't miss these two days. Ifen yo'all do, you just won't have nuthin' to talk about for the next two years. As this is being held at almost the end of the tourist season the very fine air-conditioned motels right in Homestead will be able to take care of us, with rates of \$5.00 single, \$6.00 and up double. If you are going to attend please drop Bill a card so that he will have plenty of those good National Reunion Limes, Branchwater and chow for the annual feed, on hand.

His address is: P. O. Box 398, Homestead, Florida. Then when you get there, just ask anyone you meet how to get to the Rheney's. Just everybody in Homestead knows Bill and Bert.



To those of you holding a Florida Membership Card for 1955-1956, bring your votes with you, as new State Officers will be elected. To those who haven't yet sent in your dues, please join the Chapter of your choice TODAY. Bill and Bert write that they are arranging a swell program for our entertainment and expect at least a hundred of us to be present. Make this a must and join us, being sure to bring the ladies with you. God be with you always.

--Jim Rolfe

KANSAS When the Veterans of Co. C, 117th Ammunition Train, get together at their Annual Reunion April 28th, they will be in good spirits, because heavy January snow blanketed the wheat fields of Western Kansas, and crop prospects are good. The Reunion this year will be held at the Roberts Hotel in Pratt. These meetings alternate each year between Dodge City and Pratt.

Members of old Company C are keeping close tab on each other this Spring in the hope the turnout at Pratt will exceed previous gatherings.

The Pat Seagraves made a trip to Tulsa in January and visited the Leonard Hills. They also called on Cliff Robinson at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Pat has promised to attend the Pratt Reunion.

National President Hill recently dropped in on J. Wilson Akers at Dearborn, Michigan, to urge him to attend the Pratt meeting.

Emery Fairchilds, President of the Dodge City - Pratt Chapter, reports interesting plans for the Reunion. Lunch, Dinner and Meetings will all be held at the Roberts. The women will lunch in the Rainbow Room at the Red Rock Cafe.

Jess W. Gurley, who lives in Culver City, spent a few days in Pratt recently. Jess is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., lives at 4135 Huntley Avenue. He says he often sees Art Morris, who started the war with Co. C, transferred to Headquarters and ended with the Ordnance Detachment.

Our genial and efficient Secretary, Arthur Powell, has retired and is spending the Winter at St. Petersburg, Florida. His address is Lealman Trailer Court, Box 161. He will return to his home in Ford on April 1st, will be at the Reunion.

Dodge City men in Co. C were saddened to learn of the death of Merritt Beeson, owner of the Beeson Museum at Dodge. When Co. C mobilized at Dodge in 1917, neither quarters nor tents were available. Beeson opened his large home, then under construction, and the rookies lived there until the Ammunition Train assembled in Topeka.

Jay Morgan reports Mrs. Morgan is in a critical condition at a Pueblo Hospital.

Harold Wilfong, Co. F, 117th Amm. Train, is promoting a Reunion of all former members of the Train during the Dallas Reunion and will announce a special Breakfast for that outfit during the Reunion.

---o--- --Cal Lambert

NEW YORK President Joe Jones on taking office for the second term outlined an extensive program of Chapter activities for 1956. Joe sure is a dynamic worker on behalf of the Chapter. Somehow he always finds time to attend most of our functions, funeral services, and dinners of the various companies. He is expected to lead a group of men from Father Duffy Chapter to the Tri-State Reunion and Mid-Year in Philly.

Another gathering on the Chapter's itinerary will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York on March 17th. As this falls on Saturday we look for a big turnout. Our Chapter's place in line is always directly behind the present 165th Infantry. There has been a tradition in Little Old New York for this Regiment to parade on St. Patrick's Day.

Another special affair will be our Annual Entertainment and Ball, to be held again this year at the Henry Hudson Hotel on Friday evening, April 6th. Past President Michael Walsh is in charge of this important Chapter event, which usually provides sufficient funds to carry the Chapter thru the remainder of the year.



MICHAEL WALSH

As this copy is prepared for the REVEILLE, we are distressed to report that Past National President Ed Rieckert has suffered a heart attack and is confined to the Beekman Hospital, at William and Beekman Street. His room number is 664, but we are unable to report at this time whether or not visitors are encouraged.

--Harry J. Fullam



ED RIECKERT

JAMES T. (JIMMY) LEAN was on February 1st promoted by the B. & O. Railroad Co. to Freight Traffic Manager, the REVEILLE is happy to announce. Jimmy, a Past President, Maryland Chapter, will be stationed in Baltimore. Address is: 417 B. & O. Building, Baltimore 1, Md.

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OHIO Again Rainbow has been honored by the presentation of a Rainbower on the "PERSON-TO-PERSON" program of Edward R. Yesterday. This time Ohio's Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the Ohio Reveille, Orville R. Carson, was selected for this national distinction.



We report this program for those who may have missed it:

ED: "We take you now to the Columbus, Ohio, home of Orville R. Carson, another distinguished Rainbow Division man, nationally known in his Association for his phenomenal build-up of Ohio membership since he became the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Rainbow Association, and Editor of the Ohio Reveille, in 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Carson, thank you for letting me come into your home." KIT: "Thank YOU, Ed." MRS. CARSON: "We are very happy to have you here." ED: "Kit, you have been having a very rough time, I understand. How are you now?" KIT: "Better, I believe. An asthmatic heart condition knocked me for a loop, but I'm improving and getting back my strength. I feel that it is just a matter of time. I have been out of bed for some days now. I'll be back in the saddle before too long, I hope." ED: "They tell me they had to put in a pinch hitter for you. Your having to step out at this time is going to hurt Ohio's red-hot membership campaign, isn't it?" KIT: "Certainly not. Carl Timmes is taking over for me until I can get back on the job, and Carl is a wonderful and capable Rainbower who will carry on Ohio's membership campaign with enthusiasm and success." ED: "Carl has served on your job before, hasn't he?" KIT: "Yes, I took over from him in 1953." ED: "How is Ohio membership now?" KIT: "Well, on February 11th we had 800 members --- ahead of last year, and last year was our greatest year for membership." ED: "You have reason to be proud of Ohio's splendid record. How long have

you been active in Ohio Rainbow?" KIT: "Just about since it started. Since the early 20's, anyway." ED: "What offices have you held in the State Association?" KIT: "I was State President in 1924, and was State Chaplain for a number of years in the 40's. I've held my present offices since 1953." ED: "How about National?" KIT: "I was National Vice President and Editor of the National Rainbow in 1927-28." ED: "I understand that you were a G-Man in the Rainbow Division in World War One?" KIT: "Yes, I served in G Company, 166th Infantry; the best company in the best Battalion in the finest Regiment of the greatest Division in the American Army!" ED: "It was the greatest Army, too, wasn't it?" KIT: "You bet your life!" ED: "You know, Kit, if you could put that kind of Morale into packages, the Army would like to buy some of it!" KIT: "The Army is well acquainted with Rainbow Spirit. The Secretary of the Army, Wilber Brucker, is a former Signal Officer of Ohio's 166th Infantry, a Past National President of Rainbow and a Past President of the Ohio State Rainbow Association." ED: "He keeps his interest in Rainbow?" KIT: "You're darned right he does. He never misses one of Rainbow's National Reunions, nor one of Ohio's State Reunions." ED: "Let's get back to your service with G Company. You were with it all through the fighting, weren't you?" KIT: "Yes." ED: "Were you wounded?" KIT: "No; we had 22 men killed in action and 32 men wounded, but I was one of the lucky ones." ED: "G Company is known as the Greenfield Company; were you from Greenfield?" KIT: "I enlisted from McArthur, Ohio." ED: "That's a great name in Rainbow! Well Kit, when the war was over G Company just faded into History, didn't it?" KIT: "I should say not! The Company G Chapter of Greenfield, Ohio, is one of the finest Chapters in Rainbow --- it is the largest Chapter in Ohio, and right now with 186 members there are only three Chapters in the whole United States with more members!" ED: "Did you help organize the Chapter?" KIT: "Yes. As a matter of fact, Ed, back in 1946 at one of our State Meetings I stuck my neck out by saying that I could start and have a Chapter of 100 men by next Reunion. We made it with 11 to spare. Last year we had 229 members and hope to beat that this year." ED: "I think that performance is really wonderful! Kit, I see our time is nearly up. I want to tell you that all Rainbow is praying for your complete recovery of your health, and your return to the job you love, and do so well. Goodnight, Mr. and Mrs. Kit Carson!"

--Harold B. Rodier.

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OKLAHOMA Tulsa Chapter held its Annual Christmas Dinner-Dance December 10th with sixty in attendance, including, of course, National President Hill and his wife, Jean. Everett Pope did a splendid job as M.C. Entertainment followed the dinner. Lawrence Wood, representing Oklahoma City Chapter, honored Bill Gee, age 77, with a Life Membership. This was followed by the

dance. A wonderful time was had by all. A contest was initiated between Oklahoma City and Tulsa for the largest attendance at the Dallas Reunion, the losing team to buy Breakfast. Tulsa hopes to win that breakfast! We had a very interesting letter from the Carl Ammons, in Zuma, Arizona. Be sure to look them up!

Carl Robbins, (167th Amb.) passed away New Years Day while watching the Oklahoma U - Maryland game. Carl was an ardent Rainbower and had requested that his pallbearers be from the old outfit. A group headed by Dr. Bradford and including Herb Baber, Arthur Brock, Amos Todd, Ural Hutchins, Bill Briscoe, Paul Havenstrite and Leonard Hill attended the funeral.

Oklahoma Rainbow extends its sincere sympathy to Jean Hill upon the recent death of her Mother.

Each year during the holidays we always have as visitors some of our Chapter members who have moved away. This year they were the Kenneth Keiths, from Long Beach; Fred Millers, from Camp Hood, Texas, and Roy and Doris Blackford from Wichita. We got a break when the Mid-Continent Pipe Line Co. promoted Clint Sayles to Assistant Chief Engineer and moved him back to Tulsa. Paul and Margaret Havenstrite plan a 6-week vacation in Europe; they sail April 5th. On January 14th President Hill and I stopped off in Mid West City, Oklahoma, at the lovely home of Harold and Charlotte Wilfong. Harold is a member of both Tulsa and Oklahoma City Chapters. From there we went to the beautiful home of R. J. Boisacq for a dinner and meeting of the Oklahoma City Chapter. This was sponsored jointly by the Boisacs and the Russell McCabes. A wonderful dinner and delightful cocktails highlighted the occasion and for this we give our thanks. The hospitality and friendship afforded visiting Rainbowers everywhere is something to be cherished always. Let's remember to turn out in full force for the hospitality being offered by Texas Rainbowers at the Dallas Reunion!

With the Rainbow year half over, I'd like at this time to pay a brief tribute to our National President, Leonard Hill. I need not elaborate on his loyalty, sincerity and unselfish devotion to Rainbow. He has been appropriately named, "Mr. Rainbow of Oklahoma." His everyday life reflects the true spirit of Rainbow Comradeship. Through his untiring efforts the Tulsa Chapter has steadily increased in membership and activity. He has gone miles out of his way just to sign up a former Rainbower man. He has brought about the forming of new Chapters. All his spare time is devoted to Rainbow. On his day off he can always be found at his office at the Tidewater Co., deluged in Rainbow work. I enjoy stopping in to see him, for it's a pleasure to hear his spirited accounts of his trips and meetings in all parts of the country. His wife, Jean, shares in his enthusiasm and is herself a very active Auxiliary member. Leonard Hill just seems to fit perfectly as President of Rainbow and I know that the memory of his term in office will be cherished by him always.

--Frederic M. Gogoland.

What They're Doing Now Dep't

BOB HINE (Svc. Co.-242d), "Demon Dispatcher" from Gruber to deactivation, lives at 1763 Main, Durango, Colorado. Bob is office manager for the Durango Recap Co., spends most of each summer at his cabin in the nearby mountains, "doing some fishin' and a lot of sittin'." With time out for horseback and pack-mule trips into the high mountains... and in the Fall, hunting Elk. Bob says, "Pitching a tent at 13,000 feet where the air is clean and cold, the stars almost within reach and a clear, cool stream lulls you to sleep is an experience that everyone should have!" Nice work if you can get it!

LLOYD W. THOMAS (D-242d), is with Special Service Section, USAR CARIB, Drawer 11, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone. He'd like to hear from any of his old buddies in D. Is Sports NCO at the Base; says that's better than lugging a base plate around.

BILL DEGNAN (D-242d) 1940 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago, Illinois, is married and has seven (count 'em!) children.

ERNEST ROUBEUSH (D-242d) RR 3, Box 49, Noblesville, Indiana, would like to hear from D-Men as to their plans in regard to the Co. D Reunion to be held in Columbus next year.

STANLEY A. McHUGH (WW II Div. Provost Marshal) has the heartfelt sympathy of his comrades in the loss of his wife, Esther, who passed away January 14th. Stanley's loss is shared by their two children, Stanley Junior, and Donaldson. They live in Barnesville, Georgia.

GEN. HARRY COLLINS and his former Aide, **TOMMY TUCKER**, visited with **MORTON JOHN BARNARD** on a recent trip to Chicago. Had a fine time fighting the War all over again. First time Mort had seen his former CG as a civilian.

JERRY W. LAWLER (Hq. 232d F. A. Bn.) lives at 2410 Arlington Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. He wants to hear from fellows in his old outfit who are going to Dallas next July. Jerry will be there! He writes that Birmingham is probably the only "Rebel Chapter" with a Yankee Rainbow member with dues paid up to 1958; he is **JOHN STURM** (Hq. 232d F. A. Bn.) who lives in Effingham, Illinois. John can be reached c/o Heart Theater.

ELMER H. BRIGGS, 1st Lieut., (I-242d) is with Co. I, 501st A/B, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

RALPH AMBROSIOUS (I-242d) is married, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, is with Bell Telephone Company there.

TOM DILLINGHAM (I-242d) will move this month from Rio De Janeiro, Argentina, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ALDEN C. MOYER (I-242d) 3620 Verner, Columbia, South Carolina, operates the Sandy Acres Kennels there.

JAMES FREETLY (I-242d) is now residing in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he is used car sales manager for Buick.

ROYAL N. GOBER (Div. Hq.) is an official in the State Employment Commission, Jackson, Mississippi.

JOHN PATTERSON (G-3 Sec. & 232d) is a prominent attorney in Seattle, Washington. Is still a bachelor.

WALTER O. MARTIN (H2B, 242d, & G-2) is a petroleum engineer for the Texas Co. in Gogota, Columbia, So. America.

ELMER C. (BUD) DAVIS (I 22d Medics) has moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, (610 3rd St. So.); is in Real Estate there.

DAVID WOMBLE (I-242d) is with the Womble Co., construction products, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

AL SHORTRIDGE (Div. Hq.) is practising law in Joplin, Missouri.

BYRL LOPP (232d) married, two girls, operates a Conoco Bulk Plant in Columbus, Kansas.

FRED W. SIMPKIN (Svc. Co.-222d); married, has three children; with the Spencer Chemical Co. at Columbus, Kas.

WILLIAM CRAIN (I 42d Engrs) is Sheriff of Cherokee County, Columbus, Kansas.

JAMES FANOWLE (242d Medics) is a steamfitter; now located at Paducah, Ky.

FORREST H. JONES, Doctor, (newest member of Tulsa Chapter, lives at 410 South Kansas, Columbus, Kansas.

DONALD DIEHL (D-242d) Marysville, O., is recovering from an industrial accident in which he lost part of his sight in his right eye. Would like to hear from any of his buddies in the 1st Battalion, 242d.

BILL BIRD (D-242d) lives at 4944 W. 14th, Speedway City, Indiana; is married, has two children. Works for Allison Aircraft Engine Company there.

JACK O'KANE (D-242d) Jack and Martha received their third blessing, just before Christmas; a baby boy. Score, Boys 2, Girls, 1. Jack lives at 2914 N. 74th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois.

BOB KUBIK'S CINCINNATI REPORT
The picture below was taken at the Christmas Party of the Cincinnati Chapter. Pictured are: the President of the State Auxiliary, Clara Grant; State Association President Cassett Miller; Santa Claus (Ray Noble); On the right is State Reunion Chairman Thompson. The two Children are Nancy Cook (Rampleman's Granddaughter), and Cincinnati Chapter President DiMaggio's son.

All Rainbow is praying for the rapid and complete recovery of Kit Carson, who is seriously ill. Greenfield's own "Cap" Caldwell and Cincinnati Chapter President DiMaggio are both recovering from surgery.

Detailed plans for the Ohio State Reunion to be held in Cincinnati June 7-9, are developing rapidly. No Rainbower within a radius of 300 miles should miss this event.

--Bob Kubik



CHAPTER STANDINGS

	1954-55 Totals	1954-55 W W II	Current Totals	Current W W II					
As of February 1, 1956					Mo/Kan Chapter (Kansas City)	125	9	85	7
Crawford Z. Ables (Gadsden)	22	1	27	2	St. Louis	2	1	22	15
John W. Carroll (Mobile)	35	1	50	0	MISSOURI TOTAL	127	10	107	22
M. H. Jordan (Birmingham)	102	9	75	4	Nebraska Chapter (Lincoln)	44	10	11	3
J. M. Strassburger (Montgomery)	101	5	90	4	NFBASKA TOTAL	86	29	45	31
Wm. M. Peters (Tuscaloosa)	20	0	1	0	New Jersey (Red Bank)	130	29	100	20
Durward Crowder (Lanett)	9	0	0	0	Gen. Chas. T. Menoher (Jersey City)	15	2	10	1
Dallas B. Smith (Anniston)	--	--	15	2	NEW JERSEY TOTAL	145	31	116	21
ALABAMA TOTAL	289	16	258	12	Father Duffy Chapter (New York City)	12	21	600	15
ARIZONA (Phoenix)	27	2	31	2	Long Island	22	1	20	0
Los Angeles	86	4	75	2	Westchester	24	1	20	1
San Francisco	85	8	90	8	NEW YORK TOTAL	658	23	640	16
Joyce Kilmer (San Diego)	5	0	0	0	Ohio State Association	13	1	14	1
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	175	12	165	10	Ralph Berger (Marysville)	59	1	37	1
COLORADO (Denver)	28	3	27	3	Cincinnati	30	5	143	7
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	50	17	50	9	Columbus	140	5	31	2
Miami	30	10	40	3	Newark	35	3	22	1
St. Petersburg	70	12	75	10	Luther Swigart (Mansfield)	24	1	52	0
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall (Orlando)	150	28	115	13	Akron	23	3	4	0
FLORIDA TOTAL	27	0	18	0	Dyer J. Bird (Marion)	43	0	52	0
Georgia Chapter (Macon)	27	0	6	2	Toledo	29	4	14	2
Cooper D. Winn (Atlanta)	22	7	6	2	Edison H. Miller (Delaware)	53	2	58	3
GEORGIA TOTAL	49	7	24	2	Lancaster	53	18	39	12
Illinois Chapter (Chicago)	550	64	500	28	Cleveland	15	0	17	1
Danville	604	65	550	29	Springfield	229	82	186	57
ILLINOIS TOTAL	179	13	159	7	Vets Co. G 166th Inf. (Greenfield)	3	0	1	0
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	76	0	71	0	Pickaway (Circleville)	81	76	40	56
Bloomington	13	1	15	0	Orvil G. Fuller (Chillicothe)	132	207	766	152
Fort Wayne	26	0	57	0	OHIO TOTAL	868	207	766	152
Lafayette	41	2	38	2	132d Signal Co. Chapter (Youngstown)	44	12	50	13
Marionville	18	4	13	7	OKlahoma City	136	58	139	61
South Bend	353	20	353	16	Tulsa	180	70	189	74
INDIANA TOTAL	1	0	99	0	OKLAHOMA TOTAL	7	0	2	0
Iowa State Association	222	16	146	10	ORFON (Portland)	30	3	10	0
Col. E. R. Bennett (Des Moines)	44	6	33	3	Easton	85	28	85	30
Cedar Rapids	66	1	36	0	Pittsburgh	30	2	30	2
Oskaloosa	66	1	36	0	Bethlehem	95	8	50	0
Creston	8	1	2	0	John D. Brenner (Lancaster)	27	0	25	2
Fort Dodge	22	2	10	1	Reading	30	11	31	9
North Iowa (Mason City)	50	0	24	0	Philadelphia	308	52	231	43
Mathew A. Tinley (Council Bluffs)	29	3	25	2	PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL	15	1	7	0
Cedar Valley (Waterloo & Cedar Falls)	59	2	32	2	SOUTH CAROLINA (Columbia)	1	1	0	0
Ottumwa	12	2	8	1	Chattanooga	--	--	30	2
Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)	48	1	16	0	TENNESSEE Chapter (Memphis)	1	1	30	2
Dubuque (Dubuque)	630	35	500	19	TENNESSEE TOTAL	150	23	159	37
Douglas MacArthur (Red Oak)	46	1	41	1	TEXAS (Dallas)	80	6	75	8
Chanute	44	1	45	2	Virginia State (Roanoke)	15	7	11	0
Dodge City - Pratt	90	2	106	19	Homer A. Hughes (Lynchburg)	18	7	9	3
Wichita (New)	41	13	31	8	Maurice Tyler, Jr. (Richmond)	113	14	95	11
KANSAS TOTAL	73	8	70	9	VIRGINIA TOTAL	1	0	1	0
LOUISIANA (New Orleans)	63	39	43	23	WASHINGTON State (Seattle)	54	3	40	1
MARYLAND (Baltimore)	150	38	135	21	Wisconsin State Association	25	8	16	4
MASSACHUSETTS (Boston)	16	7	20	11	Appleton	36	1	45	2
Michigan State (Detroit)	166	45	155	32	Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Milwaukee)	159	13	146	8
Grand Rapids	224	11	206	8	Fond du Lac	16	10	7	2
MICHIGAN TOTAL	53	8	47	4	Oskosh	6	0	1	0
Minneapolis	277	19	252	12	WISCONSIN TOTAL	10	10	3	3
St. Paul					WYOMING (Cheyenne)				
MINNESOTA TOTAL					NATIONAL CHAPTER - War I				
					NATIONAL CHAPTER - War II				
					GRAND TOTALS	5,905	835	5,270	640

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (from page 2) a brief history of the Association and suggested a wider distribution than has been made of periodical Year Books in the past. It was moved by P. N. P. Dan Glossbrenner, duly seconded and passed, that enough copies be printed to mail to the entire Reveille mailing list in lieu of one issue of the REVEILLE. The Historian also recommended the purchase from the National Archives of over 7,000 feet of film depicting activities by War I Rainbow Division for use by our Chapters, after proper editing. It was moved by Judge Advocate Leland Whitney that such film be purchased and placed in our archives.

Membership Chairmen Loyd Matson and Ted Johnson reported on measures they have undertaken to increase membership, some of which are bearing fruit.

Reunion Chairman Ted Jones re-

ported on the rapidly maturing plans for the 1956 National Reunion at the Statler-Hilton in Dallas, Texas, July 11-14. He said that reservations should be made direct with the Hotel, and promised that all Reunion events will take place in air-conditioned comfort --- even the Barbecue at the Texas State Fair Grounds.

Judge Advocate Leland Whitney advised that he was preparing an amendment to the Constitution for presentation at Dallas which, if approved, will provide for organization by Chapters on a nationwide Company or Battalion basis.

President Leonard Hill in his report thanked his staff, the Past Presidents, Executive Committeemen and especially all Chapter Officers for their cooperation in achieving our success thus far during 1955-56.

Following the benediction, the meeting was declared adjourned.

--R. Allen Gibbons, Secretary