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The President's Message

THE OLD GIVES WAY to the New; there is a sadness that comes over me, a feeling of unworthiness that is a challenge --- a challenge to the blessings that have been my lot this year. Rainbow has conferred its highest honor upon me; with the help of my able associates we will be able to accomplish great things for our Rainbow Association this year. I am grateful for this honor, and for the cooperation I know I will receive. By working as a team, with cooperation and with everyone doing his part we will make this one of the greatest years in Rainbow history. THE FINAL SCORE, dear friends, will not be the valuation place on these efforts in my mind, but will be for YOU to determine. In the last analysis, if we have been honest in our endeavors, fair to those with whom we have worked, and grateful to the fine people we have served; then that is about all we can do. The rest is in the hands of our Maker.

ALL OF YOU KNOW that without a healthy membership Rainbow will not function. The more members we have, the stronger Rainbow will be. Being able to say, "I served in the Rainbow Division and I am now a member in good standing in the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans!" is a great honor in itself. This is an exclusive organization, as all of you know, open to no other veteran than those who served in the Rainbow. I ask all of you active Rainbowers to gain this honor for everyone eligible by increasing our membership this year. Get them NOW; do not wait until the Rainbow year is nearly over. For your information, our membership up to date is coming along fairly well, but not enough. A few of the Chapters have already actually exceeded their total membership for last year, but many are still well behind. We call on the "file Closers" to close ranks.

WE HAVE BEEN WINED AND DINED (without the wine!) at three different picnics, and much good food and little drink was consumed. We journeyed over to Old Virginia for one of these picnics --- the other two were in Ohio. All were fine affairs. Now that the picnic season is drawing to a close, we will have to move indoors, but I'm sure the same fine fellowship will exist as always when Rainbowers get together. Indoors or outdoors, it is well said that when two Rainbowers get together a Reunion will start.

WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF pleasant surprises recently. The First Surprise was our genial Frenchman, Moneybags Leo Moquin, dropping in for an evening's visit. We did a lot of Rainbowing until after midnight. Unhappily we could only serve cold milk (NOT camel's milk!) and "store" cake --- but Leo seemed to enjoy both cake and milk!

NEXT TO SURPRISE US was our Roving Editor and his lovely Elsie, who phoned us that he had parked his trailer about ten miles from our home. We journeyed over to West Virginia and found these Drifting Tumbleweeds and their little house on wheels. After they'd refused to come and spend the night with us we spent the evening with them --- just doing a lot of Rainbowing. What a fine visit we had with both Leo and the Rodiers. Please. both of you, come again and this time plan to stay awhile! This invitation goes for all Rainbowers who happen to be near our home.

--Melvin N. (Mel) Horne

RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

October 20	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS; Mo/Kan Fall Dinner Meeting; Kansas National Guard Armory. (Details on page 5)
November 10	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA; 2nd Annual Veterans Day Reunion; Biltmore Hotel. (Details on page 6)
February 23-24	COLUMBUS, OHIO; Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting and Banquet; Deschler Hilton Hotel.

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FROM THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

All Chapters desiring to show the Rainbow films listed on page 16 of the Association Historical Booklet published in April, 1956, will please contact the Historian for reservations.



It is recommended that Chapters borrow the first four reels and, if desired, two reels of Camp Gruber pictures for one meeting and use the others at a later date; as each reel runs about one-half hour. The only cost to the Chapter is mailing, which is 40¢ per two reels, and the rental of a 16 mm. projector if one is not otherwise available.

All scenes are fully edited, and cover all units of the Rainbow from the time we left Hoboken, N.J., until we returned from Germany. Members will get a big kick out of seeing what they and their buddies looked like nearly forty years ago. Wives and families have enjoyed these pictures as much as the men, so they are fine for joint meetings.

If you really want to turn out members at a meeting, decide on a date and write me for a booking. I will notify you immediately if the films will be available, or will advise you of the nearest open date.

We can make this a big year in Rainbow by having the boys get off their rumps and see what they looked like on their feet. Let's go!

--George Seaman, Historian,
Room 359, 150 East 42nd St.,
New York 17, N. Y.

MEMBERSHIP FOR RAINBOW

LET'S GO --- this is it! This Rainbow year we will not be satisfied with less than 7,000 members. That will not be hard to get as we have at least 15,000 Rainbowers around from WW I and about 30,000 from WW II. So I think we are aiming low. Of course we will accept more gladly. This is just the beginning. Don't let any Rainbower out. If you know a Rainbower who isn't in the fold, just talk Rainbow to him and you will have him. If you read in the paper about a Rainbower passing away, notify a few other Rainbowers, go to the services, wear a Rainbow hat. You will be surprised how many Rainbowers you can pick up just by doing this. Personal contact is a great help; send them letters --- invite them to meetings. When they come, you have them; and they will thank you for getting them back with the old gang. If they do not belong to your regiment and hesitate to join, find out their regiment and send the name and address to National Secretary Allen Gibbons. He will send word to their original organization.



All this will be a lot of work; but it will be worth while. A few years ago Chicago went to work and they had for a few years 1,000 members. Let Rainbow know you are working to help build Rainbow.

You know that the Rainbow is the oldest and the youngest insignia in the world; there will always be a Rainbow. These young Rainbowers are now ready to join up as they are getting lonesome and want to meet some of the fellows that were with them in the second World War.

So let's go! The first few are the hardest --- the rest will follow right in line.

--Jim Mason

CO. D, 242nd, ORGANIZES FIRST NEW TYPE UNIT CHAPTER

The first exclusively World War Two Chapter of Rainbow organized under authority of the amendment to the Constitution adopted at Dallas has applied for a Charter, with an initial membership of 36.

"D Company, 242nd Regiment Chapter" won this distinction when Secretary-Treasurer Jack O'Kane sent in a remittance covering the 36 Charter Members, and the Charter fee.

Few will be surprised that D, 242nd, came under the wire first. Including such active WW IIers as Dave Shewey, Bill Rochelle and Jack O'Kane, this company has held two successful and enthusiastic reunions. The first, held in Chicago in September, 1956, was reported in the November REVEILLE. Doubtless our next issue will have an account of the Reunion held this year in Columbus, Ohio, under the combined direction of Ernie Roudebusch, Johnnie Sprouce and Jack O'Kane. But out of this Reunion came a new Chapter of Rainbow, and a new Chapter in Rainbow History. It will be a challenge to World War Two Rainbowers in other organizations.

Nothing, of course, can detract from the early organization and the impressive membership of the 132nd Signal Co. Chapter at Youngstown, Ohio. This Chapter, however, was organized as a unit of the Ohio State Association and W W I Rainbowers are eligible for membership. Membership in the new category of Chapter is confined to WW II Rainbowers.



Pictured above is a group of Rainbowers in the new "D Company, 242nd Regiment Chapter." Taken at their Chicago Reunion

WHY UNIT CHAPTERS?

By Loyd Matson

Ever since the second Rainbow Division returned to the United States a continuing effort has been made to attract the new Rainbower into the local Chapters of our National Association. During this period, the number has increased but because of deaths, failure to find a former buddy or for some reason or another the total has never been very satisfactory. In an effort to attract

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MID-YEAR EXCOMMEETING TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS

President Mel Horne has announced that the Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held next February in Columbus, Ohio.

Under the Chairmanship of George Walters, a program is being arranged in connection with this event which will certainly constitute this affair into this year's "Little" National Reunion.

The Banquet and Meetings will be held in the Deschler Hilton, in Columbus, and the dates will be February 23rd and 24th. Additional details will be announced in the next issue of the REVEILLE.

DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

Rainbowers who believe themselves entitled to any decoration or campaign medal which they have not received will be assisted by the Association in the processing of the procurement of such awards.

A request must be made for such awards, which will be checked against the records and the award made after such verification.

Loyd Matson, who has once more agreed to handle the processing of such requests, has set up the following procedure:

All requests must be made in writing. They should be addressed to the Secretary of the Army, BUT DO NOT SEND THEM TO HIM DIRECT. Instead, turn such requests over to YOUR CHAPTER SECRETARY. He in turn will forward them to Loyd Matson, 266-B Garfield Ave., Collingswood 7, New Jersey.

Loyd will in turn forward them to the Department of the Army under arrangements made with Secretary Brucker and under which their consideration will be expedited.

All awards made under this procedure will be made at a suitable Rainbow gathering.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PICTURES

For the information of Past Presidents who didn't get in their order for the group picture, taken in Dallas, Ted Jones advises that orders for these pictures may be sent to DeLacey Associates, Statler Hilton, Dallas, Texas. The cost is $1.50 each. Specify that picture wanted is of Rainbow Past Presidents, taken July 14th.

'Tenshun, Reveille Correspondents!

Your Editor is back home and all mail should be sent to him at:
1603 N. Osceola Avenue,
Clearwater, Florida



CALIFORNIA San Francisco Chapter is happy to report that our hard-working Secretary-Treasurer, Pinky McCants, who suffered a paralytic stroke recently, is recuperating nicely. Send him a "cheer" card, to Room 127, War Memorial Building, San Francisco 2.

Comrade Howard L. Dixon has answered the Final Roll Call of the Supreme Commander, on July 31st. Our deep sympathy is extended to his loved ones.

At the last meeting the following officers were elected: President: Vernon George; Honorary President, Cal Reed; Treasurer, Phil Greenfield; Secretary, Pinky McCants; Vice Presidents: Wallace Mason, Hal Uttley, Glide Westervelt, Harry Rasmussen, John McDonald, George Eridio, J. A. Given, John Leas, Nelson Collins, Dick Beebe, Ray Guisti, Ernie Lissner, Tom Lanigan, Al Schirmer, Fred Milburn, Bill Nock, Carlo Rossi, J.C. Saylors, Art Tilton, Bill Cole, Ed Golden, Ed Ensminger, Charlie Huling, Perce McMillan John Adams, Art George, Carl Tibbals, Col. Wylie Conway, Hal Westbrook, Verne Fowler, V. M. Higgins, Perce Womack, Earl Burlington, Harry Hansell, Dell Gammon, Art Larsen, George Fratus, Bob Lyter, Jim Mulgrew, Steve Ridgely, George Seebe, Dick Sutcliffe, Harry Wechlo, Gene Christian, Marc Iseman, Harry West, Les Johnston and Rollin Wilson. Tom Marchi was re-elected Chaplain and Charles Goodman Sergeant-at-Arms.

--Phil Greenfield

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FLORIDA Summerall Chapter held its first meeting of the season at the home of Johnnie and Lucille Gardiner (167th Inf) in Orlando, on September 2nd. We had a great turnout and held a snappy business session. Phil Lindsey (166th F.H.) was elected President. A fine covered dish supper followed.

September 10th Miami Chapter installed their officers at a meeting in the home of Dick and Gladys Kuiken (132d Sig) in Golden Beach. Dick is the new President of Miami Chapter. Bill Swabey (166th Inf), who has undergone several operations in the past several years was the Installing Officer. Dick and Gladys went all out, as usual, to make this party a great success. They had one of the greatest crowds of Rainbowers present I've ever seen in Florida in spite of a heavy rainfall. The covered dishes covered a 30 feet long table. Have received no report on activities, if any, of the St. Petersburg Chapter.

To all of you who remembered me during the Dallas Reunion by signing the program, thanks a million and God bless you all.

--Jim Rolfe

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ILLINOIS Larry Wilson heads the slate of officers recently elected by Illinois Chapter. Assisting him will be Vice Presidents Ray Roskam and Jim Bissett, with Glen Patrick serving as Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Governors for the coming year comprises: Syd Anderson, Eskil Bjork, Jim Mangan, Charles Bindig, Tom Finnegan, Frank Gould, Lowell Barr, Sam Katz, John Simpson, George Savage, Joe Schroeder, and Joe Taylor, Hugo Johnson, George Wegner, John Cloher, Ferd Bolton, Randy Pomeroy, and Bill Van Hoesan. The Board held a meeting on August 14th at the Atlantic Hotel, to discuss plans for the Rainbow year.

--Sam Katz

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KANSAS The 6th Annual Reunion of the Dodge City - Pratt Chapter was the largest and most successful since being organized. The meetings were held at the Hotel Roberts, with a lunch at noon followed by a business meeting and a Banquet that night. It was attended by sixty Rainbowers and their wives from all over Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Missouri. Charles Russell was elected President, Bill Teichgraeber Vice President, and Art Powell Secretary-Treasurer. At the Auxiliary meeting, officers elected were: President, Mrs. Ray Parks and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Flanders. Among the special guests were the Fred Apts, of Iola; the Hugh McLeans of Hutchinson; President Carl Laughlin of Mo/Kan Chapter and National President Leonard Hill and wife Jean.

The Big Bertha shell casing which the Chapter has been trying to locate was found to be in the possession of Mrs. Erling Theller, widow of our old Commanding Officer. She presented it to the Chapter and it is now in the Rainbow Shrine in K. C.

Next year's Reunion will be held in Dodge City. It will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the organization of the Company in 1917.

--Cal Lambert

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CHANUTE CHAPTER held its Annual Picnic on September 1st, and

a grand time was had by all. Among those present from out of town were Honorary National President Len Hill and Jean, Edwin and Pearl Dale from Sapulpa; the Rudolph Sharshalls from Parsons; Archie Boman from Moran, Kansas; the Hugh Berkleys and the Hoppers from Kansas City, Missouri. Hugh showed pictures of his trip to Hawaii. Leonard spoke of the National Reunion at Dallas.

There was some talk of having an Ammunition Train Reunion in Chanute on its 40th Anniversary. Will know more about this later.

--Henry L. Booe

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MARYLAND Election time has come and gone, and once again we were able to persuade certain weak characters to accept office. The Presidency was easiest. Clint Davison, whose hobby is the collection, cutting and mounting of semi-precious stones, was known to be in North Carolina on a digging trip and as he could not defend himself he was elected. He takes his charming wife along with him on these expeditions to do the digging, and to one who has in the distant past shared numerous foxholes with him, this is understandable. He is a lousy digger. Clint's only previous claim to immortality was the night in France when after a forward march he spread his blanket on a soft mound, slept comfortably and soundly, only to discover at dawn that his mattress was a pile of fresh cow manure. We are afraid his new job will turn out like that. Pretty soft in the beginning but awful messy later on.

Our Vice President is Ken Carpenter (not the announcer.) A fine example of the upstanding, red-blooded, patriotic American, but of very tender years. We fear that because of his youth unfair advantage was taken of him. For Treasurer we have "Honest Bob" Pryor. The name of "Honest Bob" was bestowed upon him because he once found a set of false teeth and as they were not his size returned them to their owner. He is also the only Treasurer ending the year not showing an overdraft. Our Old and New Secretary will again be the irrepressable Mac MacDonald. Mac's is a most unusual case. When first elected Secretary, he immediately entered night school and learned to read and write. We felt that such initiative and ambition should be rewarded by re-election.

We were very gratified to learn through "Smiling Jack" Clarke and Gould "Horse Collar" Rollins that Maryland will be the Host to the 1957 Reunion. It is a fortunate choice for we have two Veterans Hospitals and an Old Soldiers Home, in the immediate area. So come on with an easy mind prepared to stay awhile.

We report with great sorrow that "Herb" Jones, one of our finest, has come to the end of the trail. A gallant soldier and gentleman, a steadfast and loyal friend, he died on May 25th. None will be missed more than he.

--Harry Stansbury

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MO/KAN Maj. Gen. Joe Nickell, the Adjutant General of the State of Kansas, who was a member of the 117th Ammunition Train in WW I, has notified the Mo/Kan Chapter that Col. Robert McDonald, C. O. of the 197th Transportation Battalion, Kansas National Guard, has expressed the desire of having the Chapter hold its Fall Dinner Meeting in the new Kansas National Guard Armory at Kansas City, Kas., on the evening of October 20th, and has reserved the officers' lounge and dining room of the armory, from 5 p.m. on that evening.

Since the 197th Transportation Battalion is the historic successor to the 117th Ammunition Train, in the Kansas National Guard, this gala evening will be a home-coming for Rainbow Veterans and will afford an opportunity to inspect the new million-dollar armory.

After you have browsed thru the above item, look at your membership card. If it expired in July, 1956 - or if you do not have a card, send your dues to the undersigned and get your 1957 card.

---o---Tom Cagney

NEW YORK "A big time was had by all!" The Champagne Hour party held in Westchester was a big success, but with Myer Levy as Chairman what could you expect? Ever since Myer's cousin was made Mayor of Dublin nothing can go wrong! About 300 of the faithful turned out, and those who were not there missed a grand party --- even those who went to the Reunion in Texas could not have had a better time. After the ball game, horseshoe pitching, tennis and shuffleboard we had worked up a nice appetite for a good meal. Then the stories started and each go won the War. Of course we all know that the Med was the best go of all. Jim Striffler took over as Master of Ceremonies and as usual in his very modest way knew that good old "L" was the leader of the Regiment. The roast beef was the best and of course

the Camel's Milk was tops. I noticed that Jim Mason is not the only one in the Chapter that drinks Coco Cola. I wonder why? Quite a few of the Westchester Chapter were on hand and we wish we could see more of them --- a nice bunch of fellows. A bus left the Armory with some of the gang and their families, taking them home at 11:30 pm --- a load that had a load. Jim Murphy donated a couple of hams. Bill Judge, our Chaplain, and Mrs. Michael Walsh were the winners. The door prize was a basket of cheer; it was won by Ted Hagen, who came up from Birmingham for the party. Sherman Brothers donated other door prizes that were won by the women. Pete Murray did a grand job on the banners he printed for the Bus and the Dining Room. Tom Brady presented the Michael J. Shea Memorial Award to Myer O'Levy for doing an excellent job. Next year cannot come too soon. Pat Johnson and Bill McAvoy worked hard to make the party tops.

The Father Duffy Memorial was well attended. Jim Minogue, chairman, did a good job and earned a vote of thanks.

Chapter President Joe Jones had a great year and did a grand job as always. He not only was at all of the services to our members who had passed on during the year, he arranged to have others present. When you realize that we lost about sixty members during the year, that was quite a job. All members wear Father Duffy Chapter hats at the services, and make quite a showing.

--Jim Mason

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OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City Chapter and Auxiliary got off to a good start on September 8th with a joint dinner meeting in our home. Interest is high and the year promises to be a banner one, with another splendid husband and wife team heading the group --- Russell and Billie Jean McCabe. Captain and Mrs. Shelby Gamble were present, the Captain's illness having prevented them from being with us before. We were glad to have them out. Ted Scott was present, looking tanned and healthy with hardly any visible marks of his crucial illness. Len and Jean Hill were over from Tulsa, bringing with them Bea Miller and her son Freddie. A few of our number are on the sick list --- Charlotte Wilfong, Alice Young, Dr. Capps and Clarence Van Vranken. The latter had his foot crushed in an accident. Our initial attempt at a Rainbow celebration on Veterans Day last year was so successful that it was decided to make it an annual affair, to include the ladies, and to schedule it for the Saturday nearest Veterans Day. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 10th. Extensive plans are being made for a full day of entertainment --- luncheon, tour of the city for the ladies; Dutch lunch and suitable entertainment for the men at noon; dinner in the evening at the Biltmore with Herb Schall, Ponca City, as principal speaker. Movies of WW I will be shown, and a dance will conclude the festivities. You Rainbowers in the state and in bordering states, save this date and plan to be with us.

--Lawrence G. Wood

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TENNESSEE Memphis lost no time in jumping off with the year's Rainbow activities after the Dallas Reunion. July 21st saw the ball starting to roll with a Barbecue and Meeting. A rousing report was made of the nice things those Texas Rainbowers did for the five-man Tennessee delegation at Dallas. These were the five: Waddy Durham, former First Sergeant of the old 166th Ambulance Company; Oral Arneet; J. D. Blackwell, J. C. Warde and Ralph Adkinson.

Tennessee Chapter has 31 members at this time but you can bet your life that we are not going to stop at this. We are really going after these World War II boys after hearing that fine talk Harry Collins made at Dallas. We have written to Historian George Seaman for an open date on the war films he talked about at Dallas, and hope to use these to help build membership.

All of the members of Memphis Chapter want to congratulate Editor Rodier on the fine job he is doing on the REVEILLE.

--James C. Warde, Cor. Sec.,
2106 Monroe Ave., Memphis.

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TEXAS Texas Rainbowers are just about recovered from the effects of the big Reunion and are still discussing pleasant memories of new friends made and old friendships renewed. Everyone who had anything to do with arranging the Reunion is truly grateful for the consideration shown by our guests when our plans did not work out to perfection. (ED: When was that, Bryan?)

Officers of the Texas Chapter will be installed at the September meeting. Those elected to serve are: President, Arnold I. Hofland, (232d), Dallas; Executive Vice President, E. M. Ballew, (117th Sup Tn), Dallas; Regional Vice Presidents, E. C.

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a greater number of the younger Rainbowers we have always been limited by the basic difference in the formation of the two Rainbow Divisions. Where the WW I Rainbower was drawn from locally integrated National Guard units which were organized from and returned to a local area, the second Rainbow Division was fabricated out of men without regard to their place of origin. It naturally followed that seldom would you find men from the same geographic area in the same unit.

It also followed that as these men returned to the States and converted their National Association membership into a local Chapter membership and started attending a local Chapter's meetings, they seldom found anyone with whom they had previously soldiered. The ambition to renew those former acquaintances was just as sincere as it was in the earlier Rainbow Division and some of the younger Rainbowers traveled to Pittsburgh, Detroit, New York, Birmingham, Miami, Omaha and Dallas as well as Boston in search of a former buddy. After two or three disappointing trips to far away places at considerable expense the younger Rainbowers' interest receded in some cases. To the members of the 132nd Signal Company there appeared an alternative in the nature of a Company Chapter which was maintained by mail. After organization the contact with the members of the unit was continued by the use of periodic news letters which were prepared out of material submitted by the various members of the group. In most cases the members of the group either continued or established, where the opportunity was present, membership in a local Chapter also.

The success of this Unit Chapter in maintaining contact with the former members of the unit has led other Rainbowers to believe that a similar organization might be equally successful for other units of the second Rainbow Division. Because of the inability of these groups to recruit 15 members in any geographic area so that they could apply for a Charter within the Division Association and because it was apparent that other groups of this nature were in the process of organization outside of the framework of the Association, it was evident that provision must be made for Unit Chapters within the Association if we were to continue to be a National Association of all the former members of the First and Second Rainbow Divisions.

At no time was it ever contemplated that the Unit Chapter would be a substitute for the local Chapter. Both Chapters can function within the framework of the Division Association. The only purpose in back of the idea is to attract more Rainbowers to your National Association, and with the passage of time, more younger Rainbowers to our National Reunions. With your help it can be accomplished and with your enthusiastic support it can bring new life into your Association even before we reconvene in Baltimore next July.

--Loyd Matson

WORLD WAR II NEWS

Our Washington Correspondent, Ted Johnson, has reported that Lt. Col. Donald E. Downard is at the Walter Reed Hospital but didn't know whether this is an assignment or a confinement. Knowing of Colonel Downard's limited residence in hospitals during the War it could be that he has already accomplished some type of a departure from the Walter Reed Hospital; but if any of his former associates desire to drop him a note his address is Ward , Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. Ted Johnson has already solicited the Colonel's membership in the D. C. Chapter and has familiarized him with the Memorial Banquet on March 15, and the next National Reunion in Baltimore in July, 1957. It might be a good time to start planning a Reunion of the 2nd Battalion of the Triple Duces.

World War II Rainbowers will be saddened to learn of the death on July 26th of John N. Embler, 43, in Walden, N. Y. John served as Assistant Division Judge Advocate, at Camp Gruber and in Europe, until his discharge, with the rank of Captain.

--L. M.

WW II RAINBOWERS 'TENSHUN!
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REILLY WRITING 149TH HISTORY

Brig. General Henry J. Reilly, AUS (Ret) is writing the history of the 149th Field Artillery. A part of his Regiment which was very important was the Headquarters Company, which he changed into a telephone company. He was always careful to have the best possible liaison with the Infantry which he supported. His father, who started his military career as a boy soldier in the field artillery in the Civil War and remained always an artilleryman, always told him that "unless the infantrymen like the artillery which supported them, there was something wrong with the artillery."



Gen. Reilly writes, "My address at present is: Ward 15 South, Veterans Hospital, 23rd Street and 1st Avenue, New York, N. Y.

"A year-and-a-half ago I had a stroke. I am now getting over it, and am using my convalescence to write the long-delayed history.

"Any man in the Infantry who came in contact with my telephone people will do me a great favor if he will write me at the above address, telling me of his experiences with them.

"I have just received a nice letter from the Secretary of the Army, who was the Liaison Officer of the 166th Infantry, telling me about the men and officers whom I had with my Regiment in many of its fights. I would like to hear from the rest of those who came in contact with my telephone people.

Sincerely yours,
--Henry J. Reilly."

TEXAS CHATTER (Cont'd from p. 6) Banks (117th Sup Tn), Houston; T. E. Popplewell (117th Sup Tn), Ft. Worth; Claude A. Clement (117th Sup Tn), Austin; Raymond L. Nall (117th Sup Tn), Big Spring; Secretary-Treasurer, Ted Jones, (168th Inf), 3812 Purdue Street, Dallas; Historian, Bryan Snyder, Jr., (167th Inf.), Dallas; Chaplain, A. A. Capy, (117th Sup Tn) Dallas; Sgt.-at-Arms, Harold L. Dawson (222d Inf), Richardson, Tex.

These men are now in office, and will welcome your suggestions.

We report with sorrow the loss of R. M. (Mack(Gallaher. He attended all sessions of the Reunion, and seemed to enjoy them more than anyone. His service was with Co. A, 117th Supply Train. He was a very loyal and interested member of the Association, and a Past President of Texas Chapter. Following the Reunion Mack suffered a severe stroke and passed away on July 16th. His loss will be deeply felt by all his buddies in Texas Chapter.

--Bryan Snyder

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WISCONSIN Arthur Kroll was elected President of Wisconsin State Association at their 24th State Reunion and Meeting held in Appleton. Other officers elected were: Vice Presidents, John Moonen, John Kubley and John Deltgen; Chaplain, Conrad Paffenroth; Historian, Harold Craig, and Publicity Officer, John E. Hantschel. Wisconsin's nominee for National Executive Committeeman was Fred Rosenthal. Appointed Secretary was Walter Pochojka. The State Auxiliary elected Mrs. Mary Gillen, of Oshkosh, as President; Vice President, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill; Secretary, Mrs. Mabel Scheibinger; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Hantschel; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Paffenroth; Historian, Mrs. Nina Lauback, and Trustees, Mrs. Norma Ruechel and Mrs. Linda Deltgen.

Oshkosh was selected as the host Chapter for next year's Reunion.

--John Hantschel