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TWENTY YEARS Twenty years ago! What a long time that seems, and yet how fast those twenty years rolled by. Most of us have just about doubled our ages since 1917 for the majority were in their early twenties when the call to arms came to them. A lot of us have more than doubled our responsibilities since then, most of us have doubled our waistlines, some have doubled their fortunes and others have doubled their woes and we all have doubled our appreciation for life.

Here we are, middle-aged men with bald spots and gray spots beginning to show, with double chins and wrinkled brows, rheumatic bones and fallen arches. So different from those days of downy adolescence when our cares and worries consisted chiefly of keeping our rifle clean or crashing the mess line for seconds.

A score of years gone by with their boom days and depressions, changes in Presidents, prohibition and repeal, bonus marches and the bonus, rackets and kidnapping and all the daily events which make this period in our life one of the most exciting, if not the happiest, in American history.

Despite all the facts that a glance in a mirror tells us about ourselves, we have a lot to be thankful for. No one has discovered the fountain of youth and old age is inevitable, but we can grow old gracefully, which is mighty hard for some folks.

After all, we aren't so decrepit yet that we can't read *The Reveille* each month and learn what the old Division is still doing. Very few of us have reached the point where we need a wheel chair so we can still get out to the Rainbow meetings once in a while and these privileges of ours should help to mellow the years to come.

If you are one of those who has kept in touch with your old buddies all these years, you have had many a pleasant hour and are happier for it. The years to come will be just as pleasant growing old with the gang.

Some day in the distant future there is going to be a last Rainbower. I don't know how old he will be or how prosperous, but I do know that he will be a mighty lonesome old bird with the rest of the outfit gone.

Jim Striffler.

The President's Page

To very few mortals comes the opportunity to make history. Yet nineteen years ago we were all actively engaged in making history on a tremendous scale in France. The very thought gives us something of a thrill.

Making history, however, and recording history are two different things. For years we talked of the need of a Rainbow history. For years we wished for a history. For years we had no Division history except a small pamphlet prepared immediately after the war.

The writing of a history is a big job. Material must be gathered from all possible sources, organized and checked for historical accuracy. Background must be provided as well as breadth of view so that events may be properly understood. The author must be impartial in viewpoint, patient in research, conscientious and, to write the history of a combat division he must not only be a man of literary ability but a military expert as well.

But writing a history is not all. It is necessary to have a history published and the publishing of a large work costs considerable money. The publishing of a Division history presents a particularly difficult problem because of the necessary narrowness of the subject and the appeal.

Rainbow was indeed fortunate in the availability of General Reilly to write its story and the willingness of the F. J. Heer Printing Company to undertake its publication. Finally last summer the historian's work was completed and the serious obstacle of preliminary financing was overcome. The chapters rallied to the cause and advanced \$2,500.00, looking forward to reimbursement from the commission of fifty cents per copy to be paid on all sales in their respective states. "Americans All" was published and available at the low price of \$3.00.

The records indicate that there are living between 35,000 and 40,000 men who served at some time with the Division, and *The Reveille* is mailed to more than 11,000 Rainbowners, but, surprising as it may seem, in the seven months that have elapsed we have sold only 1,900 copies—a truly disappointing experience.

The trouble is not with the history. It is intensely interesting throughout its 888 pages. It is filled with information, much of which is new to most of us. Eyewitnesses tell their stories. More, perhaps, than any other military history ever written, it appeals to the rank and file by reason of the great amount of space devoted to accounts of buck privates, N. C. O.'s and "shavetails." Its background is broader than that of any Division history ever published. It gives military insight not formerly available and it answers questions that have bothered us for years. It is illustrated and contains numerous maps that for the first time make clear the battle ground and the positions of our units. It is a splendid memorial to the Rainbow Division and its glorious achievements.

The trouble is that Rainbowners do not appreciate their history—do not realize that opportunity is knocking at their door.

The answer? To the chapters let me say that you have not done all that you should have done to bring this book to the men in your states and your localities. Some have not appointed promotion committees and some of the promotion committees have not worked very hard at the job since the book came out. Why not establish a revolving fund for the purpose of purchasing a number of the histories and having them on hand to display and sell? It is good salesmanship and good business for you who have a money investment to realize out of the sale of the book. Hundreds of copies could be sold in this way. What about a constant reminder and individual solicitation?

To individual Rainbowners who are not the proud possessors of "Americans All" let me say that you will never spend \$3.00 which will give you greater satisfaction. You will not read the book and lay it aside. You will refer to it constantly for the rest of your life. You and your family will value it highly. Your children will learn more of your great experience from the history than they will from what you tell them. You will be proud to have "Americans All" in your home and you will get a "kick" out of it each time you pick it up. Let's have your order today. Send it with \$3.00 to National Secretary Sharon C. Cover, 4643 Nottingham Road, Detroit, Michigan.

LELAND L. WHITNEY,

President, Rainbow Division Veterans.

THE RAINBOW SALUTE!

"The Rainbow Salute" was a dramatic half hour presentation which, for the first time on the radio, recounted the entire history of a division in the World War, from a simple number on paper up through training camps to battle action that made both number and name of the 42nd Rainbow Division known and honored the country over. It was sponsored by the Rainbow Division Veterans, presented on a coast-to-coast national broadcast over 65 stations of the blue network through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company, originated in the studios of Station WXYZ of Detroit and was produced by the Jewell Players, famous for their "Lone Ranger" broadcasts, under the direction of James Jewell, from script written by Fran Striker and Rainbower Irvin "Jack" Henry.

THE JEWELL PLAYERS

of
WXYZ

Direction: James Jewell
Continuity Writer: Fran Striker

—Cast—

Tom Dougall	Ted Robertson
Fred Flowerday	Gilbert Shea
Charles Livingstone	John Slagle
Malcolm McCoy	John Todd
Julian Petruzzi	Harold True
Fred Reto	Marguerite Werner
Ernest Winstanley	

The Rainbow Broadcast Committee

Wilber M. Brucker.....General Chairman
Irvin "Jack" Henry.....Script
Sharon C. Cover.....Station Arrangements

"Thanks a million" still echoes from all corners of the country to Captain Phillips Carlin, program director of NBC, to all stations of the blue network, to the entire staff of WXYZ, with special honor to Fran Striker, to Dramatic Director James Jewell, who so readily caught the spirit of the occasion and who so ably translated the memories of the Rainbow into dramatic action that made the Division live again if only for the scant half hour and to every member of the richly talented cast who carried into the broadcast an inspiration that fully deserves the high praises that still roll in from Rainbowers everywhere.

And a grand salve for the Rainbow Committee—Wilber M. Brucker, without whom there would have been no original broadcast and who was so greatly instrumental in making this one possible;

Leland L. Whitney, whose speech was the climax of the evening. If any one word could express the feelings of Rainbowers it would be "pride" in the excellent talk of their National President. And then there was Sharon Cover, whose quiet but persistent insistence that this type of program would meet with greatest approval of Rainbowers and better acceptance by the general public met with a success that exceeded his fondest imagination. Yet Sharon's contribution was not confined to an idea, but to its fulfillment by his contacts with the 65 stations which carried the program.

But, after all is said and done, the success or failure of this ambitious attempt rested on the writing of the script equally as well as its presentation. Every Rainbower owes a debt of gratitude to Jack Henry for his many weeks' labor and research that made the script the splendid thing it was. Well conceived, with the material well selected and balanced, it was historically correct, not only as to details of the Division's many engagements but of its place as one of the many others whose men also fought and bled and died. There was no attitude expressed that "we won the war"; nothing mawkish nor bombastic nor overly sentimental. Dramatic, if you will, but so also were the efforts of our youth in the days of 1918.

Director James Jewell and the players were so much of all that we could write of the program that all we do say is but a poor attempt to express the high appreciation of their able presentation. "Their performance was inspired" was the comment of one whose life work has been dramatics. No matter of chance but rather more than twelve hours of rehearsal made the success of our program possible. Twelve hours of striving for the perfection demanded by Director Jewell. But twelve hours happily given that they might the more truly picture the glory that was the Rainbow in action.

How well they made that picture live can be judged from the many comments from Rainbowers everywhere. And did the boys like it!

Manning Marcus reports from Washington, "a lot of hard work on some one's part." Bob Groves from California, "a fine program enjoyed by all on the coast." All of Cleveland was "delighted" and Bill Talbot writes from Dallas "wonderful job; it was swell!" Ed Reikert and his wife left a party in New York to listen in on their car radio and tells us, "thrilled beyond words, proud to be Rainbow and proud of the

many fine comments he has heard." Art Brock in Tulsa says, "best ever," and up where cold means cold and all the ladies are blondes, Joe Justad of Minnesota writes, "it sure brought back memories" and the happy result that "the broadcast has started talk about Columbus." Ray Blackwell of Reilly's Bucks writes to NBC, "a splendid reenactment of the high spots in our Divisional history." And the ladies have their say. Mrs. Louise Ragsdale of Indianapolis goes on record, "as the wife of a Rainbow Veteran, I want to thank WXYZ for a splendid broadcast." And Joe Sigmund speaks for other "shut-ins" in writing, "all enjoyed the program very much."

Flash!—The only and original Atlantic and Pacific Rainbower, Walter Michel, and Rainbow's goodwill ambassador-at-large, reports the consensus of opinion from all sections of the country that he has visited is that the presentation has set a precedent that will be hard to beat.

Charles Morris of Youngstown, Ohio, sums up the general feeling when he wrote, "For thirty minutes I have lived all of my service with the Rainbow. My congratulations to all the boys who put it on. It was great!"

Ray Kelly of Michigan comments for veterans of other outfits, saying, "All veterans could take pride in such a splendid program." Dr. H. Hammond of the Red Arrow 32d Division comments, "The Rainbow did not try to hog it all." Many were a bit envious but all commend us for our fairness. And we can thank Jack Henry for that also. And last of all, a comment from the man on the street in the person of Charles Lynch of Detroit, who believed the program was put on so well that he wrote for the first time to any station to tell WXYZ, "Your Rainbow Division program was one of the best I have ever heard and I hope lots of folks heard it and appreciated the fine efforts so finely arranged." And so say all of us!

Clarence Houle.



MRS. EDNA G. LAMPMAN
National President, Ladies' Auxiliary, Rainbow
Division Veterans

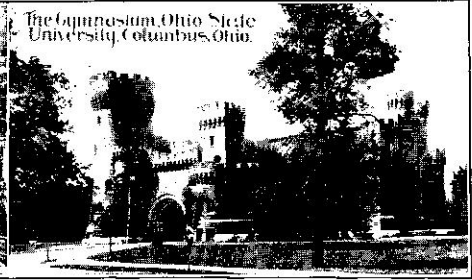


MRS. HERBERT A. PATTERSON
State President, Rainbow Women of Ohio
Chairman, Reunion Committee, National Auxiliary

A MESSAGE TO THE LADIES

We would be most happy to hear of the forming of new auxiliaries this year. If any Rainbow ladies thinking of organizing will write either to Mrs. Kristof or myself, we will be so glad to give you any information we have for the purpose. We would like very much to hear from some Rainbow ladies in Flint, Mich., and any other places where new chapters have been formed. How about you ladies in Minneapolis? May we not hear from some of you?

Edna G. Lampman, National President.



COLUMBUS, OHIO, THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Columbus represents a metropolitan area of wide diversification of interest enjoying a widespread reputation as a music and art center. Within the city itself are located such interesting points as the State House, for Columbus is the capital of Ohio; Ohio State University, Ohio State Museum, State School for the Blind, State Hospital for the Insane, Institute for the Feeble-Minded, Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus Art Gallery, Capital University and Fort Hayes. Columbus is the headquarters for the Fifth Corps Area.

The Ohio State Museum's permanent

archaeological and historical exhibits are highly recommended to everyone.

Within a radius of thirty miles the visitor to Columbus will find such highly interesting places as Perkins Astronomical Observatory, possessing the third largest reflecting telescopic lens in the world, and Buckeye Lake, which offers boating, fishing, swimming and other summer recreations. Well-preserved examples of the Mound Builders' work may be seen within a short distance of the city.

Baseball, tennis, golf, swimming and other sports are available to the Columbus visitor. Columbus is the home of the Redbirds of cardinal baseball fame.

All in all, a visit to Columbus, the city beautiful, will be long remembered.

COLUMBUS REUNION ACTIVITIES

With the days of spring not far away, plans for the annual national reunion of Rainbow Division Veterans are going rapidly ahead in Columbus.

Brig. Gen. Frank D. Henderson, general chairman, has appointed chairman of committees and the committees are already functioning. If anyone misses the reunion in Columbus on July 12, 13 and 14, he will really miss something.

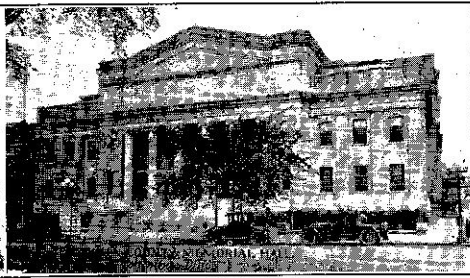
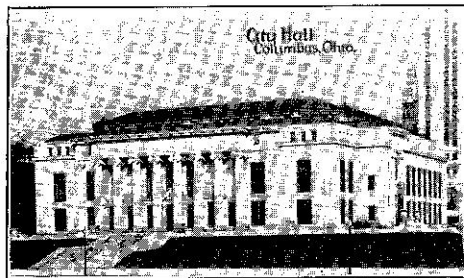
The Deshler-Wallick Hotel has been selected as national headquarters and the Neil House as Ohio headquarters and auxiliary headquarters for the big affair. These hotels are located right in the heart of Columbus and a stone can be thrown from either into the yard around the statehouse of the State of Ohio. Those who come to the reunion are assured of reasonable rates and every convenience to be found in modern hotels. Each hotel has a couple of places in which to eat and also have cocktail rooms.

Columbus is accustomed to veterans' reunions and following the Rainbow this year will be the national conventions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. As the Rainbowners learned at the other national

reunion, Columbus is surpassed by no city in its hospitality to veterans and its desire that they have good times.

Memorial Hall, not far from the hotels, will be the scene of the business meetings of the Rainbow reunion. It is large enough to provide plenty of room for the deliberations, and a Rainbowner, Capt. Thomas E. Hardman, is its custodian. That is ample assurance the business meeting accommodations will be excellent. The champagne hour banquet will be held in the ballroom of the Neil House, which is spacious enough for all the men who gather for that big event. The women's banquet will be held separately as the ballroom will not accommodate as large a crowd as a joint banquet would draw.

Every effort is being made to take the first step in the erection of an imposing and useful memorial for the late Col. Benson W. Hough during the Rainbow reunion. The memorial project that is now being actively sponsored is for the erection of a beautiful building in Columbus to cost several hundred thousand dollars. This building would house the state headquarters of all veterans' organizations in Ohio, and



possibly also house the headquarters of the present Ohio National Guard Division.

Members of the state legislature are now being contacted to obtain their support for an appropriation to erect the Hough Memorial Building and it is hoped that the cornerstone can be laid with appropriate ceremonies as one of the high spots of the Rainbow reunion. The relief problem and the problem created by the recent flood along the Ohio River has complicated the matter of getting the appropriation, but everything possible is being done to have the expenditure approved and those who are working on the project have high hopes that their objective will be reached.

In connection with the Champagne hour banquet, the committee has decided that no less than two dollars per plate will be paid for the dinner and that the highest type entertainment will be provided. Another thing that has been decided is that there will not be a so-called "stag show" sponsored by the reunion committees during the reunion.

Elaborate plans are to be made for the entertainment of the ladies of the auxiliary who will attend the auxiliary reunion. Everything possible will be done to provide them with entertainment during their entire stay in Columbus. Present tentative plans call for the most enjoyable schedule of events ever arranged for the Rainbow ladies at a national reunion.

The committee chairmen appointed by General Henderson are as follows: Decorations, Charles Burton; commemorative coin, Ray Frank; finance and banquet, George Foerster; publicity, Jack Henry; entertainment, George Ward; registration, Paul Bentley; printing and acting secretary, John Rea; hotels and treasurer, Sam Lichtenstein; Hough Memorial, Chalmers Parker; program and reception, Robert Beightler; memorial, William Laughman; women's activities, Nelle Patterson.

Headquarters of the reunion committee have been established in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel and a stenographer will be on duty there from now on until the big reunion of 1937 comes to an end.

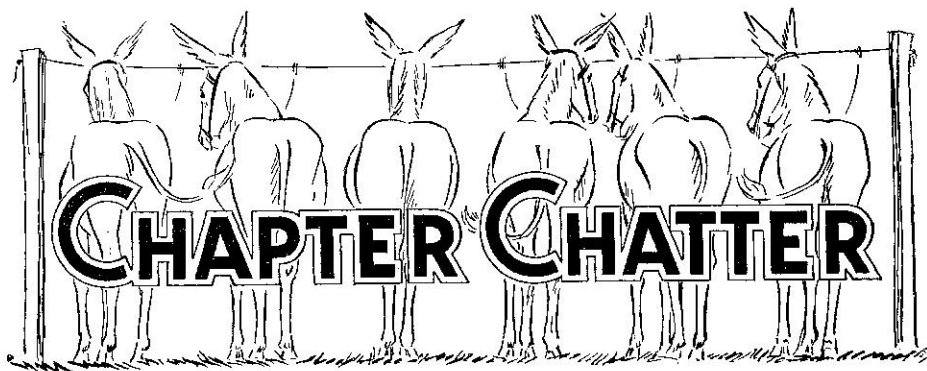
Those who attended the Rainbow reunion in Columbus a number of years ago know that the Ohioans leave nothing stand in their way in providing a wonderful time for those who attend reunions—and when it is said that the Rainbow reunion in July will be a brilliant affair that will never be forgotten, we are not just jotting down words to fill up space. This coming reunion is going to have everything possible in the way of entertainment. It is not too early to start making reservations now.

One of the unusual angles to the activities of the reunion general committee is a project for the minting of a Rainbow half-dollar by the Government. Comrade Ray Frank of Columbus, whose hobby is coin collecting, is chairman of the committee.

General Chairman Henderson made a special trip to Washington recently in connection with the project and a bill has been introduced in Congress authorizing the minting of the coin. Every effort will be made to have the bill passed and the coins minted in time to be available at the National Reunion.

Coin collectors all over the nation will be anxious to obtain the coins for their collection, and every Rainbow veteran will also be anxious to obtain one. The issue will be limited to make the coins valuable, and as the years pass they will increase in value in the eyes of collectors.

There is quite a bit of expense involved in connection with the design of the coins, models, etc., as is the case with all special issues and the cost is borne by the sponsors. As is the case with all special coins, they will be sold at a premium.



ALABAMA

The Birmingham gang turned out in force for the celebration held at Montgomery on February 20. Due to the fact that the Montgomery boys visited us for the Armistice celebration, we, in turn, held no special meeting for this celebration, so our attendance in Montgomery was especially good. All reported a wonderful time and your correspondent remains confused by the comradeship extended and cannot seem to remember any of the particular events—just the one thing sticks in his memory—a glorious time was had by all. As considerable space will probably be given Alabama in this issue, we sign off.

Ted.

A Tribute to General Walter E. Bare

By his friend, Chaplain Herman L. Turner, 167th Infantry, A. N. G.

After a prolonged illness, General Bare entered into his eternal rest February 5, 1937. Few men have had as full and as fine a life as General Walter E. Bare. His life is a real inspiration. He started his business career with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. as a lineman's helper and finished it in the upper bracket of official responsibility.

He was a soldier of distinction. He had the bearing and qualities of a real soldier. He started as a drummer boy in the Alabama National Guard, reaching the rank of a Brigadier General.



JOSEPH M. DICKERSON

President, Alabama State Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans



OTIS C. FREEMAN

President, Montgomery, Alabama, Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans

His record as a military leader is almost without parallel. Holding the rank of major, he was called on June 18, 1916, and with his regiment served during the winter of 1916-17 at Nogales, Ariz. In April, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel of the 167th U. S. Infantry. He served overseas with distinction. He was wounded in the Chateau Thierry offensive on July 30, 1918, and was appointed a colonel by General Pershing on March 3, 1919. He received two citations from the commander-in-chief, was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, which was presented to him personally by President Warren G. Harding during the Birmingham semi-centennial celebration on Oct. 26, 1921. He participated in every engagement in which the 42d or Rainbow Division took part.

On April 25, 1919, General Bare returned to the United States and was mustered out of the Army at Camp Gordon. On July 27, 1920, he was ordered into service again by the War Department general staff, and served until Jan. 31, 1921, as a colonel on the general staff. He was assigned to the war plans division, which had charge of the reorganization of the Army, National Guard and organized reserve forces.

On August 6, 1926, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general, com-

manding the troops of Alabama and Florida.

Blessed with an optimistic outlook on life, he carried down into the rich years of his earthly career a dominant faith and a deep love for his fellowman and came at last to the end, beloved, honored and rewarded beyond the hopes of other men.

MINNESOTA Minnesota State Reunion was held at Minneapolis, Minn., February 19 and 20.

The banquet and dance held at the Radisson Hotel Saturday evening, February 20, was attended by some 300 Rainbowers and friends. Many were from throughout this state and neighboring states.

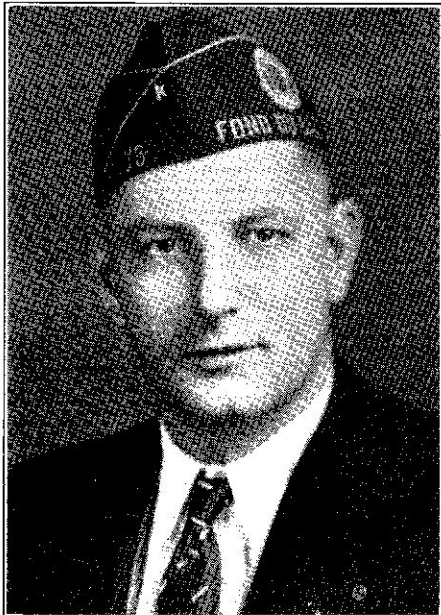
The "Gold Star Mothers" table seated twelve mothers, fathers and attendants.

Honorary State President Fletcher K. Ware was toastmaster. Speakers were General George Leach, Col. John H. McDonald, Col. Charles Green and N. J. Risedorph, state president. Joseph Justad spoke to the Gold Star Mothers in behalf of all.

As all eyes turned west in solemn tribute to those who have passed on, a quartet composed of sons of Rainbow Veterans sang "Taps."

An eight-piece orchestra furnished music for dancing until midnight.

The business meeting was held at the



LAWRENCE P. WILSON, JR.
President, Wisconsin State Chapter, Rainbow
Division Veterans



FLETCHER K. WARE
Honorary President, Minnesota State Chapter,
Rainbow Division Veterans

Dyckman Hotel and was well attended. Outstanding action was a very favorable vote on the "Medal of Honor." Awards will be made annually to the enlisted man (present 151st Field Artillery) with the most distinguished service during the year. We, the veterans of the 151st Field Artillery, are very proud of the organization that now bears our name. The personnel of this regiment will uphold the honor of their name and would be a credit to a Rainbow Division.

St. Paul's Mayor M. Gehan and the St. Paul Association extended a cordial invitation to our organization to hold our state and national reunions of 1938 in their city.

Financial report on revenues derived from our annual book were gratifying. N. L. Risedorph's management won praise from the floor.

Officers elected for ensuing year: Fletcher K. Ware, honorary president; Father William Harrington, honorary chaplain; Norton L. Risedorph, president; Joseph Connelly, first vice president; W. L. Soucy, second vice-president; F. Cushing, third vice president; L. Naegeli, fourth vice president; J. A. Wright, secretary; S. W. Segerstrom, treasurer; Jerome Jackman, historian; C. Herbert, sergeant-at-arms, and Dr. J. E. Soper, chaplain.

Fletcher K. Ware's surrender of the gavel to N. L. Risedorph marked the close of another great year in Minnesota Rainbow history. The national, as

well as the state association, has gained by having had a gentleman of his integrity and lovable nature for the leader of a state chapter.

Our social party held at the Dyckman Hotel Friday evening, February 19, was a great success from 8 p.m. to late Saturday a.m.

"Last Man Clubs" in Minnesota are well organized and you are going to hear a lot about them throughout the year as their meetings are held.

Battery "C" Club met in St. Paul February 19 at 5 p.m. On their "75" shell casing will be engraved all names of men deceased in France, followed by those deceased since our return. These will be followed by names of all men that became members of the club. As the boys go west, a star will be placed before their name. All you men that read these lines that were of Battery "C," 151st Field Artillery, who are not in touch with your club, write N. L. Risedorph, secretary, 167 Court House, St. Paul, Minn.

Frank Horton, president, Minneapolis Sub-Chapter, reports great achievements of their various activities, Drum Corps (juvenile), peanut machines, membership and charity.

Attention! You boys of Company "H," 167th Infantry, "Alabama." The St. Paul Chapter conscripted your first lieutenant, George Chapin, for president. He practices his profession in that city, attorney-at-law, and is a live wire in veteran, civic and political affairs. In fact, he is so in demand that it took the boys thirty days to get in touch with him to give formal advice of his election.

Much praise has been heard on the nation-wide broadcast of the Rainbow Division February 22. Arrangements were made at our Veterans Hospital to notify Rainbowners confined there a few minutes before the broadcast so none of them would miss it.

J. A. Wright, Secretary.



EDWARD G. RIEKERT
President, Father Duffy Chapter,
Rainbow Division Veterans

NEW YORK The Father Duffy Chapter is offering a reward for any information as to the whereabouts of our old editor, Bill McAvoy, and the sage of parliamentary law, Johnny Horan. These two pillars of the chapter have disappeared from Lexington Avenue under rather mysterious circumstances and, despite the painstaking efforts of two of our most able sleuths, "Dick Tracy" Kaveny and "Hawkshaw" Cornibert, no trace can be found of the boys. We doubt whether they have been kidnaped for, as "Yidda" Smith says, you can buy their kind for a dime a dozen. We also doubt if their wives are keeping them home for, knowing them

as we do, we think their wives would be glad to get rid of them once in a while. The meetings have been quiet without them—however, more orderly—and yet we miss their perverted sense of humor and are prepared to give a free chance on the raffle for the Plymouth to any member who can tell us where they are.

Bill Hanley and George Utermehle are now tied for first place in the headquarters stork derby, both having added another income tax exemption to their families in the past month. They each have four apiece and were at the last meeting looking none the worse for the gruelling ordeal they had just come through. Jack Ryan, who is single but who is trying to attract some fair lady by displaying his good conduct card in the showcase at the armory, is offering a prize to the father of the largest family by August 18, 1948, which date is the thirtieth anniversary of his being made a first-class private.

Tom Donahue, our able poet, has settled down in Brooklyn to be near the "New England" Winthrops, especially for Sunday dinner. Dudley is his favorite theme for his poems and now that he is president of the Geronimo Democratic Club, Tom is his publicity man.

Larry Hagan is our chairman for the Annual Ball on April 16 at the Pennsylvania Hotel. In order to stimulate interest in the committee meetings held each Friday, Larry is setting up the beers for the boys and gives each one a copy of his boss', Bernarr McFadden's, magazine, Liberty. If the chapter gets behind Larry in this important job he is bound to make a success of it for he has plenty of Rainbow enthusiasm for the job.

Our own Gus Hughes has been transferred to Salt Lake City in Utah after a two-year stay in Detroit. We don't know how many Rainbowers we have in Salt Lake City but we do know that Gus will be glad to see any of them at the Veterans' Bureau.

Jack Kerrigan is laying plans for the reception of the Rainbowers who attend the Legion Convention in New York in September. Next to our own convention, this is the best way to meet Rainbowers from other parts of the country.

Interest in the Plymouth raffle is very good, a hundred books having been sold in less than two weeks. Since the profits from this will be used to equip our new meeting room, the Father Duffy Room, the boys are getting behind this project with a bang.

If any of you fellows from out of town are in or around New York on April 16, drop in at the Pennsylvania

Hotel and we guarantee to show you a real good time.

J. P. S.

OKLAHOMA About twenty-five Rainbowers attended our meeting in the afternoon and evening of February 22 at the American Legion Club here in Tulsa. Paul Laws, whom we had not seen recently, was here in the afternoon and we were mighty glad to see you again, Paul. Hope you will be with us often in the future. President Wood and Vice President McCabe of the Oklahoma Chapter were here in the evening for the broadcast. We all enjoyed the radio program a lot and we hope that every Rainbower in Oklahoma was listening in. "Orchids to you" (a la Winchell) President Whitney for your fine talk at the end of the program and we sincerely hope that the fine broadcast will do a lot of good for Rainbow all over the country.

Oklahoma Rainbowers, plan now to be with us for the state reunion at Oklahoma City Saturday, June 5. And if you have not done so, send in your dues for the current year, or at least the national dollar, so that we may do our share to keep the National Association functioning properly.

Arthur F. Brock.



JOHN B. BRENNER
President, Lancaster, Pennsylvania Chapter,
Rainbow Division Veterans

MICHIGAN The presentation of the Rainbow Division Medal of Valor was made at a ceremony held last Saturday evening, February 20, in conjunction with our annual Washington's Birthday party. This year the civilian award was won by a nine-year-old girl, June Pillsbury, who saved her mother from drowning last summer. Ladderman Lester Hare, Detroit Fire Department, was awarded a medal for saving the lives of three persons in an apartment house fire. Patrolman Walter Chlopan, Detroit Police Department, won his medal by tackling two armed thugs who had broken into a business establishment on his beat. After a gun battle, Patrolman Chlopan captured the thugs. After the presentation, which was made by "Three Star" Hennessey, chairman of the Medal of Valor Committee, the assembled boys and girls to the number of 700 really got down to serious business. Rainbowers from Flint, Birmingham, Lansing, Thompsonville and way stations were noted present or accounted for. It was again necessary to get the wall stretchers out.

Michigan is proud of the splendid broadcast which was put on the air from Station WXYZ, Detroit.

We regret to announce the passing of Rainbower Frank Kelley, formerly captain, E Battery, 150th Field Artillery. "Kell" as he was known to the Hoosier gang, died suddenly on February 11. Sid Miller of Indianapolis and Ralph Gregory of Bloomington were in attendance at the services on Monday, as were a number of local Rainbowers.

G. I. Williams, Sec'y.

INDIANA Pinch-hitting (at his request) for our genial, ever-efficient and ever-increasing President Ellis Baker, who had to go all the way to Florida to find sufficient volume of sun to bathe his adequate frame.

Meetings were held in most of the Rainbow centers of Indiana to hear the national broadcast on the twenty-second.

Lavish words of praise were heard for this realistic and interesting dramatization climaxed by President Whitney's pleasing address. It presented to the minds of the listeners a truly graphic cyclorama of the Rainbow's part in the war and the producers and participants are to be sincerely congratulated for the excellent entertainment.

Pete Straub, Indiana's non too hirsute but hustling Adjutant General, rendered yeoman service in organizing and commanding Indiana's National Guard during the Ohio River flood emergency. Major General Robert H. Tyndall was in command of the troops in the flood area, with Col. Kenneth P. Williams as

chief of staff, and had his headquarters at West Baden. Major O. R. Thompson, Capt. Garreth W. Olds and others were also very much "on the front" doing a fine job in relief activities.

Proving that a mere trip to Florida does not immediately cure one of all his worries, President Baker is still campaigning for additional members of the Rainbow—we mean those technically and affectionately known as dues contributing members. If all of you who know you feel like you want to and ought to will just send your \$1.50 to Stuart A. Tomlinson, 310 Medical Arts Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana can bust right over the top on its quota. We are only half-way there now. Give this one minute's consideration and fulfill your obligation to the organization that is doing so much for you.

ILLINOIS Illinois Rainbowers will long remember the nights of February 22, 1917 and 1937. Over 150 assorted Artillerists, Infantrymen, Engineers and others who served with the Rainbow assembled on February 22, 1937, to celebrate and commemorate the February 22 of 1918. The "Rainbow broadcast" came to us in the proper environment, as we were with those who esteem "Rainbow" most dearly.

The speech-making of local talent was cleverly entertaining and most humorous. Our famous judicial twins—Harrington and McGarry—Howard Stone, Tom Finnegan, Max Payne, Herb Beck, Bob Baltz, Chic Neyens and others did the pinch hitting for Colonel Judah, who was unable to be with us.

Walter Michel, Vice President of the Father Duffy Chapter, paid us a visit and brought greetings from New York.

The attendance at our meetings has been most gratifying as each meeting exceeds the former in attendance and "pep." Illinois IS Rainbow conscious and we are aiming to bring a record-breaking gang to Columbus next July.

To those "Men of the Rainbow" who are located in Illinois and have not caught the spirit of "Rainbow," may we through this medium urge you to come out to the meetings—because we want you because of YOU. You who are missing the grand opportunity to fraternize with your old Rainbow friends, we want you to come out just once and we will assure you that "nothing" will keep you away from future meetings.

VIRGINIA Rainbowers, we wish you all could have been in Washington for the tri-state meeting. Honestly we had a swell time.

We attended reunions all day long. Leaving Roanoke in the early morning

in custody of Sergeant Jim Dent, we had the first in Lynchburg with Ike Schewel, then on to Richmond and we rounded up Jock Trimmer, Johnny Harrison, Otis Clark and Russ Sebrell. In Fredericksburg we called on Branch Spalding and then we "lit a rag" for Washington. The fellows that put on the meeting deserve a salute for, especially, the entertainment.

Our "tin hats" are off to NBC and Station WXYZ of Detroit for their co-operation in making possible that grand Rainbow national broadcast and here's hoping Rainbow men throughout the world heard that stirring program.

We are getting tired of seeing the Virginia Chapter in the second division in chapter standings and by golly we hope every Virginia man takes a good squint at the standings and—well, just sends us his dues. Then pats himself on the back.

Listen, fellow Virginians, we can't go to Columbus without this chapter being "over the top," so dig in and put out.

Bill Hitt.

CALIFORNIA CHILLS Not much to say this time. Nearly all of us have in some way or other been occupied with fighting cold weather, rain, snow, floods and other unpleasanties with which we have been plagued since the first of the year. Some flu, but no fatalities. We had our share of those several months ago.

Los Angeles is busy right now with the big sweepstakes party to be held on February 26 and we hope for some good results all around. The local membership is gradually nearing the hundred mark and Skipper Groves is leaning all his portly pounds against the efforts to hit the bull's-eye soon.

Even in the midst of our own climatic difficulties we have had time to give thought to those in the Ohio and Mississippi Valley areas and California was glad to write a check to help in the relief.

The national broadcast on February 22 came through excellently and we out here feel that the national officers are certainly entitled to a lot of credit for their work in making this possible. More contacts of this nature will go far towards a closer tie between all Rainbowed men.

Nothing heard recently from San Diego or San Francisco, but they are still on deck, even if quiet.

Top Davis.

OHIO Ohio has another Rainbow Chapter, and prospects of another one within a few weeks. The Rainbowed of Washington C. H. have got together and revived Ancerville P. C. Chapter—and in celebration of the

event they staged a venison dinner on February 27. The venison was in cold storage for several months before being served and was just right. A large crowd of Rainbowed of Washington C. H. and from other Ohio towns enjoyed the feast and the get-together.

The boys and girls at Mansfield decided that they should celebrate February 22 and did so at a party held at the home of Earl Massa. The party was so successful that the Rainbowed decided to revive the Mansfield Chapter that has not been in operation for years and have called a meeting for March 8 in the office of the gas company.

Big Rainbow parties were held in Columbus, Lancaster, Akron and Cleveland on the night of February 22 and reports from all over the state indicate that smaller groups in scattered communities had get-togethers that night. Two Ohio radio stations, WGAR of Cleveland and WCOL of Columbus carried the radio broadcast.

In a separate article is news concerning the national reunion at Columbus. While plans are going ahead there for the national event, plans are as rapidly going forward in Marion for the annual state reunion to be held June 4 and 5. The headquarters will be in the Harding Hotel and it is urged that reservations be made as soon as possible. Everyone who has attended an Ohio state reunion knows that it is a red-letter affair that draws hundreds of Rainbowed and auxiliary members and provides entertainment de luxe every minute of the time. Ohioans are planning on turning out in full force for both of the Rainbow reunions this year.

Jack Henry.

NEBRASKA February 22 the Nebraska Chapter celebrated our first entrance to the firing lines during the World War. About thirty couples attended this party. Dinner was served at 6:30, followed by cards and dancing for the evening and at 10:30 we were entertained by the radio broadcast which was enjoyed by all. Also during the evening a door prize was given away and two prizes for cards. It was a very enjoyable evening and plenty of good food.

C. J. Holton, President.

There is every indication that before the next Reveille is printed Ohio will boast of ten Chapters. The boys at Mansfield are close on the heels of the Rainbowed at Washington C. H., who recently organized. Sam Fox was chosen as temporary chairman for organization at Mansfield with everything apparently all set for Mansfield Chapter to become active again.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA The big moment for the D. C. Chapter since the last Reveille was the fifth annual Tri-State Reunion of the Maryland, Virginia and D. C. Chapters held in Washington on February 22 at the Harrington Hotel. A large New York delegation, headed by President Jim Brundage of the Westchester Chapter, were among the many out-of-town Rainbowers who honored the host chapters by their attendance. Bill Nevius, as always, came down from New Jersey to participate. President Jim Dent and Executive Committeeman Bill Hitt drove up from Roanoke to head the Virginia section—well represented from the Virginia environs of Washington. President Bud Weis brought about thirty-five wild and wooly Baltimoreans, including Steve Masson, who made a "lamb" of a speech, and Jack Clarke, who played safe. President Bill Kay turned out well over half of the D. C. mailing list—which is a good showing for any Rainbow affair. Reunion Chairman and M. of C. Rodier stood for the speakers. Colonel Monroe Johnson made an inspiring speech, as always, leaving his audience somewhat better Rainbowers than he found them. He took but a mild exception to his introduction as the Grand Old Man of the Rainbow. After all, as the Colonel said, he's not so danged old. The guest speaker was

Congressman Maas of Minnesota, a veteran, and a Marine, of all things. Congressman Maas spoke of the moral and patriotic support Rainbow veterans owe to that stout bulwark of world peace—an America prepared to defend itself. Major Pelzman, D. C.'s perennial chairman (and master) of entertainment, laid down a heavy barrage of light entertainment recruited from the leading night clubs of Washington.

Mine Host Gumpert of the Harrington enhanced Washington's reputation for hospitality with an excellent dinner—and served hot, if you can imagine that at a banquet. The climax of the reunion was, of course, the National Rainbow Broadcast. A thrill of pride filled every Rainbow heart at this splendid and dramatic highlighting of our Division's days of glory. A spring filled to the brim with activities for the D. C. Chapter is in prospect, and then on to Columbus!



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Captain, Company "E," 117th Engineers
Died November 8, 1936
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Claude M. Nelson
Company G, 167th Infantry
Died November 11, 1936
Veterans' Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Edward Marr
Battery F, 150th Field Artillery
Died January 25, 1937
Escondido, California

Zygmunt Lewandowski
Company L, 165th Infantry
Died January 30, 1937
Detroit, Michigan

Colonel Walter E. Bare
Died February 5, 1937
Atlanta, Georgia

Captain Frank Kelly
Battery E, 150th Field Artillery
Died February 11, 1937
Detroit, Michigan

Cullen W. Howard
Company I, 167th Infantry
Died February 19, 1937
(Result of being struck by auto)
Birmingham, Alabama

Lester R. Kantz
Battery C, 150th Field Artillery
Died March 1, 1937
Livermore, California

Jack Andrews
117th Engineers
Died March 2, 1937
Long Island, N. Y.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



RAINBOW MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Sunday preceding Memorial Day, May 30, but not on that day, has been officially designated by the 18th Annual Reunion in Kansas City to annually pay tribute to our Rainbow dead. All chapters are requested to comply with this timely resolution and make arrangements to fittingly observe this service in memory of our departed Rainbows. Our official Rainbow eulogy follows:

Departed Comrade(s):

You have reached the end of the Rainbow. Just a few short years ago you stood shoulder to shoulder with us under the brilliant hued arc that stretched from the quaint old Province of Lorraine to the tangled forests of the Argonne. You have answered the call of the celestial bugler.

Your mission in following the Rainbow to its glorious end was not to find the proverbial "pot of gold," but one that had a more unselfish purpose and would bring added glory to the flag of our beloved country.

(A poppy is dropped upon the grave(s)).

A poppy from the fields of France. It is only a small token of our love for you, Comrade(s), but may the tears of a grateful nation nourish it.

We salute you and pray that when we answer the final call we will find you waiting for us on the "eternal parade grounds."

C. L. Corneille, 150th F. A.

Note—Upon request we will mail gratis special folder (Form No. 3) containing eulogy and special Rainbow burial service. Apply to Secretary.

Before planning your memorial service may we refer you to President Whitney's inspiring message on Memorial Day which appeared in the November-December issue of *The Reveille*, page four. Please read and then act.

IS THIS THE RAINBOW SPIRIT?

With the first seven months of our fiscal year now a matter of record let's take an honest "peek" at our performance chart. To date we have published and mailed four (4) issues of *The Reveille* to over 12,500 Rainbow men each issue. Of this number of Rainbows, "only" 1,738 men have contributed the national dollar which pays their national dues and makes possible our publication schedule. Only 1,738 out of 12,500—IS THIS THE RAINBOW SPIRIT? Our chapter allocation is so made that the burden is equally distributed to each chapter, same being based upon the number of *Reveilles* mailed in each state. ARE YOU LETTING THE OTHER FELLOW CARRY "YOUR PACK"?

Let's go, "Men of the Rainbow"—the depression was tough but it is all over now. The pendulum has started its upward swing—with prices upward bound and our ever-increasing mailing list we must urge that you let that old "Rainbow spirit" exercise a bit of control over your pocketbook and release that NATIONAL DOLLAR. Is there a former veteran of the old Division who would not DEDICATE A "BUCK" a year that *The Reveille* might be published and mailed to all known MEN OF THE RAINBOW? We think not. How many dollars do you spend "foolishly" each year, yet HAVE YOU MAILED IN YOUR RAINBOW DOLLAR THIS YEAR? If not, PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE.

NOW—LET'S HAVE A REAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! The chapter that will roll up its sleeves and pitch into the job of contacting the Rainbows of your chapter will land more members than all the map and tack outfits with their hand-illuminated statistics. The bamboo pole and the can of worms have caught more fish than all the flies in the piscatorial pageant. The way to "fish is to fish" and the way to get members is to "GO OUT AND GET THEM."

I've promised President Whitney a balanced budget this year—now come on, gang, and back me up. LET'S SEE THE "RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS" with a balanced budget when I make my report down in Columbus. Let's go—EVERYONE!

IDENTIFY YOURSELF WITH RAINBOW

The official registered insignia of the Rainbow Division Veterans is beautifully designed as a lapel button in gold with the three colors of the Rainbow in enamel. On the back of each button is listed all the battle fronts that the Division served on. WE OFFER this attractive button at 75c each.

For the automobile WE OFFER a beautiful Decalomania transfer 4x4 carrying the Rainbow in colors against a French blue background with the RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS in the upper left hand corner to balance the large 42 under the arc of the Rainbow. These WE OFFER at 25c each.

For those who prefer a metal ornament for the grill or the license plate holder WE OFFER a beautiful bronze metal ornament with the Rainbow inlaid in colors and the name RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS. These WE OFFER at 75c a pair.

We have had a sample Rainbow ring made up of 13 carat yellow gold. It is a seal type ring made with the same die as our buttons but set with a very narrow black enamel border to set it off. It is a beautiful piece of work and we hope to have a drawing ready for our next issue of *The Reveille*. The rings will not be stocked but may be had on order accompanied with remittance of \$10.00, the actual cost from jeweler.

AMERICAN ALL—THE RAINBOW AT WAR

Our Official History

Got a letter the other day from some bird who had evidently been fooled plenty during his service with the Division as he opened up fire on me by saying, "What's this I hear about a Divisional History? Is this another one of those 'come on' books that we have been buying ever since the war? Give me the lowdown, old man—drop the camouflage and tell me something of this book."

Well, needless to say, I got a letter right off to this chap explaining that this is the real McCoy written by our capable historian, Henry J. Reilly, with detailed maps of all action, etcetera, and by the next mail I had his order and since then he has written me on the merits of the book, and how! **FELLOWS, THIS IS ONE BOOK THAT EVERY FORMER VETERAN OF THE DIVISION WANTS IN HIS LIBRARY AND IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED SAME, DO SO AT ONCE.** The price is only \$3.00 prepaid to you from the publisher. Your order should be placed through your chapter secretary or

through this office. Note—This is a true story, eh Rainbower Humphries of R. R. No. 1, Shelley, Idaho?

Financial Report to March 1, 1937 Chapter Per Cent Standings

Unit of Rainbow	Reveilles Mailed	Allocated Quota	Paid Dues	Per Cent Standing	Required to Balance Budget
Nebraska	54	22	\$48	218%	
Maryland	149	60	82	136	
Colorado	86	34	44	129	
Alabama	396	158	166	105	
Virginia	127	51	43	84	\$8.00
Wisconsin	244	97	80	82	17.00
Dist. Col.	175	70	55	78	16.00
Oklahoma	190	76	57	75	19.00
Minnesota	492	199	146	73	53.00
Michigan	490	196	139	70	57.00
Illinois	855	342	232	67	110.00
Tennessee	95	38	23	60	15.00
Indiana	434	173	83	47	90.00
Ohio	1,440	576	236	40	340.00
Pennsylvania	609	243	93	38	150.00
California	809	324	86	26	238.00
Mo.-Kans.	404	162	36	22	126.00
Florida	143	57	12	21	45.00
Iowa	547	219	45	20	174.00
New York	1,705	682	99	14	583.00
Texas	143	57	7	12	50.00
New Jersey	245	99	8	8	91.00
Oregon	71	29	2	6	27.00
Georgia	174	69	4	5	65.00
Nat'l Chap.	706	282	12	4	270.00
S. Carolina	282	113	0	0	113.00

Note—Allocated quota of each unit is only 40 per cent of the total membership of the state.

Attention, Members "At Large"

We are mailing *The Reveille* to 706 Rainbowers who do not belong to any chapter as they reside in states not having chapters. Out of the 706 members at large ONLY 12 have paid the NATIONAL DOLLAR. What's the matter, fellows, have you lost that old Rainbow spirit? Or have you just forgotten? We think the latter, so let the National Secretary hear from you by return mail. Merci beaucoup, "Soldat."

T. E. Nelson,
75 Orchard Lane,
Columbus, Ohio.