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The President's Page

My dear Rainbowers:

I am repeating just a little bit of history when I say that at one of the meetings I recently attended the following remark was made by a Rainbower: "America is safe and Hitler is finished because MY SON has now joined the Army Air Corps."

Those of you who have sons should just dwell for a moment on the significance of that remark! We of Rainbow feel that we have a heritage, but little do we realize what it means until it is brought right back again into our homes.

Grandmothers and grandfathers who, at the time of our leaving for service in France were fathers and mothers, now have a double meaning for the word "son" and "grandson." This opportune remark was brought out at the occasion of a farewell party to several of our comrades and to me it was most significant; I have dwelt on it very much.

Of course every son of a Rainbower is the nephew of every other Rainbower, so that in this emergency we do have to stretch out our hand, because getting back to the Rainbow family tradition, we are uncles to every one of them.

It may be, perchance, that some of our nieces will be in the Army or Navy Nurse Corps so that our heritage will go down as being the most glorious of all Divisions.

I have never before in any message to you stressed the point of a large attendance at Atlantic City, but elsewhere in the Reveille you will find that plans are being made for the erection of a Memorial at the site of Camp Mills by the Long Island Chapter. It is planned to have the dedication services, so far as I know, on the morning of July 12 and they have arranged special trains to take us from the dedication ceremonies to Atlantic City. I am informed that this can be included in the fare without additional cost. You will be advised of this later on.

BILL NEVIUS.

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ATLANTIC CITY MAY SET NEW RECORD

Into our editorial sancto sanctorium there sifts most of the gossip and rumors of this and that about Rainbow and Rainbrowsers from Shanghai to Estonia; from the rockbound coast of Florida to the palmy shores of Mt. Desert. Of late the grapevine has been laden with the anticipatory chit-chat about the National Reunion to be held next July at Atlantic City. The prevailing theme is that this Reunion may prove to be the best attended of them all. The thought expressed by one Rainbrowser gives the clue. Writes he, "I always wanted to attend a National Reunion and meet my old Rainbow buddies again. My wife always wanted to go to Atlantic City. Next July we both get our wish." Obviously any



number of Rainbrowsers with limited vacation time at their disposal will welcome the thought of taking in a Reunion at so attractive a vacation resort as Atlantic City. Many will come on ahead of the Reunion; more will linger after it is over. The usual startlingly speedy exodus after the closing banquet will be noticeably absent this year, we shouldn't wonder. A brilliant program of entertainment for the Reunioners has been planned by Chairman Slattery and the capable committeemen charged with the management of the Reunion. Says Slats proudly, "We are ready now; we could put on the Reunion tomorrow." And your Editor doesn't doubt it in the least.

New Jersey has elected to withhold release of their detailed program for the present. "We'll shoot the works into the Reveille in another month or two," Bob Hayward advised us recently via long distance. "But we can promise you that our program will combine the best in Rainbow Reunion tradition with some original Reunioning which only Atlantic City could provide."

THE BROADCAST

The Rainbow broadcast over a coast-to-coast radio network on February 22nd commemorates a historic occasion of more than ordinary significance at this time. The entrance of the Rainbow Division into the front lines in 1918 marked the beginning of a new and enhanced appreciation of the military worth of the American National Guardsman. They quickly demonstrated their own courage, stamina, and effectiveness; and in so doing demonstrated that America's trained citizen soldiery was an important factor in the military equation. America's potential strength and weight in the scales of world affairs is today greater and of more importance because of what the Rainbow Division accomplished in the period which began on that February 22nd. Part of our nation's courage and our nation's confidence in its strength arises from our deeds. Let us remember that fact on February 22nd; remember it with due humility, but remember it with a just pride.

TWO STATUES

President Bill Nevius has asked that we express through these columns his sincere appreciation for the many letters commenting on his recent article entitled "Two Statues." So many such communications, indeed, were received that he has found it impossible to reply to them all. But he wants those who wrote to know that the sentiments expressed in their letters were gratifying and that he is appreciative of their thoughtfulness.

RAINBOW MEMORIAL AT MILLS

The Long Island Chapter is still busily engaged in its campaign to raise funds for the National Rainbow Memorial to be erected at Camp Mills and unveiled next July. We understand that they have already placed the order for the shaft. They are still receiving voluntary contributions, a list of which will be placed in the cornerstone of the memorial. G. E. Seaman, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, is treasurer for the fund.

Annual Rainbow Broadcast

Feb. 22, 2 to 2:30 P.M., Red Network, National Broadcasting Co.

From 2:00 to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on February 22nd, over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company, there will be broadcast a patriotic program by the Rainbow Division Veterans commemorating their entrance into the front lines on that day in 1918. This is the eighth annual broadcast on this occasion and date, and is a signal honor accorded the Rainbow Division Veterans.

Principal speaker on this program will be National President William Nevius, who will speak from Washington, D. C. Among the other speakers on the program will be Colonel "Wild Bill" Donovan, provided he has returned (as is anticipated) from his present mission in war torn Europe. Colonel J. Monroe Johnson (now Interstate Commerce Commissioner) will also speak from Washington. James P. Striffler will speak from New York City; Governor Wilber M. Brucker from Detroit, Michigan; Irvin C. (Jack) Henry from Ohio, and Lieut. General Matthew Tinley from Iowa.

The Reveille does not carry a list of the stations of the Red Network which will carry this program; you are urged to communicate with the Red Network outlet of the National Broadcasting Company nearest to your home and request that they carry the program. But do not miss this program; it will be a big moment in Rainbow.

Tri-State Reunion at Richmond

February 22, 7 P.M., John Marshall Hotel

The annual Tri-State Reunion is to be held in Richmond, Virginia, this year. Under the co-chairmanship of Jock Trimmer and Ravee Norris, Richmond, on behalf of the Virginia Chapter, is playing host to this popular mid-winter Rainbow celebration on February 22. President Bill Nevius will head the large contingent of Rainbowners from other states who will foregather at the John Marshall Hotel, in Richmond, to celebrate the entrance of the Rainbow Division into the front lines on that historic day in 1918. This will be the twelfth Tri-State Reunion, ten having been previously celebrated in Washington, and Maryland having been host on one occasion in Baltimore. Washington has generally been selected because of its central location, but this year Virginia claimed the honor, and the enthusiastic Rainbowners in the Old Dominion have developed plans which are expected to

set a new "high" in Tri-State Reunions. Jim Dent, Bill Hitt, and the Roanoke Rainbow contingent are working with the Richmonders to make this event one glorious in Rainbow history.

The Tri-State Reunions have grown in their scope in recent years, with Rainbowners from states other than Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia participating. Pennsylvania is always represented, for example, with Vice President John Brenner and wheel-horse Earl Dennis always or hano while Pittsburgh is represented when Walt Michel, Randy Randolph or "Fleck" Fleckenstein find it possible to get down. New York is generally represented by Myer Levy, Arthur Totien and others of the White Plains spark pluggers of Rainbow. This year, in the person of our National President, Bill Nevius, all of Rainbow will be represented.

Washington D. C. to send Bus-Load to Richmond

Appreciative of the wonderful support Virginia has always accorded the Tri-State Reunions held in Washington, the D. C. Chapter has hired a bus to make the 125-mile trip; and in order to make it "easy" on the boys has arranged a Cook's Tour Excursion, with a five-dollar bill covering all expenses from Washington, including transportation and the Reunion banquet, etc. Naturally this will cost more than \$5.00; the D. C. Chapter is

"treating" to the difference. The Baltimore, Pennsylvania, and New York delegations are invited to participate in this "Cook's Tour" plan, and a grand and glorious time is anticipated from the time these Rainbowners roll southward until the bus pulls back into Washington. The bus will leave Washington at 3:00 p.m., from 1416 F Street N.W., and will leave Richmond after the Tri-State Reunion Banquet ends. The probable time of arrival in Washington is 4:00 a.m.

Chapter Chatter

CALIFORNIA—San Francisco Chapter—The

Christmas party is in the past but the memory of its success remains with each member of the chapter.

We are proud of all who helped in any way to make the party a success and especially do we wish to commend the following for their unselfish work: Mrs. James Araujo, Mrs. Thos. Marchi, Mrs. Glen Taylor, Mrs. Vernon George, Mrs. Charles Lenhart, Mrs. J. Cruise, Mrs. J. Conroy, Mrs. William George and Mrs. Thos. Sharman for their efforts in behalf of the banquet; John Conroy as Santa Claus; Comrade Hoke for the fine entertainment, and Al Boss for the splendid publicity given the affair.

The officers and members of the chapter presented a beautiful silk scarf to Secretary William McCants and he is mighty proud of it.

Los Angeles Chapter—The spaghetti dinner which was served at the January meeting was voted "tops" by all who were present. Several of the members got all tangled up in the stuff but managed to unwind themselves before the business meeting began.

Guest speaker of the evening was Carroll Parrish, 4th District Commander, Sons of the American Legion, who spoke upon the methods used by the Communists in spreading their subversive doctrines among the youths in our schools and the refugees who arrive in our country.

If all of the members of our veterans' organizations had the same spunk and patriotism this young man has the term "Fifth Column" would have no meaning in this country. Comrade Frank Johnson's remark was too true when he said: "Our worst enemy is the easy chair before the fireplace. We plank our 'fanny' in it, pick up the paper and say 'there ain't no such animal' or adopt the attitude of 'let George do it.'"

The 23rd Annual Hi-Jinx of the L. A. Chapter will be held Feb. 28. Tickets are now on sale. There will be 92 door prizes and 92 people are going to have extra cash with which to buy a new Easter bonnet for the wife or perhaps attend the National Reunion in July. Why not you? The chapter will also be able to replenish its treasury. Don't be bashful about asking for tickets.

Walt Michel, our roving ambassador from Pittsburgh, Pa., was a guest at the meeting. We were all glad to see you, Walt.

San Diego—Joyce Kilmer Chapter now has a permanent meeting room in the War Memorial Building. The members are busy gathering up Rainbow trophies, maps and pictures for the room.

Those of us living here are going through the early part of our World War No. 1 life over again, as San Diego is one of the key points in the new defense set-up. There are camps all around the city and the sky is full of planes. We are "home folks" now and it is our turn to drag a doughboy home for Sunday dinner.

WARNER H. GRASELL.

ILLINOIS—The reason Illinois Chapter has not been heard from in Rainbow Reveille lately is due to the fact that though the newly appointed correspondent has prepared notes on the news available, he has been misdirecting them and the same have not been received in time for publication by the Editor; all of which accounts for the following news being a trifle "ancient," but we will try to improve as time goes on.

On November 8 last about 150 Rainbow Division Veterans from Chicago and vicinity gathered in the waterproof cellars of Harry's New Yorker to observe the anniversary of the 1918 Armistice. There, elbow deep in foaming suds and sparkling water and surrounded by friends dearer than most others whom we call by that name, we were entertained by the frolicsome antics of Winnie Hoveler's Hoofers, and listened with interest to the instructive address of Mr. Paul Armstrong, Director of Selective Service for the State of Illinois, whose topic was "Armistice Day, Yesterday and Today." Our Vice President, Bill Bishop, maestro of the affair, indicates that every Rainbow vet not only carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack in wartime, but in peacetime, is just as apt to carry a master of ceremonies' gavel in his hip pocket—with corkscrew attached. A citation artistically inscribed on parchment by one of our artists, Ed Schatz, was conferred by the chapter on Past President Eskil Bjork, who for the two years just passed, during which he held the office of president, rendered most exceptional and meritorious services and gave new life to our Chapter activities and in doing so won the lasting respect and affection of all of us. However, instead of retiring Eskil to those green pastures to which all deserving war horses are eventually sent, he, like our other two officers emeritus, Secretary Crowther and Treasurer Bindig, stays on active duty as editor of our chapter publication, Swazancans.

We have a worthy successor to Eskil as chapter president in Robert Reno, Jr., local ace and agency head of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. From the start made, it is already apparent that in the matter of arranging interesting meetings and opportunities for Rainbow comradeship and good fellowship the Chapter is going to continue to go places under Bob's leadership, and he insists that there will be no question this year as to which is the "World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter." In fact, with nearly 400 paid up members to date, Bob feels that it is in the bag and has already ordered letterheads telling the world where the greatest chapter is located (New York papers and Bill Carroll, please take notice). The payoff will come at the Atlantic City convention next July and Reno has already appointed our perennial delegate, Dan Avery—who eats, but never drinks or sleeps at Rainbow reunions—as our official representative to see that dollars and not beer bottle caps are counted this time in totaling up the paid up memberships to determine which chapter is really on top.

The next chapter affair is slated for February 21 and is to be held in the Red Lacquer Room of the Hotel La Salle. Read the next issue of Swazancans and watch your local newspaper for further details.

TOM FINNEGAN.

INDIANA—Ed Peregrine, "Peagreen" to those of us in E Battery, 150th Field Artillery, is dead. Just another Buddy who has answered the call and gone west.

Nothing unusual about that, for all of us must answer that call, but Ed's passing to the Valhalla of all soldiers brought to my mind Father Duffy's talk to the reunion in Cleveland in 1921.

Father Duffy said that all of us would be allowed to attend so many reunions and if any were missed there was no way to make up for it. Some would be allowed to come twenty times, others thirty, and a few over forty-five. Each and every reunion would be a milestone in each veterans' life and those moments which would renew the friendships of service together were as moments of time apart from ordinary life and not to be forgotten and taken lightly.

"Peagreen" had been sick for several years and when the doctors told him that he was in bad shape he told me that he didn't realize how much he wanted to see his buddies.

He came to the first and second reunion of his battery and talked to the fellows who had served with him throughout the war. Early one morning, after a night of reminiscing with the "gang," he said, "I wish that I had attended all of the reunions since the war. I am so glad that after eighteen years I was able to come to my Battery reunion. I am sick and I want to see all my buddies again."

How many of us are going to feel the same way and will one of these days want to see their buddies again. Time is passing and many have gone and the balance are fast going. Especially those who saw months of active service.

So I say to us, the living, as Father Duffy said in 1921, there are just so many reunions that God will allow us to attend and meet our buddies of the big adventure in all of our lives. So again I say unto you, come, renew that spirit of 1917 and '18 that is in your heart and when you answer the first roll call in Valhalla Hall, you will be able to answer the questions that will be asked of you by those who have gone before as to what is happening to those who are still falling in again here on this earth.

I know that "Peagreen" will gladly report to the Skipper that the Battery, Sir, is in fine shape.

Indiana Chapter fell in Wednesday evening at the Hoosier Athletic Club and extended a farewell party to those of our outfit who are still in service and are leaving January 17th for Camp Shelby at Hattiesburg, Miss., as members of the 38th Division.

Our former Colonel Robert H. Tyndall, who is now Major General, has taken the Division to camp with the assistance of the following officers and men: Captain I. Ted Taylor, Major Frank C. Henry, Lieut. Howard C. Maxwell, Colonel Elmer F. Straub, Colonel K. P. Williams, Lieut. Wilbur B. Morgan, Capt. Frank M. Heinzmann, Sgt. Charles Long, Lieut. Col. Joseph T. O'Neal, Lieut. Roy Gardner, Capt. Keller, Pvt. George Hurley and Sgt. Arthur C. Wesson.

Committee for the entertainment of the departing Rainbows consisted of the following members: Vaughn Cooke, Paul R. Ragsdale, Guy A. Wainwright, John M. Caylor, Sidney F. Miller, Daniel Glossbrenner, Perry W. Yesh of Indianapolis; Byram Young of Lafayette; Clyde Snoddy of Bloomington, and Edward E. Hoffman of Indianapolis.

KEITH GREGG.

IOWA—Inner chapter activities continue with the old Rainbow spirit. On February 2 the State Executive Committee met in Des Moines to make final plans for the Annual Iowa State Reunion to be held in Des Moines at Hotel Savery, March 1 and 2. The usual fine reunion is planned and Rainbow vets from everywhere are expected to attend. We hope that National President Nevius carries out his threat and turns up here at the reunion. Several of the National Auxiliary officers have informed the ladies that they will be here. For information, write Rainbow Veterans, 318 Fifth, Des Moines, Iowa.

February 27 a buffet luncheon and stag will be held at the Rainbow Club rooms for men of the old 168th Infantry who are leaving with the new 168th Infantry for their year of extensive training. A good send-off is planned for the boys, practically all of them now officers in the Guard from lieutenants to colonels. Good luck to them. Captain Harley Rhoads is now at Fort Benning, Georgia, and will join his outfit later at Camp Clayborn, La.

HOMER W. GARDNER.

NEW YORK—One of our vice presidents, Tom Doherty, has been pitching stuff at chapter presidents for years and the poor chaps never got back at him until our January meeting, when Jim Ellsworth stayed home under the pretense of being sick and so our former machine gunner was eased into the chair. Boy, what they didn't do to Tom; he was on the ropes many times but he finished the bout and won the applause of the assemblage—but he is through with the chair. The chief discussion of the evening centered around our Sons of Rainbow drum corps. We don't know if this condition is general but we can't see why the enemies within our gates can't be subjected to the same harsh treatment that veterans and sons of veterans have experienced for some time past. There is no valid reason for closing our armory doors in their faces; on the other hand we feel that vets and their sons should be welcomed into those places with open arms, not to clothe them

with khaki, but make them feel that they are at home, that the fathers who once offered their lives to protect those places and if necessary would do so again, and as many of their sons have already done, are recognized as true defenders, not treated by those local Gestapos as if they were the subversive elements that we hear and read about.

We feel that this condition should be rectified immediately whether it be due to bona-fide orders of state military executives or the vanity and ego of some misfit who likes to feel important. We in New York and I believe all you readers, want our state armories opened to duly authorized Rainbow organizations and their sons whenever they feel like using them. So our meeting in January wound up by a resolution that a telegram be sent to the governor requesting that our sons drum corps be permitted to practice once each week. Tom Lacey (N. Y.'s Duke of Wind, Sir) took up the kids' fight with one of his stirring orations and when Tom orates, oh boy!

Out our way things are still balanced. Ed Riekert went on the wagon and Yidda Smith jumped off; it did not improve conditions as far as peace of mind is concerned, as one of those wacks is as bad as the other. Say, Larry Wood, we have a candidate for that last man's club of yours: Ed Riekert, he is the last man home from any Rainbow affair. Our ladies auxiliary threw a party after the last meeting and the afore-mentioned Yidda Smith gave them quite a thrill. If you want to see a bear in human form or vice versa, get a load of this guy in his scotch and soda and woman act. You out-of-towners should take in Atlantic City Reunion if for no other reason than to see this stunt, we promise to have him on display. He enjoyed the last party so much that he is throwing a party himself after our February meeting for the darling ladies. Reading the last Reveille made us feel a little sad when we see such swell Rainbowners as Larry Wood, Garrett Olds, Papa Bootz etc., back on active service again, we begin to wonder where they will be when we are in Atlantic City in July. Wherever you are, fellows, try and make it. Frank Duffy is chairman of our ball committee and says that we will hold forth again this year at the Pennsylvania Hotel, April 25. What say, Randy and Brenner? Hello, Wisconsin, when you find my Yonnie Johnson; no, not him; I mean Larry Wilson, last heard of about a year ago when he became snow-bound and afterwards hibernated all summer, well, tell him that Rainbow would like to hear from him again. Inasmuch as the editor may be inclined to use blue pencil, I remain until next month your New York reporter who must disagree will Bill Nugent when he refers to James Poisonpen Strifler as a menace, as I have always maintained that you should never use men where you can use horses. BILL CARROLL.

OHIO—Ohio is preparing for the annual February 22 banquets and Columbus, Newark

and Cincinnati have announced their affairs. Other Chapters haven't reported yet. Newark's banquet will be on February 19. An Ohioan will be on the national broadcast February 22, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler of Camp Shelby being invited by National President Bill Nevius.

State First Vice President Mort Rooney suffered three broken ribs and his wife's arm was broken when they slipped on the ice recently. . . . The State Association has sent ten 166th Infantry regimental histories and four Rainbow Division histories to the library at Camp Shelby. . . . Ralph Shumaker, Alma, Kansas, wants all members of Brucker's signal section to drop him a card for a list he's getting up. . . . Newark Chapter and Lancaster Chapter have practically 100 per cent of eligibles in their respective counties as paid-up members. . . . Cleveland Chapter members went to the Golden Gloves Tourney as a meeting feature. . . . All Past State Presidents are to be presented Past President pins at the state convention in Lancaster on June 13-14. . . . State Chaplain J. J. Halliday, 166th Infantry chaplain in the war, is in Veterans Facility Hospital at Dearborn, Michigan. . . . The American Legion Monthly is issuing a promotion booklet to be sent to advertising executives as the result of interest shown in the article on The Ohio Rainbow Reveille. . . . There will be plenty of Rainbow men at Camp Shelby as Garrett Olds listed a large number with the 38th Division and there are as many, perhaps more, with the 37th Division. . . . We hope the Rainbow Barrage doesn't mind the Ohio Reveille reprinting so many of the Barrage's poems. . . . Poetry must be in the Irish soul. JACK HENRY.

PENNSYLVANIA—On Sunday, Nov. 19, a group of ten men from the Lancaster Chapter attended an enthusiastic meeting held by the Bethlehem Chapter at the Fountain Hill American Legion Post. Representatives were there from Reading, Lancaster and Easton.

David Brown of the Bethlehem Chapter was in charge of the meeting and introduced the out-of-state visitors. State President Hayward of New Jersey, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Slatery, chairman and chairlady of the 1941 National Reunion who told those assembled what to expect at Atlantic City.

John Brenner was appointed Temporary Organization Chairman to organize a State Chapter and to lay plans for a large representation from Pennsylvania at the Reunion. From the enthusiasm and interest shown at this meeting all indications point toward a large attendance from the Keystone State this year.

Highlights of this meeting:—

Mrs. Riekert, mother of New York's Ed, mingling with the crowd and enjoying everything. . . . Walter Barr looking over Brenner's collection of photographs and turning to Dutch Stauffer and reminding him that the only pictures that he could find of Dutch were pictures taken in the guard house at Camp Mills.

John Brenner holding the amiable and hard-

working secretary of the Bethlehem Chapter on his lap and encircling her waist and clasping his hands. Poor John was hidden by 407 pounds of secretary. Here is a hint to the various auxiliary chapters of a swell method of creating a treasury: First get a 407 pound secretary with a swell disposition and bubbling over with fun, a chair, a man to sit on the chair, and the above secretary to sit on his lap. If he encircles her waist and clasps his hand, it is free, and if he can't he puts a quarter in the treasury. And did she collect the quarters? R. EARLE DENNIS.

TEXAS—Well, the old year is now history and we are well into a brand new year, racing—God only knows just what we really do face! Any way we are ready and prepared for almost anything.

This was a grand Christmas, and I do want to thank about a hundred Rainbowers for their beautiful cards and messages of good cheer. Never have I been so happy, and I shall surely try to live up to what you all think of me. I thank each and every one of you and wish you all the best of luck for this 1941 baby.

Everything is quiet now on the Mexican border save for a lot of soldier movement. One sees soldiers everywhere. Thousands and thousands of young, smooth-faced kid soldiers pass every day, with here and there a grizzled veteran marching along with the young. Guns roar at the fort, searchlights cut through the sky at night, and planes dart overhead all day. Bugles blow. The same old calls often arouse me to a sitting posture.

Yes, it really smells and looks like war. But up to this minute it's all just play. Thank God, it's still just play.

FRED CORNELIUS.

VIRGINIA—Happy New Year to all Rainbowers everywhere, from Virginia. The Coast Artillery banquet was a howling success again. Held on December 28 at the Patrick Henry Hotel, the boys came from far and near to attend. The new officers for the coming year include Rainbowers Ellis Hargis of Lebanon, Virginia, and Alexander Sheen of Columbia, S. C., Vice Presidents, and W. F. Crueger of Roanoke, Secretary-Treasurer.

The January Rainbow meeting was held on the 18th at the home of Sergeant Jim Dent in Roanoke. The food was excellent and the beer fine.

We regret to announce the death of Rainbower John Cross in Roanoke the first of December, and the recent death of the wife of Charles S. Mass (167th Inf.).

We are all making plans to go down to the Capitol City, Richmond, for the Tri-State meeting on February 22. See you then.

BILL HITT.

NATIONAL AUXILIARY—The last six months have passed with such incredible rapidity that it scarcely seems possible that the time

has come for a bit of introspection. The days have been filled with happiness and the joy of working with others who are inspired by the love of Rainbow.

The women of our organization are displaying unprecedented interest, which is a natural result of the prevalence of war in the world. While we condone the cause, we feel confident that the concern and friendship acquired will be everlasting.

We are happy to announce the formation of six new auxiliaries in Villisca, Ottumwa, Fort Dodge and Mason City, Iowa; Reading, Pennsylvania, and Indianapolis, Indiana, and three additional Individual Memberships in Orlando, Florida; E. Paso, Texas, and Pierre, South Dakota.

The mid-year reports from the various State Welfare Chairmen are now being consolidated by the National Welfare Chairman. The National Chaplain has followed up with correspondence in each new case established. Dues collections are progressing satisfactorily. Realization of the monthly Bulletin has now been achieved with the fifth issue in January. The program for the Gold Star Mothers is in the process of completion. Even at this early date there have been numerous inquiries concerning the National Reunion, which would undoubtedly indicate that another successful gathering awaits us in Atlantic City.

As a result of this brief resume, we trust that Rainbow women will join in our enthusiasm to increase our endeavors and to extend the inimitable spirit of fellowship to every part of our land.

LILYMAE W. WEITZEL.

From the Desk of the National Secretary

Albert Hoyt, 3792 W. 152nd St., Cleveland, Ohio



Your Secretary must never forget that one of his principal obligations is the promotion of memberships and this is the period of the year when he begins to do his best worrying and wondering whether we will attain or exceed the membership of last year, which was the largest paid membership year in Rainbow history. We now need

five hundred additional memberships to make a new record. Some Chapters have not reported and while there is time remaining we trust you will not delay too long.

We have a new supply of windshield decals and are prepared to furnish same in quantities. If you do not have a car put one on glass and frame it for your office or home.

Yours in Rainbow,

AL HOYT.

Chapter Standing Chart as of Jan. 20, 1941

Attainment Objective			Attainment Objective		
Alabama Association	2	4	Minnesota Association	0	28
Maj. John W. Carroll	27	47	Minneapolis	55	140
Crawford Z. Ables	33	M-15	St. Paul	17	87
Mortimer H. Jordan	34	101	Minnesota Total	72	205
Julien M. Strassburger	71	71	Missouri-Kansas	9	107
Dallas B. Smith	0	M-15	St. Louis	0	15
William M. Peters	0	33	Missouri-Kansas Total	9	122
Alabama Total	167	286	Nebraska	26	34
Los Angeles	110	125	New Jersey	79	50
Joyce Kilmer	6	19	New Mexico	6	17
San Francisco	120	66	Father Duffy Chapter	331	430
James H. Daugherty	1	M-15	Long Island	35	39
California Total	237	225	Westchester	33	66
Denver, Colorado Chapter	38	26	New York Total	399	535
District of Columbia	68	71	Ohio State Association	13	73
Florida Association	0	0	Paul Hume	2	M-15
Jacksonville	23	22	Akron	13	33
Miami	11	M-15	Columbus	22	37
Pensacola	5	M-15	Dyer J. Bird	16	18
St. Petersburg	8	M-15	Cincinnati	36	30
Gen. Charles P. Summerall	15	19	Lancaster	46	45
Florida Total	62	86	Ancerville	0	M-15
Georgia State Chapter	32	33	Cleveland	16	28
Frank Joerg Chapter	15	M-15	Ralph Berger	12	18
Georgia Total	47	48	Newark	23	15
Illinois	287	429	Edison H. Miller	0	15
Danville	31	36	Luther Swigart	15	19
Illinois	387	429	Sedan	9	15
Indiana State Chapter	79	121	Ohio Total	223	376
Fort Wayne	34	36	Oklahoma Association	0	0
Bloomington	59	63	Oklahoma City	14	33
South Bend	10	15	Tulsa	2	40
Martinsville	20	19	Oklahoma Total	16	73
LaFayette	23	28	Reading	39	M-15
Indiana Total	225	282	Pittsburgh	25	37
Iowa Association	1	0	Lancaster	30	34
Des Moines	157	154	Bethlehem	23	21
Cedar Rapids	24	21	Pennsylvania Total	117	107
Oskaloosa	21	30	South Carolina	2	19
Creston	32	M-15	Tennessee	22	19
Lee County	23	M-15	Texas	16	49
Fort Dodge	18	25	Virginia	20	52
Mason City	26	M-15	Wisconsin Association	2	8
Red Oak	29	46	Fond du Lac	25	52
Council Bluffs	33	29	Oshkosh	11	20
Cedar Valley	17	16	Gen. Douglas MacArthur	13	26
Ottumwa	48	19	Appleton	15	24
Iowa Total	429	385	Wisconsin Total	66	130
New Orleans	3	19	National Chapter-at-Large	22	65
Maryland	48	74	GRAND TOTALS	2952	3957
Michigan	115	127			

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I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow (42nd) Division and wish to do my part in maintaining the Rainbow Division Veterans Association. I enclose \$1.00 for which please issue my 1940-1941 Membership Card and continue to send me The Reveille.

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