

# The RAINBOW REVEILLE

*Rainbow Division Veterans*



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Twenty-four years ago Rainbow began its career in earnest when most of the units of the Division embarked for France. Began a career which brought death to many, suffering and incapacity to more, and glory to all. Began an amazing interlude in the lives of tens of thousands of men from every state, every walk of life, every vocation, and every shade of political and religious conviction. Began a period of flux in the great melting pot of war, which left none unchanged in some way. Began a period when the theme of life was giving, not receiving; of service, not being served. And when the journey which began on that fateful day in October of 1917 was ended, and the paths of these men, which had run side by side during the most momentous and character-forming days of their lives, once more separated and sent them again to the places from whence they had come, these men of the Rainbow were each branded with something of the same spiritual imprint. Strangely and powerfully has this spiritual kinship drawn together the lives of these men, scattered throughout the nation and separated by its broad expanses. For nearly a quarter of a century the hearts of Rainbow men have called them one to another, and periodically they listen to this call and assemble in a renewal of their affectionate comradeship. Every difference of individuality remains, but in their association this common spirituality looms larger than their differences. Your President has been privileged, since the Reunion in Atlantic City, to participate in Rainbow gatherings in Philadelphia, in Lancaster, in Chicago, in Red Bank, and in Washington. As this issue of The Reveille goes to press he will be meeting with Rainbows in Detroit. And each of these happy experiences in friendship impresses more deeply in his heart a sense of the reality and permanence of the tie that links in spirit these scattered groups of men. Together they served, together they passed through the valley and the shadow of death, together they shared in the glory, and together their hearts are drawn. This is the essence of Rainbow.

On the twelfth of this month Rainbows will commemorate the beginning of their great adventure together by gathering at the site of Camp Mills in Long Island to dedicate a memorial erected there through the initiative of Rainbows in that vicinity. It will mark the spot where Rainbow began, and this monument will be an important milestone on the road we have trod together. It will be an impressive occasion, and those who are fortunate enough to be able to be present for this ceremony will have participated in a significant event for Rainbow. Elsewhere in this issue is a detailed outline of the program, and your President hopes that a great many Rainbows will find it possible to attend and take part in the dedication of this Rainbow Memorial.

WALKER H. COLSTON.

## Rainbow Division Veterans



A national association of veterans of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and to keep alive the memory of departed comrades.

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## UNVEILING OF NATIONAL RAINBOW DIVISION MONUMENT OCT. 12

Rainbow Veterans from near and far are either on their way or preparing to leave for their rendezvous at Camp Mills, Garden City, Long Island, on October 12, 1941. The occasion will be the unveiling of the National Rainbow Division Monument at the birthplace of the division.

This day promises to be one long remembered in the annals of the veterans as it should prove to be the largest assemblage the Rainbowners have had in many years. Invitations have been sent to all former commanders of Rainbow Division outfits and many have promised to attend.

### Review in 69th Armory Saturday Night

An extra added attraction is a review of the new 69th Regiment, New York Guard, and entertainment to be held at the 69th Armory on Lexington Avenue, New York City, on Saturday night, October 11, to which all Rainbowners are invited. This will afford the veterans the opportunity of starting their festivities the night before the unveiling. Our National President, Walker H. Colston, and numerous others will be present to review the new outfit.

### Parade at 1:30 P.M. Sunday

Assembly for the parade preceding the unveiling will be at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, October 12, and every Rainbowner attending is expected to participate. The parade will start at 2 p.m. and disperse at the Monument where the unveiling will take place at 3:00 p.m. Rainbow caps or arm bands are to be worn by all. National and Chapter colors are also desired.

### Lucy Monroe to Sing

The unveiling ceremonies will be opened by Miss Lucy Monroe, the daughter of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Organization, singing the Star Spangled Banner. It is anticipated that a broadcast of the ceremonies will be made and also that movies will be taken by the News Reels.

### Special Trains Leave Long Island Station

Special trains will leave the Long Island section in the Penn. Station at 12:30 p.m. for the ceremonies and tickets can be purchased on the train. Ample parking will be available at Garden City for all coming by motor. Holders of invitations must present them at the reserved section.

The committee appointed at Atlantic City and the Long Island chapter members have done their utmost to make this an occasion befitting the Rainbow Division. All that is needed to make this unveiling a success is the presence of all Rainbowners able to attend.

This is the opportunity to show the nation the spirit of comradeship that exists in the veterans of our division and should hasten the youth of today to answer their country's call.  
G. C. SEAMAN.

### GEN. GOURAUD CABLES GREETINGS TO RAINBOW

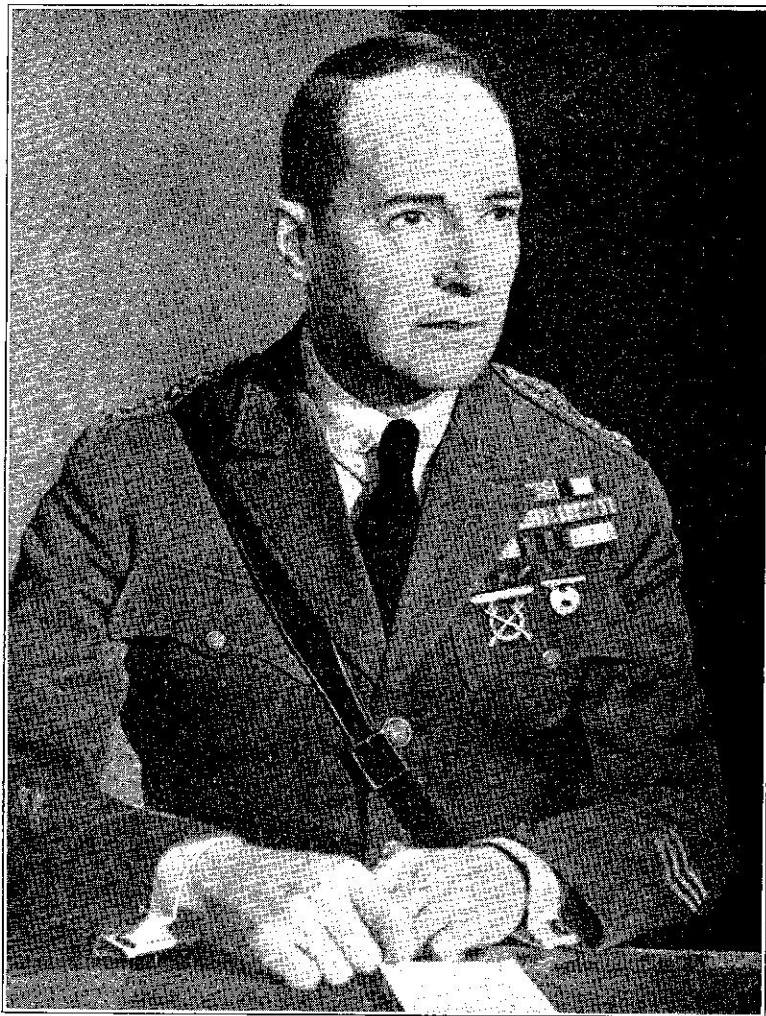
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(Sincere Thanks Loyal Friendships)



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Manila, P. I.

September 2, 1941

Mr. Walker H. Colston,  
1357 New York Avenue, N.E.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colston:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your splendid letter of July 29th. My comrades of the Rainbow are the dearest friends I possess. More than any other group of men I admire and revere them. Their note of congratulation and felicitation on my new command is, therefore, one of all those that I have received that most deeply affects me. Without a word of encouragement from them I would have felt at a loss. I have every confidence that if war comes I can defend these Islands. My only regret is that my old Division is not here with me.

With affectionate regards to you all,  
Ever faithfully,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

## + Chapter Chatter +

**ALABAMA**—Armistice Day is just around the corner and Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter of Birmingham, host chapter to the State Association, is busy making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the upward of 300 guests who will converge on Birmingham Nov. 11 for the big celebration.

Enthusiasm runs high throughout the state, with committee chairmen reporting marked success, along with a decided increase in membership, according to Gaines Burnett, State President.

The Jefferson County Council of the American Legion will be sponsor of the Armistice Day Parade, and we anticipate as our guest of honor Walker H. Colston, of Washington, D. C., National President of Rainbowers. With Mr. Colston in the reviewing stand located at the Tutwiler Hotel will be officials of the parade. We have received word from Barney Sullivan, of Orlando, Fla., General Chairman for the 1942 Convention, that he will be here for the occasion, and also Mrs. Helen Davison, of Des Moines, Iowa, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and many Rainbowers from nearby camps are expected to attend.

Following the parade will be a special conference held at the Bankhead Hotel and at 8 p.m. a joint meeting and banquet with the Ladies' Auxiliary. During the meeting Clint Bonner, radio commentator and creator of "Alabama Oddities," will give a 15 minute broadcast from the banquet room.

At 10:15 to 10:45 p.m. a round table discussion will be broadcast over WBRC, with members from various chapters participating.

Committees for the Nov. 11 program include:

Parade—Lawrence Byrd, Chairman; H. S. Foster, Ray Henson, Stewart Jackson, Dewey Berry, Jake Mariani, Howard Huppert and W. W. Knight.

Entertainment—Ted Hagan, Chairman; J. F. Young, Eddie Lipsitz, Sol Monsky, A. J. Coggin and — Mize.

Publicity—Albert Northrup, Chairman; J. F. McCartney and Clayton Vickery.

Banquet—Phil Lacey, Chairman; Jimmy Thigpen and John Winningham.

Honored Guests—Gaines Burnett, Chairman; Phil Lacey, J. B. Thigpen, Dr. William S. Armour, Ray Henson, Wallace Houston, Cliff Young and Clayton Vickery.

Auxiliary—Dr. William Armour, Chairman; Henry C. Wood, Ted Hagan, H. S. Foster and Joe Adams.

Tickets—John Winningham, Chairman; B. O. Russell and Jimmy Thigpen.

Glad Hand and Dues—Eddie Lipsitz, Chairman; Ray Henson, Dewey Berry, John Sheldon, Cliff Young, Miles Simpson, W. Harmon and Owen Bryon, Colonel May H. P. May.

Radio—Clint Bonner, the Editor of the Alabama Oddities.

All Rainbowers and their wives are cordially invited. ALBERT L. NORTHROP.

**ILLINOIS**—Attention, New York and other chapters seeking inspiration! The windiest of windy cities went over the top at their recent St. Mihiel dinner and radio broadcast. The speakers' table reminded us of national reunions. Our new president, Harmon Nixon,

introduced Col. Hughes, former chief of staff of the division who in turn introduced our beloved Col. J. Monroe Johnson, who gave a very inspiring and amusing talk. Distinguished visitors were Walker Colston, National President, Bill Nevius, Marx Rosenthaler and Bill Carroll. Barney Sullivan came in with his charming wife on one arm and the divisional colors on the other. Our very quiet and retiring barristers, Tom Finnegan and Barro Blumenthal, were even more quiet and retiring than usual. After searching diligently for Freddie Crawford, we found him in disguise, his hair parted in the middle—with a very wide part—arranged that way, we understand, so that Monroe Johnson could plant a kiss on that spot after he presented the past National President's badge to Fred. That was a signal for all the past National Presidents who were present to start kissing one another and it began to look like a game of post office. Eskil Bjork and Robert Reno, the men who are mainly responsible for making Illinois Chapter the very finest, if not the largest, chapter in the Rainbow, were on the job as usual. Genial Doc Foley was there to make the party complete, along with Ma and Estelle Frew.

However, we noticed the absence of several familiar faces, among them being past National President Howard Smith, Chapter Secretary Howard Crowther and Treasurer Charles Bindig. We understand Howard was away on a well-earned fishing trip getting in trim for his annual dues collecting campaign but we were saddened by the knowledge that Charley Bindig's absence from the party, being one of the few, if any, local Rainbow meetings or affairs he has ever missed, was due to the loss of his wife just several days before. Our sincere sympathy to him and his family.

Due to the efforts of our entertainment chairman, Frank Gould, there was an overflow crowd at the WGN broadcasting station. Col. Robert McCormick gave just the kind of speech that Rainbowers like to hear, to-wit: They won the war.

Harmon and his staff got off to a streamlined and highly successful start on their first time at bat and we look forward to a repeater at our annual Armistice Party, which is the next chapter affair scheduled.

Your scribe had a pleasant conversation with the little man with the big moustache. He sure is one regular feller and will successfully carry Rainbow through another year. Hail to you, Walker Colston.

DAN AVERY.

**INDIANA**—Monthly meeting of the Marion County Chapter held in the Indiana World War Memorial Building, September 5. Look out for Indiana this year. We are out to increase the membership under the able direction of Karl Erath and first reports made at this meeting were certainly a revelation. Anyone that receives a Reveille and owes allegiance to the Marion County Chapter and

hasn't been asked for dues for 1941-42, please mail your check to Ted Corbin for \$3.00 at 403 W. 17th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

We are after our members so strongly that there was hardly anything else talked about at this monthly meeting. Audley Dunham gave a very interesting talk on a trip he made through various Army camps throughout the East.

The following was heard in a tavern in Fort Wayne on a hot evening, Aug. 18, 1941: B Battery Cannoneer—Where were you 23 years ago today? D Battery Driver—Making merry with Little Marie in the little town of Mery. How about you? B Battery Cannoneer: Drinking suds in Suzanne's tavern at Bassancourt, Ah Me!

Chapter "Skipper" Corneille, formerly of B, and general Leon Kees, formerly of F, went up the St. Joe River recently to decide who was the better fisherman. Who caught the greater number of fish? Oh, it was one of Kees' young sons.

Kenneth Moat, the cooperating secretary of the Bloomington Chapter, sent in quite a few corrections for the central mailing list. Anyone changing address in Indiana, be sure and notify C. K. Gregg, 6094 Ralston Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana, who is the guardian of the central mailing list as well as your local chapter secretary. We thank Corneille of Ft. Wayne for the above notes from that Chapter.

KEITH GREGG.

**IOWA**—Iowa claims another first. We have the first new Rainbow chapter for the 1941-42 year. The new chapter was organized at Shenandoah on August 31 during the annual reunion of Company E. This turns out to be a division from the Red Oak chapter and should give the southwest district more Rainbow strength. State President Davidson was on hand and actually surprised when the chapter was set up. Iowa now has twelve chapters. New York may claim to be the capital of Rainbow; Illinois may claim to be the world's largest Rainbow chapter, but before the year is over Iowa will be doing a lot of said claiming. Shenandoah starts off with 21 new members.

State President Davidson, Secretary Montgomery and Treasurer Gardner journeyed to Red Oak on the 22d for a special called chapter meeting. The Red Oak chapter boys are carrying on to show the new Shenandoah chapter that they have some competition. Peck Henry of Villisca, Austin Russell of Red Oak and H. J. Herbert of Atlantic, were named to guide the chapter on through the year. More power to these fine Rainbow comrades.

Rainbow activity continues throughout the state, Ottumwa, Council Bluffs, Fort Madison, Mason City and Des Moines showing the way, with Oskaloosa coming up the stretch and running alongside of them. Way to the rear for some reason are Cedar Rapids, Creston and Fort Dodge, but we are expecting them to burst out of the dust in the next 30 days.

HOMER W. GARDNER.

#### MICHIGAN—

Say, Buddy, have you paid your dues? You did?—I ain't talkin' to youse.

Keep 'em comin'.

Say, Pal, do you see our banner riding high Purtiest thing that's in the sky?

Keep 'em comin'.

For after all whate'er befall,

You will answer Rainbow's call—

Keep 'em comin'.

Our September meeting was given over to a discussion of plans for the October 4th Get-Together. From all indications, there will be a good turnout. More about this in the next issue. Wilbur Brucker read a letter from Jake Giba, who's been putting up a game fight down in Tucson, Arizona, at the Veterans Administration Facility. Past National President Bill Nevius promised to stop in and see him while enroute to the West Coast. A three-cent stamp would carry your greeting to Jake. KPRT FREDERICK.

**MINNESOTA**—Minnesota seems to be in for a good season. State President Ray Quinlan has issued a call for all Minnesota men throughout the states to send in their dues early. Both the Minneapolis and St. Paul chapters have taken the cue from him and are working very hard to put over their dues program by November 11. I think there is a prize for the one who has the best percentage at that time.

Harvey Thompson, entertainment chairman, has announced that he has booked up two months ahead of grand entertainment. Harvey is working hard and you fellows should get out and show that you appreciate his work.

The Past Presidents' Party held at Lake Sylvia, September 19, 20 and 21, was a grand success. Our latest candidate, President Wolf, came home with his arm in a sling and several other black and blue spots but says he had a grand time. We owe the success of this party to H. B. Flowers, "Cousin Hugo" Neumuth, Frank Horton and Clarence Lilly.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Chapters have combined their forces for the Armistice Party on November 11. Plans are about complete and the guest of honor will be Bill Nevius, Past National President. President Lee Harrison, Minneapolis, and President Jimmy Kehoe, St. Paul, say they are going to show him how Minnesota can really entertain. Watch your local Rainbow paper for details of the Armistice Party.

Battery D holds their Last Man's Club Reunion this month and they have sent out urgent calls to all D men to be on hand.

FRANK WEST.

**NEW JERSEY**—The annual meeting of the

New Jersey chapter, usually held June 30, was held in a quiet spot (?) at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, on July 13. The time and place were ideal for the meeting as they afforded a number of members attending the Reunion from afar an opportunity to be present. Among those were Sidney Lewis and William Dowd, who journeyed from California and Florida, respectively, to be with

us. Great stuff, Sid and Bill. See you in Orlando.

Election of officers for current year installed Aloysius J. Patterson, President; Osborne E. Harrison, First Vice President; Frank E. Mitchell, Second Vice President; Arthur E. Slatery, Secretary; John P. Gaul, Treasurer, and Thomas Kane, Judge Advocate.

In appreciation of the splendid job Art did as Reunion Chairman the chapter presented him with a set of traveling bags at the meeting.

On September 14 the regular quarterly meeting was held at the American Legion Home, Red Bank, N. J. We were honored by the presence of our National President, Walker H. Colston. Walker flew from Chicago where he attended the Chicagoland hour with Bill Nevius, Bob Reno and many other Rainbowners the previous night. Walker addressed a joint meeting of the chapter and the Auxiliary and injected a few plugs for Rainbow. We were keenly disappointed that "Daddy" Bill Nevius could not be with us, due to an ankle injury.

The Atlantic City Reunion was the first that many members of this chapter ever attended. From the reactions of these first-timers it is evident that it really takes a Reunion under one's belt to arouse that Rainbow spirit. Our officers have renewed courage and have shown an eagerness and enthusiasm to help make this a banner year in Rainbow history.

It is the duty of all Rainbowners, if possible, to be present at the unveiling of the National Rainbow Division Monument at Camp Mills on October 12. All New Jersey members should make this pilgrimage to the birthplace of the Rainbow. You are urged to make arrangements now so that you will be free to attend. About thirty are going from Red Bank by bus. STAN BARROW.

**TEXAS**—Well, sir, I haven't seen a Rainbowner in weeks. But I have heard from many of them. I have received cards and letters from New York to California and from all over and in between, and that is wonderful. But now I want to see some of you. I want to talk Rainbow. I want to swap stories. I want—Oh, well, you know what I want. I am lonesome and homesick for good old Rainbow company.

That is the situation here on the border, and if any of you Rainbow boys and girls happen to be coming through this part of the country, drop by and see me.

FRED CORNELIUS.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—I sure hated to have had to miss the get-together in Atlantic City, for despite Randolph's sport shirt, I understand that the usual pleasure and fun of seeing old friends still prevails. I had some important business at a meeting of OPM in Washington and had it not been for that I would have been there. How I hate Hitler!

The executive committee of the Pittsburgh Chapter held a meeting September 3, and

what a swell dinner was arranged for by our host, who was none other than the president of our chapter. We enjoyed a 100 per cent attendance of the membership and that ain't bad attending, says I. Present were Randolph of Indiana, Fleckenstein of Alabama, Leo Moquin of Wisconsin, Allen Kock of Ohio, Danny Gordon of New York, Cuney Tebeck of Alabama and yours truly from California. If that ain't spanning the old Rainbow then there ain't a heel in Germany. Everything in general was talked over with the thought in mind of bigger and better Rainbow.

The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, will hold their annual convention in Pittsburgh in 1942. Plans and preparations for a general get-together of Rainbowners attending the state convention have been made. I can definitely say here and now that there will be something of interest for all Rainbowners who come to Pittsburgh then.

Philadelphia asks the help of every Rainbowner who reads these lines to let us know the whereabouts of any 42d Division man living in this area. Even though he may be a member of another chapter we'd like to invite him to our meetings. Send his name and address, please, to E. A. Letzer, 4218 Terrace Avenue, Merchantville, N. J.

Through the help of the National Association in furnishing leads through tips received from Rainbowners in other sections of Pennsylvania and nearby states and through favorable press notices (resulting in a few men looking us up) the names and addresses of some 65 veterans of the Division have been obtained by the Philadelphia chapter of which 36 have joined the chapter.

WALT MICHEL.

**VIRGINIA**—We are sure you have read of race horses being retired after having shot their wad on the tracks. They are sent back to the farm to spend the rest of their days in peace and quiet.

Well, on September 20, we retired a good old "hoss," but not for the rest of his days, not by a long shot.

Sergeant Jim Dent retired as Chapter Secretary after 12 years as either President or Secretary of the Virginia Chapter, and we mean consecutive years. But we are just giving him time to get his second wind.

At the September meeting the following officers were installed: President, Howard Boyer; Vice President, Leonard Key; Vice President, John Carter; Vice President, E. F. Hargis; Secretary-Treasurer Allen Gibbons. A swell bunch of fellows with a big job on their hands, namely keeping the Virginia chapter up with the topnotchers.

The chapter voted to send check to the Rainbow Monument committee for Virginia's part. Jim Dent and Hitt are planning to attend the unveiling.

Joe Murray made the meeting a big success by showing moving pictures of the British evacuation of Dunkerque and also movies he took at Atlantic City. If some of those wives had been at this meeting!

The Virginia chapter started its drive for membership with ten, to help make President Colston's year the big one he deserves.

BILL HITT.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Cecil Travis and

Buddy Lewis are two Washingtonians who need no introduction to sports loving Rainbowers. Cecil Travis was the second leading hitter in the American League, Buddy Lewis another powerhouse on the Senators. (Nats to us.) Both were guests of the D. C. Chapter as they opened their meetings for the year on September 20th at the Capitol Park Hotel with a supper meeting. It was in the nature of a farewell party for both of them as Buddy Lewis enters the Army this month and Cecil Travis is expected to go in shortly as the Uncle Sam League has just increased its player limit. These youngsters are better at hitting than they are at after-dinner specking, but each made a brief but refreshing talk. The Chapter wished them good luck in their new career.

The D. C. Chapter will hold its next meeting on October 18th in the American Legion Home, 2437 Fifteenth Street Northwest. The meeting is called for 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Numerous members of the D. C. Chapter are expected to accompany National President Walker Colston to New York on October 11th for the Rainbow Ball and Reunion on the 11th, and the dedication ceremonies at Garden City, Long Island, on Sunday, October 12th.

**THE BARK OF A RAINBOW PUP**—When you start to write anything about the premier Division of the A.E.F. you have to put on your thinking overcoat for it is a hard thing for anyone to mention anything that they have not done or tried to do and can tell you how to do it. There are not many of you old buddies that have been down here in the Land of Flowers and the Kingdom of the Sun.

We of the Florida Department of Rainbow were called together one morning in our next reunion city, Orlando, Fla., better known as the City Beautiful, to form plans to entertain you roughnecks of the Rainbow. Come one, come all, we will meet you with open arms and maybe a full bottle. Department President Bill Reheney presided and also brought along from his home city about three hundred miles away the necessary limes. A staggering good time was enjoyed by all.

Barney Sullivan, whom some of you know, made a report on the Atlantic City Reunion and right then and there we passed a resolution to give all of you the best time you ever had at any reunion anywhere.

Barney is a lead, swing and wheel mule and we are very proud of him when instead of bringing home a small slice of bacon he brought home the whole hog, ears, tail and feet.

We of the Gen. Charles P. Summerall Chapter had an election of officers after the

state meeting and elected another good man for our President this year—Lewis French of the Fighting Sixty-ninth. Sometime away from the Picture Palaces known as the One Sixty-fifth "I never heard of them," Lewis is a fit running mate to Bill Reheney and Barney Sullivan and to these "Three Mosquitoes" will fall a lot of the hard work of preparation for "you all."

The Department passed a resolution asking that the Reveille be requested to print in full the letter from our famous and beloved leader, Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur. We believe that every man in the Rainbow will consider, as we do, that it is a personal citation and it will carry us all back to those hell and happy days when we were "All for one and one for all."

You boys will find men in this state from every unit that composed the Rainbow. At our last meeting we had represented the following units with only fifteen men present: 117th Engineers, 149th F. A., 117th Ammunition Train, 167th Infantry, 165th Infantry, 166th Infantry, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, 150th Field Artillery, 151st Machine Gun Battalion, 168th Infantry, 117th Sanitary Train.

Now what do you say about that and not a damn M.P. in the place. Boys all of you start saving and come to see us we will fix you up, be you millionaire or truck driver. Lieutenant, general or buck private, we want you to come and 90 per cent of you will go home sell out and move down here.

Comrades au revoir.

DAVE WILEY.

**NATIONAL AUXILIARY**—The women of Rainbow at the annual Rainbow Reunion in Atlantic City, N. J., bestowed upon me the honor of serving the National Auxiliary, Rainbow Division Veterans, as their President for the coming year. I am humbly grateful.

The enviable record of growth and accomplishments established by our predecessors has given your new group of officers a real goal to work for.

We know that we can expect and receive the enthusiasm and cooperation that you have extended in the past years.

The Bulletin (Brainchild) of Honorary President Lilymae Weitzel, inaugurated by her last year, will be continued. Please send news items and activities to me regularly.

As the years go by, welfare work in the Rainbow Auxiliary has been growing in interest. This is a very worthwhile activity. Especially in these troubled times. Your National Welfare Chairman this year is Florence West, 4900 31st Avenue S, Minneapolis, Minn.

Last year six new auxiliaries were organized. National Auxiliary had the largest membership in its history. A fine record. The Rainbow Auxiliary has experienced a steady and healthy growth since its inception. LET US KEEP GROWING. Cooperating together we CAN and WILL make this another outstanding year in the Rainbow Auxiliary.

HELEN DAVIDSON,  
National President.

## From the Desk of the National Secretary Edward C. Weitzel, P. O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio



ED WEITZEL

All Hail! to the following Chapters: DANVILLE (Illinois); DYER J. BIRD (Ohio); JOYCE KILMER (California); LYNCHBURG (Virginia); MIAMI (Florida); OTTUMWA (Iowa); PHILADELPHIA (Pennsylvania) and J. M. STRASSBERGER (Alabama). All Hail! Over the top already, all reaching new highs in membership. Many other Chapters are approaching their best attainment. With every chapter remittance comes the optimistic assurance that the chapter expects to equal, and in most cases exceed the best performance in its history. This is truly "THE" Rainbow year. "Keep 'em coming." From far off Shanghai, China, comes a request for membership card from Owen L. Dawson. Sorry, Owen, we were unable to reproduce your signature in Chinese; the laundryman deciphered your signature for us. Speaking of long distance, the inimitable Bob Taylor called us the other A.M. by telephone from Tulsa, Oklahoma, he simply wanted to make sure we would save him a few cards. Bob as you know is a Rainbower at large. He plys between Illinois, Florida, and Oklahoma. So goes it, rights and lefts with requests for memberships. Your secretary may appear somewhat groggy at the end of each round, but he never goes down for the count, so, "Keep em coming," we can take it.

New chapters have already been formed

in Seattle, Washington, and Shenandoah, Iowa. Ray Davidson reports this is the 12th active chapter in Iowa in addition to the State Association. Mort Rooney of Ohio is going to do something about this, we are sure.

As of December 20, we will again publish monthly the chart of Chapter Performance for the remainder of the year 1941-42, setting up as a goal for each Chapter the highest attainment for the past three years. We invite comment on this proposed set-up and urge that you notify us if you are not in complete agreement with the proposal. Voluntary goals by Chapters will also be considered and we will indicate voluntary goals as such.

We respectfully express our appreciation for your cooperation in keeping our Memorial File always up to date.

We have received favorable comment on the emergency identification provided on the back of membership cards this year. The credit for this innovation goes to Jack Clarke (Maryland), who suggested it.

Rainbow Windshield Decals and Rainbow Lapel Buttons are now on hand. All orders held on file have been filled. Decals sell at twenty-five cents a pair, Lapel Buttons seventy-five cents apiece. Orders for "Americans All," official History of the Rainbow Division, are coming forward rapidly. Remember the supply of Histories is now only about one hundred copies. By the way, girls, how about using this merchandise as gifts for Anniversaries, Birthdays, or Christmas, for the boy friend? "Keep 'em coming."

ED WEITZEL.

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(Tear off and mail with \$1.00)

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E. C. Weitzel, National Secretary,  
Rainbow Division Veterans,  
P. O. Box 42,  
Akron, Ohio

Dear Ed:

I enjoy the Reveille, but do not live in a Chapter Area—please find enclosed \$1.00 for which send me 1941-42 membership card and continue to send me the Reveille. I am proud of being a veteran of the 42nd Division.

Yours in Rainbow.

T. E. NELSON,  
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COLUMBUS, OHIO