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The President's Page

RAINBOW MARCHES ON

Onward Rainbow Soldiers
Marching as in war
With the gleaming Rainbow
Leading us afore
Wars and fears surround us
Sorrow, toil and pain
Our beloved Rainbow
Constant will remain

Naught can ere divide us
Time nor space nor strike
Onward, ever onward
Till the end of life
Till we join our Comrades
Passed beyond the veil
We have Rainbow's promise
And that cannot fail!

Bound in sacred memory
They whose blood was shed
Beyond the gleaming Rainbow
Serve our valiant dead
Where they lead, we follow
In the steps they trod
Marching on to Glory!
Marching home to God!

Refrain

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CAMP MILLS MEMORIAL

This has nothing to do with the splendid monument erected by the Long Island Chapter to commemorate the spot where the Rainbow Division first assembled to begin its historic career. This is a rather personal sort of memorial as seen by your editor. A memorial is something which brings back the memory of an event or a place. And as your Editor reported to his new duty station at Camp Sibert, near Gadsden, Alabama, and saw the row on row of tents, twenty-five years were wiped out and he saw again the tented city at Camp Mills, Rainbow's first habitation. And there is more, much more, to bring back the Camp Mills days. The

strains of first call, seeping into one's early morning consciousness; reveille (gosh darn!) and all the calls which punctuate the day's work. And the deathless thrill of the ceremony of retreat. The cold mornings; the transition from the warm depths of the o. d. blankets into the dark and frigid morning air; all these are reminiscent of Rainbow's beginning.

With your Editor's removal from the north to a place nearly a thousand miles distant it was a heart-warming thing to realize that he has merely gone from one Rainbow area to another. Gadsden itself, with a thriving Chapter of Rainbow, is at hand. Birmingham is a scant two hours' drive distant (even at 35 miles per hour!). You don't have to give up Rainbow's associations, no matter where you go in this land of ours. And, indeed, Rainbowners have gone forth to every far-flung front where the American flag is unfurled. There is nothing local, there is nothing transient about the spirit of our organization.

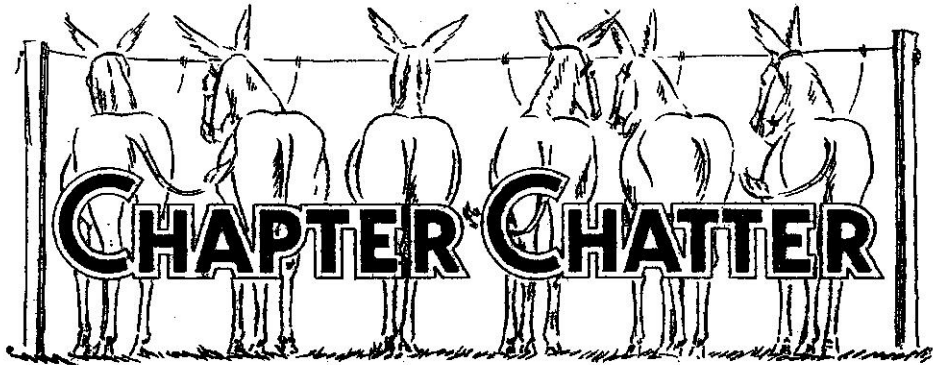
Your Editor had received word about Captain Larry Wood. Nothing may be said about his whereabouts, but we understand that he has already seen action. Frances Wood, who is carrying on in a defense post while Larry does his job overseas, reports that she has heard from him and while naturally such letters convey little information, it is clear that he has had his initial encounter with the enemy, at least.

"How are the dues coming in?" we asked the President when we saw him a couple of weeks ago. "They have been rolling in very well, indeed, until recently," he responded, "but in the past two weeks there has been a let-down." We mention this with the thought that possibly you may have neglected the little matter of getting that check in for your dues this year. We still need the dough in order to carry on, so how about reaching for the checkbook?

MacARTHUR SENDS FLORAL TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR I HEROES

A wreath was placed on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by two World War soldiers at the request of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, now commanding the American forces in Australia. In a message relayed from the South Pacific to Jim Daly, a local florist, who was General MacArthur's ordnance sergeant during the first World War, the general requested that the wreath be prepared and placed on the Unknown Soldier's Tomb as a part of the Armistice Day services.

The Rainbow Colors were escorted by the American Legion and Color Guard into the amphitheater. General Pershing saluted the Rainbow Colors.



COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

There is an important change in the date for sending in copy for the next issue of *The Reveille*. The deadline has been extended from November 20th to November 27th. But correspondents are urgently requested to co-operate by sending their copy in not later than that date. Please note also that copy may be sent direct to the Editor at the following address:

Captain Harold B. Rodier,
Headquarters, C.W.S. Replacement
Training Center,
Camp Sibert, Gadsden, Ala.

Copy sent to the usual address in Washington will also reach the Editor, but it may expedite matters to send it direct. And PLEASE GET IT IN ON TIME. Thank you!

ALABAMA—With James B. Thigpen, presiding, Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter, of Birmingham, held its regular monthly meeting with an unusually large attendance. Discussion of Rainbowers with the armed forces topped the meeting. A motion was made and adopted by the chapter to pay the dues of Rainbowers now serving Uncle Sam.

Dr. Guy L. Burns, of Gadsden, Ala., while in Birmingham, attended our meeting, which brought three doctors together. Dr. Armour and Dr. Long, members of our chapter, held a roundtable discussion of their experience in World War I. Dr. Burns told of his first meeting with Gen. MacArthur, when he came to him for treatment while in the Rhineland. He said that he diagnosed the general's case and said to him that the only possible way a general could develop a lame leg was riding in too many automobiles. He said that the general's eyes blared, and thought that he was getting in trouble and smoothed it over by saying, "of course, General, that doesn't apply to you. We all know of your courage." The General obtained another doctor the next day, but that didn't prevent Dr. Burns from being promoted from captain to major. So the little joking ended well, after all.

We had the pleasure of having with us our State Chaplain, the Rev. George Causey, of Pell City, and in his talk to the chapter he

lauded the way we conducted our meeting and our clannish way of carrying out entertainments. He said that he was a Baptist and believed in close communion, which is about the same, and one of the happiest moments of his life occurred to him when he baptised four Rainbow Veterans, and that he would like to see more and more come nearer to God. He also stressed the need of prayer during these critical days.

H. S. Foster, secretary-treasurer, has been called to another city to report for work. His presence will be missed by all. John Sheldon is now pinch-hitting in that capacity.

The Douglas MacArthur Banquet was held on the third anniversary of the John W. Carroll Chapter of Mobile. Barry Dandridge, state president, presided.

Rainbowers throughout the state attended, and it was reputed to be one of the most elaborate celebrations held in many years. The mayor of the city of Mobile was the principal speaker.

This correspondent is seeking news from other chapters in the state. Address 529 South 47th St., Birmingham, Ala.

ALBERT L. NORTHROP.

CALIFORNIA—Well, folks, we are a little late with some of this news, as we missed the last edition due to circumstances beyond our control. However, we will try to bring the news up to date by giving you the highlights of what has been taking place out here in California the past two months.

At the September meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter the following officers were installed for the new year: Maynard "Stub" Bledsoe, President; Les Albrecht, Vice President; Jack Wilson, Treasurer; John Lathrop, Secretary; Art Justad, Sergeant-at-Arms. The new officers were sworn in by the Chapter's official "Installer," Top Davis.

After the installation of officers Larry Gibbs, Past National President of the R.D.V. and a member of Los Angeles Chapter, gave an interesting summary of the National Reunion held in Orlando, Florida.

An especial feature of the evening was Mr. Bruce Thomas, war correspondent and author, who told of conditions in England during the present war and also of his

experiences on a commando raid. The chapter was fortunate indeed to have Mr. Thomas as its guest.

A snappy business session opened the October meeting. For entertainment the members were shown some of the latest pictures taken in the Pacific sector of the war. The film was entitled the "March of Mars" and was the real article, loaded with action.

On October 14 the Los Angeles Chapter of the Auxiliary celebrated its Silver anniversary at the home of Mrs. Maddie Joyce Stack (Mother Stack to all Rainbowers), Past National President of the R.D.V. Auxiliary. Twenty-five years of unbroken service in the cause of Rainbow! Yes, Los Angeles Chapter is proud of its Auxiliary.

News Notes—Bill Williamson was elected Commander of Los Angeles Victory Post No. 54 of the American Legion. Congratulations, Bill, and we know Victory Post will be up and doing things under your leadership.

Pete Russell (149th F.A.)—pardon, Capt. B. D. Russell, A.G.D.—is theater officer at one of the camps near Washington. When it comes to putting on good shows Pete is the one who can do it. He did a splendid job at Los Angeles Victory Center before getting his commission.

Congratulations to Ye Editor who has trader his blue pencil for a test tube in the Chemical Warfare Division of the Army with the rank of Captain. Be careful, Harold, and don't blow yourself up.

Food for Thought: When you buy insurance you do it to protect the future of your loved ones. When you buy War Bonds you are buying insurance that will insure the insurance you have bought to protect your loved ones.

WARNER GRASSELL.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—The D. C. Chapter has gotten off to an auspicious start which promises a great Rainbow year under the leadership of Joe Cohan. Chapter President Cohan, heading an all-New York staff of Chapter officers, plans a full and interesting program of Rainbow events for the coming year. First meeting of the year was held in the home of Past President Elmer F. Neagle and it was followed three weeks later with another meeting in the projection room at Joe's Paramount Pictures' office. A buffet supper was served after an enthusiastic meeting. Just one week later the Chapter held a dinner at the Capitol Park Hotel honoring two D. C. Rainbowers who had recently entered the Army, Captains Fred G. Hammer and Harold B. Rodier. Fifty Rainbowers and their wives attended this party, which was honored by the presence of National President Albert Hoyt. President Hoyt's sparkling and witty oration on the subject of the entrance of the guests of honor into the service was a gem. Editor Rodier tried vainly to secure a copy of it for publication in The Reveille. Colonel J. Monroe Johnson made a spirited and inspirational talk reminding Rainbowers who are entering the service again that they

are charged with the grave responsibility of maintaining the traditions of Rainbow by the quality of their service. Among others who spoke were Past Presidents Walker H. Colston, Elmer F. Neagle and M. Manning Marcus. Rainbower Fidele Aguerro spoke movingly of the unconquerable spirit of the Filipino people, who are fiercely and unceasingly resisting their Japanese enemies, temporarily holding the Philippine islands since the fall of Bataan. Among those present was Rainbower Dawson, who has been stationed in Shanghai, China, and left just ahead of the Japs. Dawson gave a most interesting account of his experiences in China and other remote parts of the world. He referred to his unbroken contact with Rainbow through receipt of The Reveille in Shanghai. Editor Rodier pointed out that each month as Dawson's magazine had been mailed to him it had given him a touch of the wanderlust. The Reveille is being mailed to Rainbowers in every part of the world. President Cohan announced that due to the departure of the Editor from Washington he had asked Past President Elmer Neagle to act as D. C. Chatter correspondent during the coming year.

JOE SAUNDERS.

ILLINOIS—Judging from the large attendance

at our installation party, Illinois Chapter will have another record year. Those of the boys that have not already buried the old hatchet are turning it over to the scrap drive. Eskil Bjork and Robert Reno were the official masters of ceremonies. Our dynamic little chapter president, Harmon Nixon, appointed as installing officer a man who is known and loved by all Rainbowers from coast to coast, the one and only modest and retiring Barre Blumenthal, who did such a good job that it inspired our new President Cornelius Harrington into giving us a pep talk that will go down in the chapter's history.

The entertainment committee supplied us with a very tasty and filling meal. They also introduced a man from the realm of legerdemain who would playfully cut your necktie to pieces, put the pieces into a small black bag, say a few magic words and return it to you with such a good job of dry cleaning that you could not find the new gravy spots you had accumulated. We were also shown several late war films in which we got a lot of closeups of General Douglas MacArthur. The mob finally retired to the bar to get polished on bar etiquette, as our next meeting will be held at the bar association headquarters. We pigeonholed Barre at the bar and asked him if his ears were ringing about July 14.

We hope you are all planning to attend the 1943 Reunion, as we are going to have a lot to offer. Just imagine the thrill of meeting your new Vice President, Eskil Bjork, in the flesh and getting his autograph on a blank check.

DAN AVERY

IOWA—World War II rolls along and, as it does, more of the old gang rolls along with it. In addition to all those previously mentioned, now come such names as Pete Sefton, John Ball, George Peterson, A. F. Husted, Jimmy Burns and many others our chapters have failed to report. Of course, Iowa also claims Herald Rodier as he does wear an Iowa Rainbow cap at reunions. Maybe the generals are now finding out that the over-age R. D. V.'s can be of some service.

World War II was brought home close to Colonel Bennett Chapter in early October when a memorial service was held for Jack Boots, Jr., son of the chapter treasurer, William Boots. Young Jack was an accident victim in the Caribbean and was serving with the Navy Air Corps.

The Colonel Bennett Chapter, at its October meeting, presented the Auxiliary with a beautiful new Rainbow banner, which was graciously accepted by its president, Mrs. Josephine Staley. The entire floor of the Marks Building in Des Moines is now occupied by not only the Rainbow Club but V. F. W. Post 3626, named after two Rainbow Veterans, has taken over the rest of the floor, have really redecorated and remodeled it and are now ready for a great year. This V. F. W. Post and the Rainbow work together.

The Colonel Bennett Chapter recently took a "slap at the Japs and Hitler" in the form of a \$500.00 War Bond. A large number of the old gang are really busy with Civilian Defense in this area and a number of them are right at the head of things. Why shouldn't Rainbow lead the way?

News from other Iowa chapters? Well, if they don't send it in, we can't write much about it. Will say our paid-up membership in Iowa chapters is up to the record of 1941.

HOMER W. GARDNER.

MICHIGAN

The season's greetings to the
Rainbow clan,
Those at home—and across the
ocean's span.
We are working all together for the
common weal,
For the new and better world that
tomorrow shall reveal.

Ed Coury's Rainbow Inn was the gathering point for the ambulance gang on September 29th. Only one ambulance was on hand, the other having developed carburetor trouble. Those present gave it the once over (the ambulance, not the carburetor).

Reminiscences and stories made the rounds. Bill Kind signed up as a member of the ambulance unit. Some of the experts "needled" President Kurt. Clarence Houle had tales about Schwab and Toledo. Doc McAfee was heard to remark that "a pickled dog is better than a hot one." Another enjoyable evening.

The Past Presidents put on a feed preceding the last monthly meeting. Chef Eck-

hout presided at the stove while Tom Hanson peeled the onions. Pop Irwin undressed the carrots, while 3-Star Hennessy used his bayonet on the meat. Marx Rosenthaler and Jack Kelley made short work of the spuds. Chet Lowe did his share. Kurt Frederick was general chore boy. Believe me, that stew was good.

At the business session, "V" letters from Lt. Col. Hanna and Capt. Northrup, both "down under," were read. At the suggestion of Wilber Brucker, it was decided to hold our annual Rainbow Day at the Vets' Hospital on Armistice Day instead of Xmas because of the impending "gas" ration. Chett Lowe gave an account of the decoration of Lt. Tom Merritt, son of Vic Van Gaux, who is one of the outstanding heroes of this war. Saturday, November 7th, was set as the date for our second group donation to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Buddy, have you paid your dues? You should come into the fold, even if you've never joined before. This is MacArthur year and our silver anniversary.

Do honor to MacArthur and to Rainbow. Make this the biggest year in our history. Send your dues in now.

KURT W. FREDERICK.

NEW JERSEY—On a balmy evening last

Spring a small group of eager and resolute fellows gathered at the Essex House, Newark, N. J., for dinner and to extend to each other a friendly hand of greeting. Most of them had hailed from different states and settled in North Jersey. Few of them had previously met or remotely known of each other. This, however, was not evident from the amicable and unrestrained manner in which they readily associated themselves. Introductions were only necessary to acquaint them with the names of their companion diners. Though most of these fellows had never met before, they knew each other, and how! They were cast from the same mould —RAINBOW!

This was the inception of the North Jersey Chapter. Walker Colston, last year's National President, was there to welcome them back to Rainbow.

On June 14 they met in Child's Restaurant banquet room, Newark, N. J., and held their first business meeting. Dues were collected and a committee was appointed to choose a suitable chapter name, which to date has not been decided.

The officers are Charles Rothholtz, President; Fred H. Sacksteder, First Vice President; Earnest Bryan, Second Vice President; Emil Huber, Treasurer; Robert Nickol, Secretary; John Vance, Advocate; Larry McGrath, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Fred Eno, Chaplain.

Slattery, Haywood, Kane, Mitchell, Harrison and yours truly of the Red Bank Chapter were present to wish the new chapter and officers good luck and a hearty welcome.

STAN BARROW

NEW YORK—The Rainbow Veterans lost one of its most ardent and beloved members when Jim Ellsworth died on October 14 after a short illness. He was one of Father Duffy's Chapter most energetic workers and became president of that chapter in July 1940-41. Although he held high offices in other veteran organizations, Rainbow came first and his passing will be greatly missed by all.

In my forecast of coming events, in the last Reveille, I erred slightly in one event and became too previous in another. Jack Ryan's team didn't lose the ball game as anticipated, but he did get married, and I must say if he could pick ball players the way he does a wife, he would have one swell team.

My other error was in believing that Stalingrad would fall before the mighty onslaughts of the Nazis. It did not appear conceivable that our ally, the Russians could stand up much longer under the fierce pounding, but they have proven to the world that they can take it, and with the courage they have manifested, Hitler must be very dubious about his chances of conquering the world.

On Saturday, October 17, "C" Company held their annual dinner at the Hotel Martinique, and from all accounts it was a very successful party. Manny Marcus came on from Washington as a guest, and was enthusiastically received by all present. Barney Rogan, a "C" Company veteran of the last war, was present in his new uniform, as he had been inducted in service. He must have run away from kindergarten to get in the last war.

At the last meeting of the Father Duffy Chapter a committee was selected to obtain an honor roll plaque to list all Rainbowners of the Chapter who are in service. It will be of great interest to know who are in service, and as the list grows larger, as it will, we who remain at home will have an opportunity of corresponding with these boys and following their careers. Not one of us but envies the opportunity afforded these men to serve their country once more in the armed forces. Even though the officials deem most of us unsuited for service, we will carry on and do our best as civilians to aid the cause.

The Long Island Chapter have taken it upon themselves to entertain the Coast Guard units stationed on Long Island, and every other Friday night they put on a show called The Rainbow Revue, at one of the Coast Guard stations. They have been able to secure the services of professional talent living on Long Island, and also obtain the latest of war movies. Arrangements have been made to put on a different show each time. It was found that most of the Coast Guard stations have pianos that are no good, or none at all, therefore they obtained three pianos, reconditioned them, and donated them to various stations. The shows which have been put on to date have been enthusiastically received, and will be continued as long as possible.

On October 12, the National Rainbow Division Monument was one year old, and we are pleased to report that the entire plot on which it is set has been landscaped and properly laid out with bushes along the borders and walks. On Armistice Day appropriate ceremonies will be held at the monument honoring our departed comrades.

The Westchester Chapter reports that they are finally giving up picnics for this year and will hibernate for the rest of the winter, as they expect to make plenty of money on the football raffles, which will be held next week, to carry them through.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Father Duffy Chapter will hold a card party-luncheon at the LaGuardia Field Restaurant on October 24, and from the various promises made them this should prove very successful. Proceeds from this affair will be used by them to take care of the men in the hospital and supply them with gifts for Christmas.

G. E. SEAMAN.

OHIO—With Buckeyes paying their dues earlier this year than in any Rainbow year in history, Ohio is really moving along despite the transport problem that will interfere with many Chapter activities.

The State Board of Trustees at its recent meeting authorized publication in booklet form the speech of Gen. MacArthur at the National Reunion in 1935. The speech is a masterpiece of expression from the heart and soul of one of the world's greatest military leaders and had his words been heeded the United States would not have suffered the defeats it has sustained in this war and the eventual victory would not be so far in the future. The tribute to the dead of the Rainbow as expressed by the General is as beautiful as any words to be found in the world's literature.

Jots and Dots: "Hank" Gowdy, color sergeant of the 166th in World War I and the first major league baseball player to enlist for that conflict, has undergone physical examination for a commission in this war... Hank, coach of the Cincinnati Reds, has offered to do any sort of Army service... Got a letter from Lt. Col. Garrett Olds dated at Leesville, La., recently... He's on maneuvers with the 38th Division as Adjutant General... The 166th Infantry is in Florida... The 37th Division, headed by former 166th Adjutant Robert S. Beightler (Major General) is in the Southwest Pacific... Every reader of the Reveille envies Harold for being in uniform... Pheasant and rabbit season opens November 20 in Ohio and there will be an epidemic of game suppers among Rainbow Chapters... Neal McCann, Mess Sergeant of Co. E, 166th, is dead.

JACK HENRY.

PENNSYLVANIA—Bethlehem Chapter has lost one of its most ardent and popular members to the Army. Leidy Drauch is setting a mark of patriotism hard to equal anywhere.

Formerly a captain, he would not wait for the usual routine and enlisted as a "buck." If that isn't Rainbow, then there isn't a Marine in the Solomons. This information comes from Dave Brown who always keeps us posted. Bethlehem's party in honor of Leidy was a wow. The Bethlehem Globe-Times of September 28 carried a quarter-page story of this memorable occasion. Would that I could reprint it in full.

Out of Lancaster comes the news that Earl Dennis, last year's State Association Secretary-Treasurer, and well known to many a Rainbower, has gone back into the Army. Our information at this writing is very meagre but of this we are sure, Earl will do credit to his nation and to Rainbow. Good luck, Earl. We hear that John Brenner, who needs no introduction to Rainbowers, has been installed as Commander of his Legion Post. You just can't keep these Rainbowers down.

We have just received a report of the election of this year's officers from Reading Chapter and they are as follows: John Laughlin, President; Lloyd Burkey, Vice President; William Vogel, Treasurer; Harrison Fix, Secretary; Arthur Knehr, Chaplain.

To you men is entrusted the symbol of our glorious Rainbow and we know you will not fail. Best of luck.

As usual a mighty swell time was enjoyed by all attending our last meeting. The rain and fog no doubt kept our attendance down, but in spite of that we had members present from as far north as Meadville and south from Wheeling, W. Va. Your scribe had the honor of receiving the gavel from Randy Randolph to carry on as "prexy" for this year. Here is the list of those elected to guide Pittsburgh Chapter for the year: President, Walter G. Michel, 117th Engrs.; Vice President, Leo Moquin, 150th M.G. Batt.; Vice President, George Winslow, 117th Engrs.; Vice President, Ronald Rigby, 166th Inf.; Secretary, Randy Randolph, 150th F.A.; Treasurer, Vince Fleckenstien, 167th Inf.; Chaplain, Allen Koch, 166th Inf.; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dan Gordon, 165th Inf.; Member of Executive Committee, John Lotz, 165th Inf.

I feel I can speak for the entire membership of this state when I say to our national officers, "This being Rainbow's Silver Anniversary, we pledge you our support to the end that our colors will be brighter and lovelier than ever." So long. **WALT MICHEL.**

VIRGINIA—For twenty year or more, whenever a place was needed for a meeting of the Virginia Chapter, Bill Hitt's house at 1024 W. Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, was always available. And many an enjoyable hour has been spent beneath that friendly roof in Rainbow comradeship. Therefore, it is with a feeling akin to sadness that we report Bill's selling of the house and his moving into an apartment. His new address, most appropriately, is P. O. Box 42, Roanoke, Va.

Word continues to arrive of more Virginia Rainbowers who have entered the Armed

Forces again. Col. Marion S. Battle for the past several years has been at the head of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Virginia Highway Department, which included, during his administration, the State Police. He is now at Washington in the office of the Provost Marshal General. At last report, Henry I. Thomason had been promoted from Captain to Major. When Harold K. Roberts of Richmond was last heard from he was a Major attached to the War Department.

The meeting of the chapter at the home of Sid P. Chockley on October 10th was the largest in many a day and is indicative of the greater interest in Rainbow which is surging throughout the country. Our membership now totals forty. On the same date last year, only 17 members had paid their dues. There are countless thousands who would give their very eye teeth if they were only eligible to join the Rainbow. Did many of us ever think about what a privilege that is—one that is enjoyed by comparatively few veterans. Come on, you boys who haven't lined up with those who are keeping alive the things that all Rainbow men really revere, and put your shoulders to the wheel, too.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS.

THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY—As this year advances we know that we are expected to do our share toward national emergency. We will be called upon to do things that have never been accomplished by women before. We as Rainbowers' wives, mothers or sisters will get behind our men and back them up as some return to the military life and others to defense work. Girls, our work might be heavy and the hours long but what is that if the end is won? So with that true Rainbow spirit we will go on to victory with our men.

MISS MINNIE L. FISHER,
National Auxiliary Secretary

THE RAINBOW

'Twas God who gave us the Rainbow,
Symbolic of brotherhood,
Then hung it in the heavens
For men that understood.

And thus, when storm clouds gather
Across a darkened sky,
The glorious light of the Rainbow
Gives hope that cannot die.

And when the men had gathered
From Maine to Oregon
Around the great MacArthur
A mighty paragon.

'Neath grim determined faces
He saw the friendly glow,
United, strength in brotherhood
He called them "The Rainbow."

And when beyond the Rainbow
We, with our comrades share;
We'll clasp their hands in fellowship
And rest, contented there.

MRS. LEON BENSON,
Philadelphia Auxiliary

THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Edward C. Weitzel, P.O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio



All hail to the following Chapters: Julien M. Strassburger (Alabama), Jacksonville (Florida), New Jersey (New Jersey), Dyer J. Bird (Ohio), Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), Oshkosh (Wisconsin); Lancaster (Pennsylvania). All hail! Over the top already, reaching new highs in membership. Many other Chapters are approaching their best attainment. All Chapters are operating

with increased zeal to make this, the Silver Anniversary of Rainbow, the outstanding year in Rainbow history.

An interesting fact comes from Joe Dickerson of Montgomery, Alabama, when he stated in a recent communication, "The Julien M. Strassburger Chapter has 'dood' it again. Over the top by the first remittance for the fifth consecutive year. Going over the top is this Chapter's contribution to Rainbow."

As this message is being written the Secretary again pauses briefly to outline the accomplishments for the first quarter of the Rainbow year. Contact has been established with all Chapters; Officer Lists for 1942-1943 are about completed; the Memorial File is up to date; over 2,500 Membership Cards have been distributed already; remittances are coming forward at a very satisfactory rate; the Annual Year Book has been mailed

to Chapters; response to our Appeal to the Unattached Rainbower has been most gratifying, hundreds of coupons as shown at the bottom of this page have been sent in with remittances; contact is being maintained with all known Rainbow men who are again in service; and an earnest effort is being made to revive interest in currently inactive Chapters to assure 100 per cent activity in the entire realm of Rainbow during this our Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

We still receive numerous requests for the official history of the Rainbow Division. We regret to advise that the supply of "Americans All" was exhausted nearly a year ago. There are no more copies available.

As of December 20, it is planned to again publish monthly the Chart of Chapter Performance on this page for the remainder of the year 1942-43. Unless otherwise instructed we will set up for each Chapter its highest membership for the past three years. Any Chapter desiring to set a Voluntary Goal is urged to do so. Send us the figure you set and it will be specified with the "V" for Voluntary.

There is a growing tendency among Rainbowers to Maintain Multiple Memberships. A few of the 3-M's are Barney Sullivan, Walker Colston, Bill Nevius, Capt. Bodine, Walter Breheny, Bob Taylor, Marx Rosenthaler, Walt Michel, Sam Neuburg, "Bugs" MacArthur, Randy Randolph, Bill Harrison, Charlie Rothholz and Ed Letzer.

The only thing like Rainbow is Rainbow itself. This is your Anniversary.

ED WEITZEL.

(If you DO NOT BELONG TO A CHAPTER, use the following coupon)

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

Dear Ed:—I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow Division, and wish to join our Association. I inclose \$1.00; please send me my membership card and continue sending The Reveille to the following address:

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