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The President's Page

"Gentlemen of the Rainbow Division: It was with you I lived my greatest moments. It is of you I have my greatest memories. On such an occasion as this my thoughts go back to the men who went with us to the last charge. In memory's eye I can see them now—forming grimly for the attack, blue-lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain of the fox hole, driving home to their objective, and to the judgment seat of God. I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory. Never again for them staggering columns bending under soggy packs, on many a weary march from dripping dusk to drizzling dawn. Never again will they slug ankle deep through the mud on shell-shocked roads. Never again will they stop grumbling long enough to whistle through chapped lips a few bars as some clear voice raised the lilt of Medelon. Never again ghostly trenches, with their maze of tunnels, drifts, pits, dugouts—never again, gentlemen unafraid. They have gone beyond the mists that blind us here. In chambered temples of silence the dust of their dauntless valor sleeps, waiting in the chancery of Heaven the final reckoning of Judgment Day * * *."

Most Rainbowers will remember these words. They are a part of the tribute to our departed Comrades by General Douglas MacArthur before the Seventeenth Annual Reunion in 1935. There are some, however, who are still carrying those "soggy packs." They are the ones who suffer, in hospitals and lonely homes, from wounds, seen and unseen, as a result of Rainbow service. They number in the hundreds and more than one of them wears the Congressional Medal of Honor. From them we ask only the privilege of sending this paper, together with our love and affection. There are others, and they number in the thousands, who carry no pack. It is to them we now appeal. Re-enlist with your Comrades of yesteryear. Take up your packs again and help with the packs of those who cannot carry further. Your old buddies are looking down upon you. Let them find you worthy. Use the back page of this paper as your enlistment blank.

AL HOYT

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BACK IN THE ARMY AGAIN

We suppose most Rainbowers can be divided into just two classes, those who have an itch to get back in the Army again, and those who are back in the Service. Your Editor, reporting each month the ever-growing list of Rainbowers back in the Army, was unable to withstand the urge, and is back again in uniform, as Captain, in the Chemical Warfare Service. It has been said that a couple of C.W.S.'s G-2 men got a whiff of your Editor's old pipe, and tracked him down. Pay no attention to such rumors. Being back in the Army again is great stuff, and your Editor is enjoying every minute of it (we mean after the first thirty or forty each morning). Some of our friends have asked how we are making out with the setting-up exercises in the morning. Boys, it is still the getting-up exercises that hurt. But that old one-two-grunt-four is plenty good for you.

When we took our final type physical the doctors marked us, "seven pounds overweight, well distributed over physique." Isn't that a delicate way to refer to the tummy? But anyway the Army has a few magic words which take care of that situation. They begin, (remember?) "The next exercise will be a body-bending exercise . . ." We are stationed at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and about the only thing we can think of about the place that isn't a military secret is that it is close enough to Washington that we can get home each week-end. (We hope.) In any case your Editor has divided up the functions of the publication with his long-time right-hand assistant, Mrs. Rodier, who will do all of the onerous work while Ye Ed has all the fun. (Wielding that old Blue Pencil!)

We ask one indulgence of our loyal band of correspondents. Please for gosh sakes get your copy in on time. (On time means the 20th of each month.)

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Rainbow is taking its Silver Anniversary seriously, and the year ahead of us promises to see many interesting and important events staged by Rainbow Chapters in every section of the nation in celebration of this momentous milestone in the life of our Association. There is evidence already that the Silver Anniversary Membership Campaign will make an impressive showing. The revitalized interest in Rainbow which is thereby indicated will evidence itself notably in these various sectional celebrations.

TEXAS—Well, sir, it's the truth, all I know is what I hear on the radio and read in the papers. To be sure, I do get a lot of dope in letters from Rainbowers from far and near, and I enjoy this best of all.

But imagine my surprise when I opened my paper yesterday and read on page one, a story about a grand old Rainbower, T. Sgt. Herbert C. George. It told about some medals he had won and about a lot of other things. It said that he is now in Co. K, First Quartermaster Training Regiment, and is stationed in Michigan. The article even gave the Sergeant's age and said he had been in the Army over 24 years. But would you believe it, the paper never said a darned word about the Rainbow Division? No, sir, not one word!

Well, such is life. Oh, me, oh my!

FRED CORNELIUS.

THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY — PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

—Just two months ago at our National Auxiliary Reunion in Orlando I was given the high honor of being your National President for 1942-1943. This honor is the greatest that can be given any woman, and I wish to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

I shall do all in my power to make this year a great year. Thanks to all of you for the letters, telegrams, and gifts. This I am sure gives me your cooperation 100 per cent.

Yours in Rainbow, HAZEL WRIGHT.

CHICAGO GETTING REUNION-MINDED

We consider it much too early to decide if the first course of the Rainbow banquet of the 1943 Annual Reunion shall be marinated herring or kraut juice. We have not yet applied for a parade permit. Nor have we made the necessary arrangements to sound-proof the room to be assigned to the Resolutions Committee. As a matter of fact, we might be charged with having done nothing toward fulfillment of our obligations as host to Rainbow in 1943.

But that charge would not be wholly true, for while the tangible accomplishments add up to nil, we are, nevertheless, doing the mental planning which must precede any definite action. Our silver-tongued spellbinders—Blumenthal, Crawford and Finnegan—have gone into training. Our banking members, in prospect of being assigned to the Finance Committee, are laying in huge supplies of aspirin and bromides. Mrs. Avery is making sandwiches for Dan. Doc Foley and Henry Ferrone are rehearsing "The Sidewalks of New York," and Howard Smith "The Iowa Corn Song." Judges Scheffler and McGarry have laid in a fresh supply of habeas corpus forms so that any backsliders may be sprung from the cooler without delay. We are putting the finishing touches on our subway and are appealing

for a greater Chicago river intake.

Our planning is and will be on a super-colossal scale befitting the Chapter which has been so appropriately defined "the world's greatest." The annual meeting would be a fitting climax to what is for us "The Douglas MacArthur Year" (25th anniversary) and what will be for us the greatest year, from the standpoint of dues and general interest, we have ever experienced.

Time is no longer reckoned by days and weeks, but rather by the intervals between one victory, the next one and the final one. The first order of business for us in the next victory and the second item on the agenda is another victory. If, in addition to doing those things that these victories will demand of us all, Rainbow can still find the time and can have the inclination to avail itself of our invitation to come to Chicago in 1943, you may all be sure we shall leave no stones unturned to make yours a pleasant visit. But if you come be sure to bring your ration cards.

CORNELIUS J. HARRINGTON,
Chapter President.

ESKIL I. BJORK,
Association Vice President.

ROBERT R. RENO, JR.,
Associate Editor.

RAINBOW MARCHES ON

Rainbow Marches On! Ranks thinning as comrades enter the sphere where the Rainbow never fades; Chapters growing as many renew their associations of long ago, with the advent once again of the stirring days of war. Comrades re-enlisting to fling our glorious Rainbow spirit once again into the thick of the battle—Rainbow Marches On!

Comrades, all, under the perfect Rainbow, with its full quota of colors, we march on. We march with faith; in ourselves, our comrades old and new, our country, our flag, and our cause. We march with hope, for a better tomorrow, when the enemies of freedom have been driven from the air, sea, and land. We march under the Rainbow in love, for our Rainbow fellowship is a thing of beauty, and a joy forever. That this fellowship be extended, especially to any Rainbowners who may be sick or shut in, the National Chaplain will appreciate the names and addresses of such comrades that he may send them a line or two of inspiration and cheer. Greetings to you, and blessings upon you, Rainbowners everywhere. Rainbow Marches On!

JOHN A. CALLAN,
Holdenville, Okla.
National Chaplain.



CHAPLAIN CALLAN

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALABAMA—Clayton Vickery, 56, for many years a member of Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter, Birmingham, was taken to the land of eternal peace Aug. 17, 1942. In his quiet manner, Clayton Vickery cemented a bond of friendship between the men who worked with him. He earned the respect of all who came in contact with him, and his death leaves us to mourn the passing of another of our beloved comrades. Services were held in East Lake Baptist Church. Burial took place in Forest Hill Cemetery, with the American Legion and Masonic Order officiating. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and daughter who survive our departed comrade.

Word has been received from Harold Rodier that he is back in the Army again and has turned over all of the mailing list and circulation work to his right-hand assistant, Mrs. Rodier, but Capt. Rodier will continue as editor of the Reveille.

All Rainbows here extend their best wishes to Harold and hope that he may go far in his new field of endeavors.

John B. Hutto of Birmingham has been inducted into the Army as technical sergeant. John's ability as a mechanic should carry him up to the higher ranks.

Barney Sullivan and his wife, on their whirlwind trip to visit several chapters in the states, stopped over in Birmingham for a night's rest and attended the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter's regular monthly meeting. Barney made an interesting talk on the procedure taken to put over the national convention held in Orlando, Fla., and judging from his conversation, Orlando is a rich man's paradise. The city gave full cooperation. Business houses made contributions clearing an indebtedness of \$5,000.

Preparations are under way for the entertainment of Rainbows and their wives on Armistice Day, Nov. 11. A special invitation has been sent to President Al Hoyt to attend our celebration. Come all and enjoy that much-talked-about southern hospitality.

ALBERT L. NORTHRUP

ILLINOIS—A reporter's report to the Reveille.

Bob Reno has finally come out of his shell and taken the bull by the horns, which means that the world's greatest chapter will have another successful year.

Flash—We were honored with the presence of General Reilly last Friday, September 11, at a luncheon. General Reilly is very much in demand all over the country at this time and we are always glad to see him when his train schedule permits.

Flash—Rainbow Post of the V.F.W. presented the Foleys with a service flag for their son who is now in the armed forces. Henry Ferrone, the fightingest fighting Irishman of the Fighting 69th, made the presen-

tation. We were entertained in true Foley fashion.

Flash—The entertainment committee is sure going to town with a party for September 25, and it looks like the first meeting observing our twenty-fifth anniversary (Douglas MacArthur year) will be a great success. It will be held at the Merchandise Mart. What could be more fitting than having the world's largest Chapter meeting in the world's largest building.

Attention, New York! Rainbow veterans presented the Colors at the preview of the reopening of Rainbow Gardens. There were two hard-boiled police sergeants in the Color Detail, Bill Byers and Harry Rosner, which proves that Illinois chapter has flatfeet to brag about, too. Also in the detail were Paul Haase, C. E. Johnson and your scribe. Our hard work was rewarded with a champagne dinner and floor show.

Flash—Attention, ladies of the Auxiliary! If we are able to hold the 1943 Reunion in Chicago and your entertainment chairman, Kay Foley, follows her present plans, you will have something to talk about when you get home.

DAN AVERY.

GENERAL REILLY TO ADDRESS

ILLINOISANS

Brig. Gen. Henry J. Reilly will address the Chicago Bar Association on November 19 at a dinner meeting at the Bar Association quarters, 29 South LaSalle Street, on the subject "Strategy Will Win the War." The Bar Association has extended an invitation to the Illinois Rainbow Chapter to attend this meeting, special tables, to accommodate 150, having been set aside therefor. The invitation will be gratefully accepted.

MARYLAND—Maryland Chapter continues the battle of the War Memorial Building with much bloodshed and with neither side able to win a decision.

We have just passed through a very critical election with the Honorable(?) Philip Eulon Ratcliffe the winner and new President. It seems that the nominating committee met in its usual inebriated fashion and soon were unable to remember what the meeting was for. They realized in a numb sort of way that they were to name somebody for something. Someone mumbled that Ratcliffe was a good man, meaning the junior Senator from Maryland, so Ratcliffe was made the unanimous choice of the committee.

Imagine their horror when they sobered up and realized they had nominated the Honorable(?) Philip Eulon Ratcliffe for president of the Maryland Chapter. At first it seemed to the committee that catastrophe had overtaken the chapter. Then cooler heads pointed out that, after all, we had survived Tommy Murphy. So what the hell!

That well-known elocutionist, Steve Masson, then nominated Herb (Gaz) Gochneour from the floor, whereupon Goch fled from the meeting in panic lest he be elected. By some

very clever political maneuvering, aided by the presence of a man who he alleged to be Al Young, his brother-in-law, who was attending his first meeting and who no one was able to identify, and assisted by three votes secured from three of our members, who shall be nameless, who are patients at the mental hospital at Perry Point, the Honorable(?) Philip Eulon Ratchliffe squeezed himself in.

We have received some very favorable newspaper publicity because of our gifts of oxygen tents to various charity hospitals in Baltimore. A word of explanation is due those who saw the newspaper pictures of the presentation. The tank on the left is an oxygen tank and the tank on the right is Abe Stout.

We pause to announce that we are publishing a book, the title being "Maryland's 117th Trench Mortar Battery in the World War, 1917-19." Beautifully bound, brilliantly illustrated, it tells the story of our experiences in the last war, the serious side and the comic side as well. Published as a limited edition, a few copies will shortly be on sale through our Maryland Chapter, War Memorial Building, Baltimore. The proceeds of sales to be used to purchase additional oxygen tents for charity hospitals.

Your opportunity to read the true facts about Jack Clarke, Doc McMains, Abe Stout, Steve Masson and all those others who set themselves up in their old age as respectable members of society.

HARRY STANSBURY

MICHIGAN—

First Spasm

Twenty-five years have come and went,
Since we bunked in the old pup tent.

Second Spasm

Most of us stick out, where we used to cave in,
But we're still able to take it on the chin.

Finale

For the sake of old-time friendship,
In the name of our comrades of yore,
Return to the fold, My Buddy,
Be a Rainbower, once more!

The final event of the summer was the picnic given at Belle Isle by the auxiliary. Our Junior Drum and Bugle Corps put on a drill. There were games for youngsters and grown-ups alike with prizes for all.

At the last meeting we had a report by the two boys sponsored by the Chapter to the Boys' State. Both gave interesting talks. Marx Rosenthaler and Bill Hemme reported on the Rainbow banquet at Pittsburgh. Bill deserves a pat on the back. He's doing a good job as editor of the Observation Post. By unanimous vote, it was decided to give membership cards to all Chapter members who have returned to the Colors. Don Hennessey told us of the entertainment in store, especially the Feather Party.

The ambulance unit took a test to wind up the Advanced First Aid class. All made

passing grades. It was planned to hold a rally at Ed Coury's Rainbow Inn, so that all Chapter members would have a chance to examine and drive the ambulances. More about this next month.

To celebrate the Silver Jubilee,
Your face—and dues—we'd like to see.

KURT W. FREDERICK.

Postum after the Scriptum:

To Captain Rodier, Harold B.:

Best o' luck I wish fer ye.

KURT.

MISSOURI-KANSAS — The Missouri-Kansas

Chapter started off the Rainbow year in fine style by holding a buffet supper and get-together for Rainbowers on Sunday, Sept. 20th, during the National Convention of the Legion. Splendid arrangements were made at Hotel President and the meeting was attended by about 150 enthusiastic Rainbowers, many of whom had not attended a Rainbow affair for some time. Among those who had been missing the comradeship of his Rainbow buddies was Major Hermann, former Commanding Officer of the Kansas ammunition train. The Major was paid a fine tribute by his men and spoke movingly of his joy at seeing them again, promising not to miss any future meetings he could attend. Among those from out of the area who were introduced was Captain James Burns (151st F. A.), who served on the staff of the Artillery Brigade and who is now State President of Wisconsin. He is also the founder of Douglas MacArthur Chapter of Milwaukee. At the meeting Jim found an old buddy he had not seen in years and the reunion between these two lasted far into the night. Then there was one Barney Sullivan, now of Florida. When he arrived there was in progress a certain form of amusement wherein two white mice scamper around over the carpet while the players utter short staccato prayers. After watching the sport a few minutes, Barney entered the contest by offering two lettuce leaves. Upon gaining custody of the mice, he then proceeded to show the amateurs how it was done in Florida by making six straight deft manipulations of his good right hand and then picking up the entire bale of lettuce and stuffing it in his various pockets. Naturally some caustic comments ensued, but all agreed that Barney was good as he had never met those two mice before. Having relieved the heat in one place, Sullivan then proceeded to apply it in another. It seems that when Barney was National Sergeant-at-Arms at Atlantic City, Colonel Garrett, finding no place to park his gum, demanded that Sullivan hold it and return it later. So with the aid of a confederate to explain the situation, Barney marched up to the front and solemnly returned to the Colonel the gum from Atlantic City, having first had it renovated and dry cleaned. We were glad to see for the first time in many years Capt. Stevenson, formerly of Company F, 166th Infantry. Also we missed Ray Ramsey, perennial treasurer of the Chapter, who was down with a cold. The National Presi-

dent, Al Hoyt, was introduced by Col. Garrett, who was acting as toastmaster. President Hoyt spoke of the history of the Association and stated that two of the comrades were now prisoners of the enemy. He also stated that he expected 100 new members from the Chapter this year. After the meeting, 40 members marched up to the Secretary and re-enlisted. There will be another meeting in October and notices will be sent out announcing the date. President Lou is hereby advised to appoint a regular correspondent who will get copy to Editor Rodier by the 20th of the month. The Chapter is now in a lively and enthusiastic condition. In fact, it is too lively to be a fit place for the

RAINBOW GHOST.

NEBRASKA—On September 12 the Rainbower of Nebraska invited the mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts to a reunion banquet at the Ideal Club. The evening was spent informally and the toastmaster was Harold Schwenker. The National officers of the Auxiliary who were present were introduced and said a word of welcome to the boys. Our crowd was small this year and a few faces were missing as some of the boys had returned to active service. Bill Bell is now in Boston; Ray Crowen is now in Colorado; Marcus Poteet has been back in the Army for twenty months and his station is not known.

NEW JERSEY—The annual banquet of the New Jersey Chapter, held in conjunction with its meeting for election of officers at the Log Cabin Inn, Highlands, N. J., on June 21, was as usual a festive occasion. The tasty and satisfying shore dinner served the seventy-five who attended, fortified them for a night of revelry that lasted until the wee hours of the morn. Believe me, these Rainbowers sure can whoop it up!

One of the highlights of the evening was the presence of our old "top kick," Major Joseph E. Fix, Army Air Corps. Joe, an active Rainbower for years, returned to Army service as an Artillery captain about a year ago. He is now stationed at Denver, Colo.

The officers installed for the current year are Osborne E. Harrison, President; Frank E. Mitchell, First Vice President; Stan Barrow, Second Vice President; Arthur E. Slattery, Secretary; John P. Gaul, Treasurer; Tom Kane, Advocate; Reginald B. Van Brunt, Historian, and John Fix, Sergeant-at-Arms.

In order to promote funds to provide athletic and recreational equipment needed at several local Army camps, the Chapter solicited ads for its banquet souvenir program. The generous response by advertisers throughout the state enabled us to purchase and distribute about \$600 worth of such equipment to various units at Camp Charles Wood and Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Another plug for Rainbow. Thanks for this swell job goes to Slattery, Harrison, Mitchell, Gaul and Patterson, last year's president.

The baby chapter (eighteen strong) at Newark, N. J., under the able leadership of that staunch Rainbower, Charles Rothholtz, is strengthening its infant legs and soon will be striding to the arms of Mother Rainbow for its charter. More about this Chapter later.

STAN BARROW.

NEW YORK—If this item were to be written a short time hence I would know the answers to a number of events that are to be settled, but at present me thinks that—

"Dem bums," the Dodgers, will have lost the National League pennant and Leo Durocher will have joined the Army in disgust.

The alibi-ing pineapples of Headquarters Co. will realize that even though the spirit is willing the body is not, for they will have taken another shellacking in the ball game at Schmidt's Farm on September 26th. Jack Ryan, the captain, will have given up his freedom and joined the ranks of us married men, for which he should be thankful.

Now that the hot weather is over, the meetings at Father Duffy Chapter will be better attended and the boys will have plenty of opportunity of deciding how to win this war while enjoying the promised refreshments. The Financial Secretary now has a corps of assistants taking in dues at each meeting and it looks like a big year.

At the last meeting Mike Shea and his Canteen Committee proposed that the fund be raised to One Thousand Dollars by continuing to collect donations until December and that this sum be turned over to the 165th Infantry Canteen Fund to be used as they desired. This proposal met with the approval of all and was adopted.

Life for the boys in Westchester seems to be a picnic. On Saturday they go to Schmidt's Farm to play ball and linger around the beer keg at third base, after which they will loll around and eat everything in sight. The next day, Sunday, they will leisurely arise, pack their lunch baskets and gather at Bill Ferguson's house for another picnic. This time, instead of drinking beer, they will let their wives take them rowing on the river, or, if warm enough, go for a swim, and if so the boys in New York City will be drinking polluted water next winter as most of the streams up there feed the reservoir.

To keep themselves fit after the picnic season they intend selling chances on a raffle for two tickets to the Army-Navy football game. I understand the chances are to be five cents each, but don't try to get away with buying less than a book full for if you do you are in for a fight. Adding the profits to what they already have in the treasury, they will decide how much more they need to get a home for themselves. The Lord help you if they need much, for they will sell you the Statue of Liberty.

After a layoff for the summer, the Long Island Chapter will hold their next meeting on September 25th, at which time the new

officers will be elected. It is hoped that the boys can get enough gas to be present at the meeting so they can get gassed up on what have you to get home.

At this meeting some sort of a program will be arranged to celebrate the first anniversary of the Rainbow Monument at Camp Mills. Now that barracks are all over Camp Mills once more, it begins to look like the same old place when we were there and the monument is viewed by hundreds of the present army.

The Auxiliary to Father Duffy Chapter is planning to hold a luncheon card party at LaGuardia Field on October 24th to replenish their treasury so as to take care of the Rainbow men in the hospitals on Christmas. This organization has never let these men down in all the years and deserves lots of credit.

G. E. SEAMAN

PENNSYLVANIA—Congratulations are pouring in to our beloved National Editor of the Reveille for his appointment as a Captain in Uncle Sam's Army. Sir! We of Rainbow salute you and want you to know that our best wishes go with you wherever duty may call you. Captain H. B. Rodier is now with the Chemical Warfare Section of this man's new army. I'll bet that just as soon as Hirohito or Adolph hear about it they will say, Oh what the h—l, that Rainbow is in again, we might as well give up." Good luck, Harold!

Just received a short note from Ed Weitzel telling me that a good Rainbower from out in Los Angeles is now living in Ravenna, Ohio. Howdy, Kingsbury. Come over and see us here in the smoky city some time.

The momentum keeps up over in Philadelphia. Their last meeting was held on September 10 and as usual was very well attended and everyone glad they were present. You've got to hand it to Ed Letzer and all of the boys who worked so hard to get going. Ed was heard to say to someone, "From now on Philadelphia will have a spot in the Rainbow." On September 16 they had forty paid-up members, so I guess Ed knew what he was talking about.

Dave Brown from over Bethlehem writes that their September meeting was called off due to sickness among a good percentage of the members. Nevertheless a meeting will be held on October 4 and arrangements for the big Washington's Birthday party will be made. See how far ahead these machine gunners operate. According to Dave the latest on membership is twenty-five paid up. Nice going, gang.

From out of New York comes the news that Rainbow Comrade Charles Quinn, of C Co. 165th Inf., spared in the first World War, has now made the Supreme Sacrifice in this present war. From time to time, I suppose we will have to hear this heart-breaking news and all because the job was not done right the first time. Nevertheless Rainbow as always will stand by with all the rest

to see this job through, come what may.

The rate of enlistments by former soldiers of the old Rainbow are so fast we can hardly keep up with them. Two of the latest to come to our attention are Felix Schneelock, formerly of the 168th Iowa, now in the Air Corps, and Raymond Furlong, formerly of Maryland Trench Motor, now in the Air Corps as a Captain. Rainbow's best wishes go to you both.

Pittsburgh's next regular meeting will be held Saturday night, September 26. The big business before the house will be election of officers and, of course, the report of our successful party held last month. Just to let you know that Pittsburgh is on its toes we have a paid-up membership to date (September 18) of fifty-five. How's that for getting them on the line. So' long.

WALT MICHEL

VIRGINIA—Rainbow in Virginia, after completing the most successful year in its history during 1941-42, is rolling along again. The latest available reports show 32 memberships for the State Chapter and 19 memberships for the Lynchburg Chapter. That figures exactly 51 per cent of the total Virginia membership during last year—so keep 'em rolling, boys, and let's be the first state to exceed last year's attainment.

At the August meeting the chapter installed the following officers: President, Leonard O. Key; First Vice President, Coleman H. Nelson; Second Vice President, Emmet D. Butts, Richmond, Va.; Third Vice President, C. G. Hammond; Secretary-Treasurer, R. Allen Gibbons, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Percy R. Karnes.

Rainbow men had an active part in the Virginia Department Convention of the American Legion at Roanoke during the latter part of August. Clyde Cocke was general convention chairman and received many compliments for his work. Bill Hitt worked untiringly as convention secretary, while Jim Dent handled arrangements for the 40-and-8 convention. Walter Crueger was chairman of the convention banquet committee. Jim Dent, by the way, has just been installed as vice-commander of Roanoke Post No. 3, American Legion, and your correspondent has taken over Bill Hitt's old position as adjutant of the same organization.

The State Chapter had a poster at the convention asking all Rainbow men to make themselves known; however, I only heard of the following who showed up—E. F. Hargis of Lebanon, J. S. Hargis of Honaker and Guy E. Murray of Bedford, all of whom were in the Virginia M.P.'s, and D. C. Dean of Blackstone, who was in the Headquarters Company of the 167th Infantry. (Come on, Dean, and send that two bucks you promised me! Or do you remember that?)

Virginia Rainbow sends greetings to all Rainbow men everywhere!

ALLEN GIBBONS.

THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

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



By letter and Chapter publication we are kept informed of former Rainbow men who are again in the service of the armed forces. Your Association is earnestly endeavoring to maintain contact with these men. Too frequently, however, we are not given the unit or A.P.O. address, which obviously is quite essential to establish the contact desired. We know that

families of former Rainbowners will forward the Reveille. We know also that E. A. Letzer of the Philadelphia Chapter has requested additional copies of the Reveille so that he may personally forward copies to members of this Chapter who are now in the service. Both splendid ways of keeping Rainbowners all over the world informed of Rainbow activities. We urge, however, that the complete address be forwarded to us in order that we may complete the Reveille mailing list.

With only three exceptions, every one of the twenty-seven Rainbow states has already contacted the Secretary with substantial requests for memberships this SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF RAINBOW. Well over sixteen hundred Rainbowners throughout the United States have their 1942-43 Membership Cards proudly tucked away in their card cases. It is with extreme pleasure that we announce that the Dyer J. Bird Chapter of Marion, Ohio, has already gone beyond its best performance to date. The first Chapter in the United States to establish a new all-time high in membership. A tribute, indeed, to the first lad in the Rainbow Division who

gave his all. Congratulations are in order and so extended to President David H. Knickle, his staff of officers and the membership of the Dyer J. Bird Chapter for this outstanding accomplishment. Many other Chapters around the circuit have made substantial inroads on "old man goal." Mike O'Hara of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, said recently, "It's a long, hard road to where Rainbowners live, but boy, isn't it a grand and glorious feeling when you find them?" Truer words were never spoken, but why the long, hard road? You Rainbowners who are now unattached can make this road shorter and easier by contacting the Secretaries of nearby Chapters. You know the Chapter nearest you. If you do not, then detach and fill in the coupon at the bottom of this page and enjoy that grand and glorious feeling of being a Rainbow man in good standing. We will be only too happy to make the contact for you. Do it now, please, so that you may take part in a portion at least of the many Rainbow activities scheduled by Chapters for this, our TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

In an early issue it is planned to again post the progress being made by individual chapters from month to month for the balance of the current year. With the Chapters' approval, goals will be set as before, using the highest attainment of the Chapter for the past three years. We welcome and encourage voluntary goals. Such goals will be marked "V" for Voluntary. AIM HIGH, RAINBOWNERS. THIS IS RAINBOW'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

The Secretary is making up the list of Chapter officers for the year 1942-43. May we request, therefore, wherever Chapters have had their elections this year that they send us the name, office and address of each of the elected or appointed officers for the coming year? Thank you, and "Keep 'Em Coming!"
ED WEITZEL

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

Ed Weitzel, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans
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