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The President's Page

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Twenty-five years ago a Division was born. It was unlike any other that was or probably ever will be. It was the Rainbow Division whose list of units "Stretched like a Rainbow clear across the country." Men of every kind and condition made up its ranks. It was the first American Division to hold a trench sector under its own command. After trench training it was rushed to the Champagne where there was pending what was to be the last battle of the Spring drive of 1918. The drive had been successful. Everywhere the Allied armies had been driven back. This was the crisis! Here were gathered the grizzled French veterans of the Marne and the Somme; of Verdun, Rheims and of Soissons. Here were the veterans of the fiercest fighting the world had ever seen. Here stood the unsupported, no retreat, "stand or die" Fourth Army through whose front from north to south ran the Nancy-Chalons highway—the gateway to Paris! And down this highway marched "America's five-month-old war baby"—the Rainbow—guardian of the gate! All of you know the story. The trap laid by our beloved friend Gouraud. The empty trenches, the murderous fire of our artillery. Let Gouraud speak for a moment: "When they finally reach the line of resistance, they dash themselves in vain against an unbreakable wall. Seven times they attack the front of the Rainbow infantry; seven times the French divisions are assaulted, but the wall remains impregnable. A human Gibraltar! Nothing can budge it! The Friedensturm has failed. Victory has changed sides." The Rainbow's gate remains closed.

And what of Gouraud and his beloved France today. At a recent Rainbow meeting in Pittsburgh we received a message from the General through Bernhard Ragner, who as Commander of the Paris post of the Legion for nineteen years knew General Gouraud well and saw him constantly until driven from Paris by the Nazi occupation. The General is now a very old man. Since we knew him he has lost a leg. He is in constant pain and misery. Everything he lived and fought for is gone. But he constantly asked about "La Belle Rainbow." He sent his love and affection. In his misery he hopes for the day when his American friends will come and France can lift its head again. He is still and will be to his death the gallant Soldier and Patriot that we knew him to be. Having received the message I pass it on to you.

Twenty-five years have passed. To our message from the Florida Reunion, General Gouraud replied: "Thank you faithful friends." We cannot go to France again but we can still maintain our Rainbow comradeship and tradition. "Formes vos Battalions." Build your Chapters stronger. Let us hear from you in every state and every corner of the country. Let us hear from the many of you "whom we have loved long since, and lost a while,"

AL HOYT

Rainbow Division Veterans



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Department Commander at our banquet. To use a quote from his speech, "I am always glad to be among soldiers," is to show why he chose to be at our party since there were plenty of places to go the last night of the Legion Convention.

Our principal speaker was none other than this writer's former commander, Col. J. M. Johnson, and who doesn't know and love this leader among men and particularly among Rainbowers. We and all our guests deeply enjoyed your message, Colonel, it was swell. Come again and many thanks for helping to make our party the success it was. Bernard Ragner, former Commander of Paris Post, American Legion, gave us some interesting sidelights on General Gouraud with whom he has been on intimate terms for many years. Col. Sterling Morelock, Congressional Medal of Honor man (First Division) stated he, too, appreciated being with soldiers. President Hoyt's timely message on "What is Rainbow" quickened our heartbeat and made us all glad we are Rainbowers. John Brenner, former State President, extended some timely remarks and handed over the State Charter to the present President Randy Randolph for safe keeping. Anyone around Lancaster and nearby towns knows John and those that don't should. Nice going, John! Randy's words of welcome were sincere and made all present feel at home. Fleckenstein as master of ceremonies could not have been in better voice.

Among those present were Marx Rosenthaler, past president, Detroit Chapter, and Bill Hemme, editor of The Observation Post. Lancaster was represented by Denlinger, Dennis Stoockle and Brenner. Bethlehem by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown, Sladey and Schnable. Reading by jovial John Heim who is a ten-man delegation all in one. Up from Wheeling came our good friend Dunn and many more from various places in western Pennsylvania. After the banquet informal parties went on all through the night. As always when Rainbowers get together cares and worries are forgotten and good fun, comradeship and conviviality take over. You know the rest. So long! WALT MICHEL.

Pittsburgh Banquet a Brilliant Success

The dinner and general reception held here in Pittsburgh for the entertainment of visiting Rainbowers present at the Department Convention of the American Legion was a success far beyond our fondest hopes. The committee headed by Fleckenstein worked day and night for several weeks and the smile on the faces of the wheel horses, come banquet time, showed all were satisfied with results.

There were several firsts in connection with our party. First of all, this was our first attempt at a party of such proportions. It so happened to be the first official visit of our National President Al Hoyt since his elevation to office in Orlando last month. The newly-elected Department Commander of the American Legion made his first official visit as

"I SAW THE MORNING BREAK"

Ye that have faith to look with tearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
And know that out of death and night shall
rise

The dawn of ampler life,
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend the heart,
That God has given you a priceless dower
To live in these great times and have your
part

In Freedom's crowning hour,
That ye may tell your sons who see the light
High in the Heavens—their heritage to
take,

"I saw the Powers of Darkness put to flight,
I saw the Morning break."

—Contributed.

A Challenge to Rainbowers

World War II will never dim the glory, nor dull the sentiment, of those who served in the Rainbow during World War I. The deep affection born in the experience of common dangers, hardships, and triumphs will last as long as Rainbowers live. We are bound together by ties that make us treasure such names as MacArthur, Gouraud, Father Duffy; that make us revere Luneville, Baccarat, the Champagne, the Aisne and the Ourq, St. Mihiel and the Argonne. These men and these places to us will always represent lofty ideals and precious experiences associated with heroic deeds by our fallen comrades. Time cannot cloud these memories; subsequent events cannot loosen the hold they have on our hearts.



RUBY D. GARRETT

Out of our experience in the first World War grows a compelling obligation and duty in the present war. There are places in which we can

serve though they may be remote from the flaming fronts. In every classification of Civilian Defense, Rainbowers already are making good. Even more distinguished service by us may be achieved. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we should rejoice in the opportunity again to spread the fame of the Rainbow—that is our obligation, and our opportunity in the present crises. We made an excellent record facing hard-

ships of war; we must make a record of equal achievement away from the drama and dangers of battle. Rainbowers did not fail in war. They will not fail in peace. RUBY D. GARRETT

Chapter Chatter

ALABAMA—The Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter of Birmingham held its regular monthly meeting and installation of officers at the Bankhead Hotel. James B. Thigpen has been elected president to succeed Phil Lacey, and Mrs. Gaines H. Burnett has been installed as Auxiliary president.

Other chapter officers are John Winningham, first vice president; Ace J. Coggins, second vice president; James Foster, secretary-treasurer; Ray Bernard, sergeant-at-arms, and Joe Adams, historian.

Auxiliary officers besides Mrs. Burnett are Mrs. Otis Dodge, vice president; Mrs. Ray Bernard, secretary, and Mrs. Wallace Houston, treasurer.

Col. Henry C. Wood was presented a ring

by Eddie Lipsitz for membership work. Henry said that when he passed on, he wanted to carry this emblem of the Rainbow Division with him. He was also honored in Orlando by representing Col. "Wild Bill" Donovan, who was to have been the representative of President Roosevelt, who who was detained in Washington by his official duties. Henry related the history of the Rainbow Division, and pointing to the divisional and national colors, said: "Boys, we did not want to stop at the Rhine; we wanted to plant those flags in Berlin." Thunderous applause followed.

After the installation of officers a joint meeting was held with the Ladies' Auxiliary. There was much discussion pertaining to the national convention held in Orlando, Fla., and all-out praise went to Barney Sullivan and his committees for the superb entertainment that was extended to the delegates.

The State Association held its annual meeting at the Bankhead Hotel, elected officers, and adopted a resolution basing this year's program on all-out national defense, pledging its support to the government in its fight for the preservation of democracy.

Berry Dandridge, Mobile, was elected president; Dan O'Hara, Tuscaloosa, first vice president; H. L. Foster, Birmingham, second vice president; Joe Dickerson, Montgomery, historian, and John H. Winningham, Birmingham, sergeant-at-arms.

Gaines Burnett, retiring president, presided, and Barney Sullivan, Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Burnett were among the guests.

Congratulations are in order for Phil Lacey, national vice president, a fitting position for an expert membership worker. While attending the national convention, Phil contacted nine of his old buddies who served with him in Company C, 167th Infantry, and turned two in as new members to the Orlando Chapter. During his administration as president of Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter, there was an increase of 70 new members, bringing the total to 122.

To Albert Hoyt, our national president, congratulations! That is the way it should be.

Another history-making Rainbow year has been blotted out, but still there lingers in the hearts of Rainbowners the memory of many happy hours spent together at gala parties, harmonious meetings, with full cooperation of members.

Reports from chapters throughout the state indicate that there is a decided increase in attendance, and the older we grow, the more we will realize that we need one another. As Comrade Gray said, he sat around for twenty years thinking of his old buddies and of a way to contact a chapter, and now he drives his car 120 miles from Oneonta, Ala., and back, to attend our meetings regularly. Boys, that's comradeship!

To those who live in outlying towns, search your neighborhood for Rainbow veterans and bring them to your nearest chapter.

Some say they want to forget the whole thing; but being together is the best antidote. So forget the abnormal conditions we lived under in 1917-1919, which have no bearing on the price of pork chops and liquor today.

ALBERT L. NORTHRUP.

CALIFORNIA—Tidbits from the western front!

As usual, His Nibs the Knight of the Blue Pencil waits until the last minute to request copy for the Reveille. We are going to ask Santa Claus to bring the guy a map for Christmas so that he can see that Los Angeles isn't just an overnight hitch hike from Washington.

The post-convention issue of the Reveille has been received and from all we can hear everyone is well pleased with the selection of officers to guide the National Association for the coming year. With Al Hoyt as President, Ed Weitzel back in the chair as Secretary and a very capable cast of assistants,

we know Rainbow is in for another most successful year.

We who live out here on the West Coast have plenty of visible signs that there is a war going on somewhere, especially since the new dim-out regulations have gone into effect throughout the whole coast area. There is one very noticeable difference between this war and the one of "our day." There are no marching troops. All service men seem to ride either in cars or trucks. Oh boy, could we have gone for some of those trucks the night of July 4, 1918, on the hike up to the Champagne front.

The Los Angeles Chapter is making preparations for its first fall meeting to be held September 10th in Patriotic Hall. Installations of officers for the new year will be the chief business of the evening. The roster of new officers will appear in the next issue of the Reveille. Being a "swing-shifter" in an airplane plant, we have very little opportunity of attending the meetings but we will try to get our Operative ZX-13 to report on what takes place.

A scenario in two scenes:

Scene I—Commodore Perry opens Japan in 1853.

Scene II—General Douglas MacArthur closes Japan in 1943!

WARNER H. GRASSELL.

IOWA—Rainbow in Iowa looks ahead. On

Sunday, August 9, State President George Kosek held a state executive committee meeting at Waterloo in connection with the Iowa American Legion Convention. Twenty-five committee members and chapter officers laid plans for a great membership year. State Treasurer Homer Gardner told the group that the 1942-1943 year was off to a greater start than last year's banner membership. Chapters are urged to get in Rainbow dues early—mail them to your secretary—fires can't be used for chasing them down this year.

The Iowa Chapters and Association have been active all summer. An association picnic was held Sunday, July 26, at Camp Dodge where the new State Guard is encamped. A fine turnout with baskets well filled made the occasion a happy one. General Mat Tinley was on hand to greet each and every one, as was President Kosek. August 2 saw the annual picnic of the Ottumwa chapter. While not the largest in recent years, the turnout was certainly the cream of the Rainbow crop. Col. Claude Stanley presented one of his interesting "memory" talks of 24 years ago and most of it was news to the mothers and dads. We liked it, too! Then came the get-together of the Lee County Chapter at Fort Madison, honoring the new Warden, Percy Lainson, who has just been appointed to take the place of our beloved Col. Glenn C. Haynes whose memory will live long in the hearts of men of the Rainbow and the citizens of Iowa. The great ribbons of concrete highways east and west, north and south, across Iowa will be visual memories of this great man who really put

the job over. Whenever men of the Rainbow drive in Iowa their memories cannot help but be with Col. Haynes. Every chapter has carried on with their reunions, parties and picnics. The process of setting up new chapter officers is about over and Iowa looks ahead to another great year.

No, Iowa will not entertain National Rainbow in 1943. Iowa is definitely looking ahead to the rays of the Rainbow shining through the war clouds, days which will be brighter and much happier and when the rays of hope again brighten the earth, Iowa will have one of those famous all-out Rainbow reunions when nothing is on ration and joy will abound.

Yours truly is most happy to serve as an assistant editor of the Reveille for 1942-1943 under appointment from our National President Al Hoyt, and to have the opportunity to work with and under the one and only Harold Rodier. (That will cost you a buck, Harold.)

HOMER W. GARDNER

MICHIGAN Chapter was active throughout the summer. The June meeting was given over to the joint installation of chapter and auxiliary officers. Our July meeting happened to fall on the 14th, so we took over the Fort Room at the Hotel Fort Shelby and staged our own "Champagne Hour." At the brief business session we donated our Firing Squad rifles to the government.

At the August meeting, Wilber Brucker, as executor, gave a final accounting of the Jake Giba estate. Marx Rosenthaler presented an audit of the treasurer's books. An invitation from Pittsburgh chapter to a Rainbow banquet during the Pennsylvania Legion Convention was read. Several present said they would go. After adjournment, Max Phillips showed "movies" of the Memorial Day Parade, which included shots of our ambulances in the line of march, and of the Orlando convention.

The ambulance unit met two nights each month under the guidance of Dr. McAfee to study the Advanced First Aid Course. In June we staged a practice run under the direction of the O.C.D., being the only veterans' organization so recognized. Wait Michel breezed into the August class meeting and stayed long enough to uncork a few of his latest stories.

Just a reminder, fellows. Your dues are due. Start 'em rolling, keep 'em coming. Send them to Arthur Gibson, Secretary, 3791 Blaine, Detroit. It's an honor to belong to Rainbow.

KURT W. FREDERICK

NEW JERSEY—That the flower of enthusiasm for Rainbow Reunions is flourishing in the Garden State is evidenced by the large delegation Jersey sent to Orlando. This flower, nourished by the stimulus of Rainbow fellowship and affection, first bloomed in profusion at Atlantic City. It bloomed again—less profusely but more vigorously—at Orlando, where it became deeply rooted. Yes, it is a perennial that will bloom more resplendently each year.

Few New Jersey Rainbowners have attended more than two Reunions—Atlantic City and Orlando. To us the first was a thrilling occasion in our own "front yard." We were undecided about attending the second—weighing time, place and expense against estimated pleasurable return. After Orlando, however, we realized that the true worth of Rainbow fellowship cannot be evaluated by any pecuniary yardstick, and that the fact that Rainbowners are reuniting and not time, place or expense is the essence.

Thanks again to the R.V.R. Corps for our pleasant time at Orlando. Every moment was enjoyed, including our visit to the Sportsman's Club and our sally to the Sho Boat, which, with aid of "Deadeye" Dan Glossbrenner and a handful of Alabamians, we took over on the early morn of July 15. The climactic point of this siege was when our jitterbug-maestro "Pep" Mitchell captured the orchestra's drums and proceeded to indulge his mania for tapping out most weird and discordant vibrations. He called it drumming. We then captured him and escaped before the riot squad arrived.

The homebound trip from Orlando was marked by the quietness of all in contrast to the hilarity of the trip down. This quietness, however, only reflected that full-to-the-brim feeling that one experiences when his insatiable appetite for Rainbow fellowship has been temporarily satisfied. Before the trip ended, talk about going to Chicago next July had already commenced. STAN BARROW.

OHIO—Buckeyes are delighted that a third

Ohioan has been chosen as national president, and assure everyone that Al will be on the job every minute for the good of Rainbow, ably assisted by the two other Ohioans on his staff, Secretary El Weitzel and Judge Advocate Eli Whitney, the latter and the late Col. Benson W. Hough being the other two from this state to head the national organization. Earle E. Massac of Mansfield, better known as "Bob," is the new Ohio state president; Roy Grant of Cincinnati, first vice president, and Benj. Jones of Newark, second vice president. They were elected at the annual state reunion, a highly successful affair in Columbus in June. Yours truly was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Orville R. Carson, Columbus, as chaplain.

Columbus Chapter and Auxiliary did a swell job of the Reunion, which drew Rainbowners from the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Louisiana, West Virginia, Missouri, California and Kentucky to Ohio's capital city. National President Walker Colston and Past Presidents Wilbur Brucker and Dan Glossbrenner were among the out-of-staters, as was Pennsylvania President Randy Randolph. Col. Herman C. Doellinger, present commander of the 166th Infantry, was up from New Orleans, as was 1st Sgt. Dale Evans, anti-tank 166th. More than 300 were at the banquet.

General roundup: The 37th (Ohio) Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert Beightler,

ex-regimental adjutant 166, is somewhere in the Pacific war zone, with Lt. Col. David Smith, Maj. Bill Seamans and Capt. John Dutro, 'all ex-166th, with the outfit . . . both sons of Mort Rooney, state president last year, are in the Army, and he's 1-A . . . Many of the boys have put in under the procurement system, but no luck thus far . . . Maj. Don Caldwell, past state president, is on active duty, as is Maj. Raymond Cheseldine, both being ex-officers of World War I . . . All Ohio state officers of this year except Vice President Jones, are subject to call for military service . . . Honorary State Chaplain John J. Halliday is now a chaplain at U. S. Veterans Facility, Dearborn, Mich. . . a letter from Jim Kovacs, ex-Co. E, 166th, revealed he enlisted as a private and is at Camp Claiborne, La. . . did you know that Capt. Bill Belhorn is now mayor of Lancaster after two terms as sheriff . . . Reveille, the publication of Australian veterans, gave first position to a recent letter we wrote to the editor about MacArthur . . . they really like him "down under" . . . We had corresponded with the editor for a couple years . . . there's a lotta more jots that should be typed but guess this is our fair share of space.

JACK HENRY

PENNSYLVANIA—It's sure great to get back in the swim again after the brief lull due to discontinuing the Reveille during the convention period. We understand the convention was a peach despite the restrictions for travel, etc., and the orchids should be extended to all of the Florida gang for the swell time and hospitality extended to all who were fortunate in attending.

Of course the party we are having for all visiting Rainbowers attending the State convention of the American Legion this week end here in Pittsburgh will stand out like a shining star. The committee, headed by Vince Fleckenstein, is working like Commandos day and night to insure success. You'll all be sorry you did not come, but we'll tell you all about it in the next issue.

Your writer was downtown this noon to attend a preconvention luncheon of the American Legion and while there was quite a crowd present, it would have done your heart good to see and note how much attention the Rainbow gets amongst Legionnaires. There were present President Randy Randolph, Vince Fleckenstein, Leo Moquin and yours truly.

Pittsburgh and Lancaster, each with better than forty paid-up members for the year 1942-1943, lead the Pennsylvania effort to "beat last year's figures." In Philadelphia, at this writing, thirty members have paid their dues. Bethlehem and Reading also are heeding Ed Weitzel's request to "start 'em coming and keep 'em coming." Next month's Reveille will contain a performance chart of the Pennsylvania chapters, showing the relative standing of each chapter as of September 15, 1942 and the same period a year ago. The annual Lancaster outing was its usual success, thanks

to John Brenner, Jake Denlinger and other hard-working Rainbowers of that chapter.

Leo Moquin of this chapter deserves honorable mention for this week as he alone made a raid on the Ringling Brothers Circus during their stay here a few weeks ago and after much investigation found there were three former Rainbowers in the circus personnel. Yes, he got them on the line and the following are fully paid-up members of Pittsburgh chapter: R. T. McKittrick, side show barker; George Escalara, superintendent of side shows, and the world famous clown, Felix Adler, head clown. Is this a raid or is it? WALT MICHEL

NEW YORK—If there are any errors in this column (and there probably will be plenty) they are due to the most hurried typing we have ever had to do. We did not know we were to write Father Duffy Chapter news for the Reveille this year; in fact, we had put in a request to be relieved of the task; and had hoped that some other member (surely qualified to send in better stuff than we wrote last year) had been assigned to the post. Ten minutes ago we heard from Harold Rodier, burning the wires to New York for New York news for the Reveille that goes to press tomorrow.

The Father Duffy Chapter, with President Gene Halpin at the Post of Command, is off on another busy, prosperous and useful year. The New York delegation to Orlando brought back glowing and enthusiastic reports of the Reunion and the assurance that all of Rainbow is headed for a great year. And we know that with Al Hoyt and his staff on the job, nothing will be left undone to keep Rainbow in the front rank of veteran organizations.

Mike Shea now has a committee of nine, including, of course, Mike as chairman, to go on with the work of managing the 165th Infantry Canteen Fund, which was established in January for the purpose of aiding in some way the 165th Regiment now in service in the Pacific area. It may be difficult to send supplies to that area, and perhaps the men are already taken care of, but what can be done will be done—we are sure of that with Mike Shea and his committee on the job.

Tim Sullivan of "K" Company has been appointed General Entertainment Chairman for the year and much is expected of him. Tim is a good soldier and a great Rainbow worker. Tim will certainly be popular with the members, if one of the present plans of President Halpin goes through. That is the plan to have refreshments for members at all chapter meetings, beginning with the September meeting.

Frank Hamilton, Membership Chairman, tells us that up to date 150 members have purchased those little blue cards which signify they have paid up for the year 1942-1943. We hope that Frank and his partner, Gene Eagan, Financial Secretary, will be kept busy sending along those lists that

Ed. Weitzel likes to receive. We appear to be headed for another SIX HUNDRED YEAR—the largest and best Rainbow Chapter.

The 69th Regiment, New York Guard, returned from camp today and are in great shape. There are plenty of Rainbows sprinkled throughout its ranks and in the roster of officers so it just cannot help being a great regiment. We of the chapter are rather proud of them and of Colonel Lawrence and Lieutenant Colonel Bill Cavanaugh because of the splendid work they have done.

On September 26th, at Schmidt's Farm, Scarsdale, there will be a renewal of hostilities between the baseball teams headed by Jack Ryan and Jim Striffler. The last game, according to some reports, was a victory for Jimmie Cocks, the umpire. Ryan's team is holding out for a neutral umpire for the game on September 26th—or for any umpire except one brought along by pitcher Lester Sullivan. The Chapter members are showing more interest in this return engagement than they could possibly take in any World's Series in this war year. They would rather see soldiers play ball, even if one of the soldiers, according to Jack Ryan, happens to be a ham outfielder like Jim Striffler.

It is not too early to talk about the big event of the chapter year—the ball. The Father Duffy Chapter Ball of 1943 will be held at Lost Battalion Hall, Elmhurst, Queens, on Saturday night, April 10th. We are hoping for just as successful an affair as that held in 1942.

We are now signing off and hoping that Harold Rodier reads this piece before he gives it to the printer, for we are telling Harold that this has to be out last effort at writing for the Reveille. President Halpin is aware that we have even more than we can handle in getting out the Rainbow Barrage. We thank those readers who have had the patience to read what we have sent along in the past and are sure that from now on the New York column will be in better hands. There are dozens of men in the chapter ready and able to send in interesting material. W. E. O'BRIEN.

TEXAS—Again Rainbow drops off another year. A year such as the world has never seen before. A year of hardship and sorrow, of war and blood and tears. And again we face another year. A year that we know must be harder and stranger than the one behind us.

But again we say, Rainbow will take it with chins up. No matter what lies ahead of us we will face it with Rainbow determination. Every man, woman and child of us will do our very best, and do it willingly and cheerfully.

We will all look forward to that great day of peace—an honorable peace—when war and blood and tears will be behind us. And on that day we shall be glad to say, we have fought a good fight, we are proud of our achievements.

Such a day will come. It must come. If it does not come this year, it will the next, or the next, or the next. But soon or late, Rainbow will be there at the finish. The same old Rainbow. A Rainbow of victory. FRED CORNELIUS.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The D. C. Chapter, with perhaps the widest diversity of outfits represented in its membership, has adopted a new and interesting policy for the coming year. With President Joe Cohan heading the administration, the entire staff of officers elected at the June meeting were former members of the 165th Infantry. This was a planned choice, and the coming year has been dedicated to the New York Regiment. They have been put on their mettle to give D. C. its biggest and most interesting year. The New Yorkers will call on all of the other outfits to extend their usual cooperation, and all will be represented on committees. The long-range program of the Chapters calls for a similar allocation of officers to a particular outfit next year, if this plan proves successful. The resultant competitive spirit is expected to carry the Chapter far. The numerous members from the old 69th will naturally want to have "their year" shine in its membership achievements and in the character and attendance of its meeting and special events. President Joe Cohan's message to the 165th Infantrymen in the Chapter is "For the honor of the Regiment we must make an outstanding record this year." To comrades from other outfits he says, "Remember, the honor and responsibility of leadership has been vested with New Yorkers this year, but no one outfit ever has or ever can succeed without the spirited cooperation of the other outfits which was the true secret of the Rainbow's success." Joe Saunders was named Secretary for the coming year.

TYPOS

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly,

You can hunt until you're dizzy, but it somehow will get by.

Till the forms are on the press, it is strange how still it keeps;

It shrinks down in a corner and it never stirs or peeps.

That typographical error, too small for human eyes,

Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size.

Al Hoyt stares with horror, then he grabs his hair and groans;

And Harold Rodier drops his head upon his hands and moans—

The remainder of The Reveille may be clean as clean can be,

But the typographical error is the only thing you see. "EMIL."

THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

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Thanks kindly, Harold, for pinch-hitting for us last month while we were on vacation. You have accomplished the fundamental purpose of your article, as was expected. You proposed to bury the Secretary during this month and already the first shovelfuls of remittances are coming our way. From California, District of Columbia, Indiana, Iowa,

Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma and Virginia have come requests for membership cards in volume. Pennsylvania already had reached 60 per cent of its attainment last year, which was the highest in history. 1942-43 will be another outstanding year. We anticipate that it will be the biggest year in our entire history, for we will celebrate this year a series of twenty-fifth anniversaries. A sort of silver streak of anniversaries. August, 1917, the Division was organized; September, 1917, the Division was assembled at Camp Mills; October-November, 1917, the Division sailed and arrived in France and England; Christmas of 1917, February, 1917, speaks for itself for we have annually celebrated February 22, and July, 1943, marks the date of the 25th Annual Reunion of the National Association Rainbow Division Veterans.

Twenty-five years of Rainbow—yes, it's true. Chapters throughout the Nation will observe these anniversaries during the coming year. Membership will undoubtedly reach new highs everywhere. Rainbow men, if you are now unattached and live near active chapters, please contact the sec-

retaries of these nearby chapters at once. They will be only too happy to serve your Rainbow requirements. Line up with the chapter nearest you. If this is not possible and you do not belong to a chapter now, use the coupon at the bottom of this page; it is presented especially for the convenience of the unattached Rainbow. Specify your desire as to the chapter to which you wish to be attached and we will be happy to comply with your request. Make this anniversary year 100 per cent. Fill up the ranks of Rainbow, enjoy the camaraderie as prevails only in Rainbow. Every Rainbow should be an active Rainbow. This is our Silver Anniversary Year.

Shortly before Reunion time at Orlando, President Charles Rothholtz announced the formation of a new chapter at Newark, N. J., with a membership in good standing of 18 at that time. With this substantial remittance for the year just closing, it was possible to reach the unique but highly appropriate membership of 4,242 for the year ending July 14, 1942. This year, however, our Anniversary Year, with the aid of the vast numbers of unattached Rainbowners, our membership should increase threefold. Tone up that Rainbow spirit after 25 years. Be there when the roll is called, for once a Rainbower always a Rainbower. Get in step with Rainbow. We are on the march; the command is "Forward."

Maintaining the Memorial File complete and up to date is the Secretary's prime responsibility. We urgently request the continued cooperation of all chapter secretaries to forward to this office immediately the name, unit and other details of every Rainbow who passes on during the year.

We are happy to again be at your service and we are looking forward with renewed vigor to the pleasure of serving you to the best of our ability.

ED WEITZEL.

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Ed Weitzel, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans
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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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