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Our Contact Program

The Chapters and National have embarked upon a cooperative and coordinated program designed to assure that every member from the new Rainbow Division will know his local chapter or, in those states where no chapter exists, a local veteran who will assist in the formation of a chapter and that, in turn, he will be known to them.

The importance of this program cannot be underestimated. The retention next year of the thousands who join this year will be in direct relation to the degree of effort the chapters and individuals make to have these national memberships develop into chapter memberships.

This is a crucial job in a crucial period of our organization life. We cannot, we will not fail.

BEST WISHES FOR
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bob Hayward

National President,
Rainbow Division Veterans

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WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

Naturally, when an article of the Treasurer is published, you anticipate being enlightened regarding the financial condition of the organization. I shall endeavor to analyze briefly what our operations up to the present would tend to forecast for the year.



GEORGE E. SEAMAN

According to present indications, our regular membership will materially increase over last year's and we have been advised to expect more than 8,000 memberships from the Rainbowers of World War II. A conservative estimate of our membership this year would be 14,000. With the increase of members, it is natural to expect that our expenses should go up accordingly, but much to our satisfaction, we are adhering closely to the budget set up.

The RAINBOW REVEILLE is exceeding budget figures, which is to be expected when you take into consideration that more are being printed than anticipated and pages added. We are also spending more for stationery, but you should see the volume of letters sent out by the secretary.

The excess cost for the REVEILLE, postage, etc., will be made up for on what we are saving on other budget items. Unless something unforeseen materializes, our expenditures will closely adhere to the budget.

For the past six years, our cost per \$1.00 dues has been as high as \$0.95 and never less than \$0.80. This year, it will be less than \$0.70 if Chapters continue their wholehearted support.

Rainbowers the country over are justly proud of the fact that they were part of this glorious Division and many unintentionally overlook paying their dues. Were they to attend their Chapter meetings and enjoy the comradeship afforded, we would have very few unpaid Rainbow members.

Our Division insignia is one of beauty and symbolizes so much to those who are privileged to use it that each Rainbower should be proud to display our pin in his buttonhole. It not only shows to others that you are one of the privileged who can wear it, but it is also a means of identification to those Rainbowers coming out of service who may easily recognize one of their own.

Season's Greetings To All.

Yours in Rainbow,

GEORGE E. SEAMAN,
National Treasurer,
Rainbow Division Veterans.

GENERAL COLLINS RECEIVES DSM

For "meritorious service in a position of great responsibility" (to quote the actual citation) Major General Harry J. Collins was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. To present the DSM personally, General Mark W. Clark flew to Salzburg on 11 November. In fact, there were two presentations because on that date General Clark also formally awarded the Silver Star to General Collins, reference to which was published in the November REVEILLE.

FLASH

French Lick, Ind., will be the site of the Reunion next July. An especially interesting program is being arranged, some of the details of which will be published in the January REVEILLE.

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STRIPPING JAP PROFITS

Another decisive step taken by General MacArthur to prove to the Japs that war doesn't pay was his smashing of wealth concentrations in the "Great Families" of Japan, including the Emperor's.

When a 100 percent tax is imposed on profits gained by munitions makers or realized through the loot from territories conquered by Jap forces, Nippon's war makers will know the war is really lost.

The Allied Supreme Commander apparently realizes that no process attempting to recover war profits can operate perfectly and he has added a demand for a capital levy which should really get at the concentrated financial power of the Jap big shots. The proposal to eliminate war pensions for soldiers is at once an appropriate punitive measure and an additional move to relieve the Japanese people of intolerable burdens created by the war.

General MacArthur intends that such wealth as may be salvaged in Japan shall be used to revive the economy of its people as a whole and not remain as a hoard to be used again to build up ruthless Japanese armies, fleets and war industries.

The General is taking sound and practicable steps in these measures to put Japan out of business permanently as a threat to the world, and to enable its people to establish a peaceful nation. His directives must be vigorously enforced.

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RAINBOW SONS

Past National President Elmer F. Neagle is the father of two War II Rainbow sons, Jim and Edwin, both, of course, members of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association. Some of Elmer's D. C. Chapter fellow-members claim Elmer is the only War I Rainbower with two sons in the present Division. Any challenges to this claim? Incidentally, it would be interesting to know the names of every War I Rainbower who has a son or nephew in the Rainbow of War II. A list

will be printed in a forthcoming issue of the REVEILLE if the information is sent to the editor.

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WAR II RAINBOWERS
TAKE LEAD IN MEMBERSHIP

As we go to press with the December REVEILLE, Secretary Allen Gibbons reports a total membership of 11,028. Of this number (the greatest since the Rainbow Association was organized in Germany in 1919) 4,517 are Rainbowers of the 1917-1919 vintage and 6,511 are War II Rainbowers. But 6,511 is only part of the story. In the 17 November edition of the overseas REVEILLE, the report is printed that more than 8,000 Division members had, up to that time, paid their national dues. That's close to a 2-to-1 lead of War II-ers over War I vets. But it needn't be and it wouldn't be if you guys who are just too busy to send in your dues will tell your wife or your office secretary or your company paymaster to do this little chore for you.

If you want another reason for paying your own way in the Association, think of the fun you can have in charging off the buck in your income tax return. Yea, guys, it's deductible . . . so give!

Incidentally, your Chapter associates are waiting for your too-long-deferred attendance at meetings.

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RAINBOW SPORTS NOTES

With the 42d Division in Austria: A crack 35-division marksmanship team has been selected to represent the Rainbow in matches with other units stationed in Austria. . . . With plenty of good material available, each infantry regiment has formed a football team and the division has its own eleven, which opened the season against the 26th Division squad. . . . Plans are now underway to form basketball teams in all units of the division. . . . Playing 32 games, two of them exhibition contests, the Rainbow baseball team won twenty and lost 12 for a percentage figure of .625. Those who saw action during the season were Oadis Swigart, manager and pitcher; James Logsen, catcher; Francis Demanico, outfielder; Jim Dillingham, infielder; Gene Pereyra, pitcher; Hal Stewart, pitcher; Bot Whetsel, pitcher; Frank Lombardi, catcher; Pete Gebrian, pitcher; Bill Laposha, outfielder; Glen Belcher, infielder; Allen Coccetti, outfielder; Mel Schwab, infielder; Ken Wright, infielder, and Stan Spitzer, pitcher.

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POSTWAR NATIONAL GUARD PLAN EXPECTED TO INCLUDE PERMANENT RAINBOW DIVISION

By MARSHALL ANDREWS, *Washington Post Staff Writer*
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The Rainbow Division will be reactivated as a permanent part of the postwar National Guard if the policy approved by the War Department last month is carried out.

Under this program, the new National Guard will have at least 24, and possibly 30 Infantry Divisions, of which the 42d and the Americal Divisions will be active units. The Americal Division, now without a numerical designation, was made up of three National Guard combat teams on New Caledonia in 1942 and made an enviable record in the Pacific.

There are several possible directions the makeup of the new Rainbow Division may take. They are:

1. It may be made up of three of the original regiments. Two of these, the 163th (New York) and the 167th (Alabama) are not now assigned to Divisions. The other two, 166th (Ohio) and the 168th (Iowa) are units in the 27th and 34th Divisions, respectively. It is looked upon in Washington as doubtful whether their present Divisions will care to let either of these fine Regiments go into a new 42d.

2. The Americal Division may be given the numerical designation as the 42d Division. The present tendency is to make it the 39th, which numerical position has been vacant throughout the current war. However, the old World War 39th Division was made up of units from Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee, and it is known that Mississippi and Louisiana would like to form a postwar Division, which they probably would like to call the 39th.

3. The new 42d may be made up of separate combat teams and service units strategically placed throughout the United States so that no unreasonable handicaps would interfere with regular and frequent field training.

It might be well here to explain that the triangular Infantry Division contains three Infantry Regiments, three battalions of light Field Artillery, one battalion of medium Field Artillery, a Medical Battalion, an Engineer Battalion, a Quartermaster Company, a Signal Company and an Ordnance Company and a Cavalry Troop. The standard combat team is composed of an Infantry Regiment, a light Field Artillery battalion, a company of Engineers and a Medical Collecting Company.

Under the proposed new organization of the National Guard, several complete combat teams will be organized in States where it is possible to organize units in addition to a complete Division and in States not large enough to organize a full Division from their own populations. It is from these com-

bat teams that it has been proposed that the new 42d Division be organized.

Whether they could be drawn from the same 26 States which, with the District of Columbia, furnished the units for the original Rainbow Division has not yet been studied. Such a study will not be possible until it is finally determined what type units each State will organize.

In connection with the Americal Division and the new Rainbow Division, there is a bit of unpublished history which will interest Rainbowners. When Maj. Gen. Pat Hurley met General MacArthur in Australia immediately after MacArthur's arrival from the Philippines in February of 1942, he was asked if the Rainbow Division had been reactivated. He told MacArthur he didn't know.

The Rainbow's most famous soldier then told Hurley that he was extremely anxious to have the Rainbow under his command. He then made inquiries and learned that the old Division had not yet been reactivated.

The Americal Division was then being organized and trained on New Caledonia, under direction of the Navy. MacArthur endeavored to have it transferred to his command and given the numerical designation of 42d Division, but without success. Until the 42d was finally ordered to the European Theater, he did not abandon his efforts to have it placed under his command.

However the postwar Rainbow Division may be organized, and wherever its units may be recruited, it is at least practically assured that the old Division will again come into permanent being. What's more, it will be a National Guard Division, as it was in the beginning, and its units, as in the old Division, will represent not one but many parts of the nation.

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ALABAMA—Alabama Rainbowners were on the march, Monday, November 12. They were very much in the limelight wherever there was an Armistice Day parade.

In the city of Tuscaloosa, where that big "little" chapter (William M. Peters Chapter) lives, the parade got under way at 10:00 a.m. When the drums began to roll and the command forward was given, two full squads of Rainbow veterans swung into the line of march—1-2-3-4, hup-two-hup-two-three-four. Yessiree, just like they did in '18. Where were the Tuscaloosa Rainbowners? Now, where do you think—right out in front, white caps and all, where we belonged, leading all other veterans' organizations.

Immediately following the parade, about a dozen Tuscaloosa Rainbowners piled in cars

and headed for the Magic City. Now for the benefit of some of you damyankees that don't know—the Magic City is Birmingham. The Tuscaloosa delegation reached Birmingham just in time to take their places in the line of march in their second parade in one day.

This was the largest and most outstanding parade Birmingham has witnessed since the 167th came back after the last war. There was a good reason for the huge success of Birmingham's Memorial Parade. Our own comrade, Henry Wood, was Parade Chairman. Henry doesn't half way do anything he's called on to do. There were well over one hundred Rainbow veterans marching in the parade with their white caps making a most noticeable shining spot in the long column. A Rainbower could not help feeling a little proud of this sight and even feeling a little proud of himself, especially when they executed "eyes right" and saw their own National President, Bob Hayward from Red Bank, N. J., and Henry Wood looking down from the reviewing stand.

Our National President arrived in Birmingham at 9:15 on the evening of November 11th. The reception committee, composed of A. C. Coggins, President of the Mortimer Jordan Chapter, John H. Winningham, Past State President, and H. S. Foster, Illinois Cox and Joe Adams met Bob at the station and escorted him to his hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox entertained the National President at a breakfast party Monday morning. Present at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gardner of Montgomery, Bert Vogel from down Mobile way, A. C. Coggins of Birmingham, and Alabama State President Otis Freeman. After breakfast, the party made an inspection tour of the Alabama Boys' Industrial School, arriving just in time to see the boys in formation under command of Col. Henry C. Wood, Commandant of the School, to receive the Governor of Alabama, Hon. Chauncey Sparks.

Henry Wood received many flattering compliments from the inspection party, on the efficient way in which he handled his command.

Illinois Cox assumed command of the National President and other guests, taking them for an automobile sight-seeing trip around Birmingham and over the mountains. President Hayward related his experiences on this trip after returning. He said this fellow Cox was a "speed demon" and that he could actually "change his mind on a dime."

While reviewing the parade from the balcony of the Tutwiler Hotel, Bob was interviewed by Lionel Baxter, News Commentator and spoke over radio station WAPI.

After the parade, inspection trip, sight-seeing trip and "refreshment hour" was over, all Rainbowers gathered in the Pirate Room

of the Bankhead Hotel for the Banquet. Rainbowers and their wives from all over the state were present. The banquet was presided over by National Vice-President John H. Winningham. Col. Henry Wood introduced the distinguished guests. Among them were two Rainbow Veterans of this war, one Gold Star Mother and Col. Bordon Burr. Col. Burr was Chairman of the Arrangement Committee which had charge of entertaining the 167th Infantry when they returned from overseas in 1919, to Birmingham. He is one of the few Honorary Members of the Alabama Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans.

Col. Burr gave a vivid description of his experiences while attached to the 167th during the war. He said he would always love the Rainbow and the 167th in particular.

Joe Dickinson spoke briefly extending a cordial welcome to the Julian Strassberger Chapter's annual party in Montgomery on or about Feb. 22. Joe stated that he would send in dues from the Montgomery Chapter soon to exceed last year's membership (so solly, ol' feller, Tuscaloosa beat you to it this year).

Robert Hayward, National President of Rainbow Division Veterans, made a most inspiring talk. Said Bob, "There is a fraternal spirit among Rainbow Veterans that is found in no other organization on earth" and that the friendship ties formed were stronger than they were 26 years ago. He told of the many World War 2 Rainbowers coming into the organization. The National President brought special messages from many of our Washington comrades, including Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Past Presidents Walker Colston and Elmer Neagle; the National Secretary, and others.

Bob was kept up until three o'clock the next morning by a committee headed by Joe Dickinson. Now just what they found to do or talk about all night this writer has not yet found out. Oh, of course, I know everything was in apple-pie order and the after mid-night session was on the up-and-up. Their age takes care of that. Since their wives are going to read the REVELLE, I'll gamble on one thing anyway—they won't deny that they're really very "old men."

Happy landing, Mr. President, and come back to see us some time down in old Alabama and we'll try to put on a REAL party.

MIKE.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — Lt. Col. Robert G. Sherrard, Jr., was the guest of honor at the November meeting held in the National Press Club. Absence from the city

precluded the attendance of Lt. Col. Frederick W. Coleman, III, to whom an invitation had also been extended by President Carson. Marshall Andrews, who is now in civvies, introduced Colonel Sherrard to the membership.

Plans are also being formulated for the Tri-State (Maryland, Virginia, D. C.), Reunion dinner on February 22nd when National President Bob Hayward will be the honored guest.

"OLE TOUT."

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INDIANAPOLIS—At long last we lived up to our advance publicity for a meeting. We promised all the old granddads a magic show for the November meeting, and so help me, the magician was on hand and gave us a real show. On top of all that, we had with us several Old Regulars and a couple of guests, so that all in all, it was a regular reunion.

One we were especially glad to see again was Lt. Col. Garrett W. Olds, who has had five years in the service, the last year and a half being spent in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon. Ribbons, the Bronze Star, battle stars, gold service stripes—in fact, everything but the Good Conduct Medal. The boys here at home simply can't understand it—we send about twenty Retreads to this war, most of them Colonels and Lt. Colonels, and so far not a single damn one of them good enough to get the Good Conduct Medal. You would think that at the age of 50 a man would have reached the age of discretion and could behave himself long enough to get a medal like that, wouldn't you? Of course, back in the days when we knew all these men as buck privates or corporals—well, we rejoiced if they kept out of the guardhouse, but surely now we have a right to expect more than that from such high-ranking brass. The law of averages ought to give us a break if nothing else . . . It was good to see Bill Dickey there with the Rainbow on his shoulder. Bill was a member of Co. E., 222nd Inf., 42nd Div., was a prisoner for four months and is now enjoying a 90-day furlough . . . Spider Webb (Hq.) brought his "baby" brother to the meeting. Woodie, who was born when Spider was running loose around Baccarat, was in the Airborne Infantry. In the landing across the Rhine, his glider made a perfect landing—right in front of a Kraut machine gun nest and now Woodie wears the Purple Heart along with the rest of his ribbons and five service stripes. Another one we were awfully glad to see was G. I. Williams (Hq.) from Detroit. Still another one from Hq.—it was good to see him again—was Ed Serovey from Ft. Wayne. Ed called the first of the week and made a reserva-

tion. Said he was flying down. When he tried to get on the plane, he discovered they had sold him a ticket for the plane leaving on Saturday. "Nuts to the Air Age," remarked Ed, and climbed aboard a bus headed for Indianapolis. That's what is known as that old "What the hell" Rainbow Spirit and, my "frands," could we use just a little of that among the brethren right here in Indianapolis . . . Vic Van Yorx was at the controls of the piano, but the vocalists must have been flying blind for every damn dog as far north as 38th St. was howling at the moon that night . . . All in all, it was a real party and the men who missed it are to be pitied instead of censored . . . Indianapolis now has a total of 225 paid-up members as of today (Nov. 12). For some unknown reason, there are still about 40 men who sent in their checks last year all right, but have failed to come across for this year. I don't know, maybe the idea of paying dues two years in succession is just too damn revolutionary for them . . . Details of our December 14th meeting will be reported in the January issue of THE REVEILLE.

HOOK YOUNG.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

IOWA—Our hats are off to Cedar Valley Chapter at Waterloo and Cedar Falls, as they happen to be the first chapters in Iowa to exceed their quotas for 1945-46. It appears that when Harm Aries and Harry McLain band themselves together with one or two other wheel horses, the job really gets done. With a quota of 40 and 41 now in, well, the drinks should be on the other chapters.

Armistice Day came in a Stag-"gering" manner to the Col. E. R. Bennett Chapter in Des Moines on Saturday, the 10th, and we have since learned that a lot of the boys were glad that the next day was Sunday. But the annual stag party was one of those things that you hear about but never see anything down in print about it. One of the great shows of the year would have taken place if the Iowa gang of card shuffling "crooks" had hooked up with that gang that Hook Young and his Indiana hervies talk about so much. Brother that would have been somethin' for sure and we'd have been perfectly willing to have just "anted" in to watch the show. It was good to see Harley Rhoads, Ron Kehm, Harold Holden, and Fred Oliphant back home from the continent. From looking at Oliphant, we all accused him of invading a supply depot in view of all the gold on his blouse. A highlight of the evening was a talk by Herb Plambeck, a local War Correspondent, who spent a lot of time with the Rainbow and who also carries a

"short-snorter" from General Harry Collins. He is awfully proud of a Rainbow shoulder patch the general gave him, too! And Herb certainly has become imbued with that grand old Rainbow spirit. Then the Bennett Chapter's first Rainbow vet of World War II was introduced and it was quite a thrill, too, for him. He is Donovan Dale of the 242nd Infantry, and believe it or not, he lives right next door to one of our World War I Rainbowers, Jimmy Burns. Yea, it was a nice party. Hope that we can give more dope from other Iowa chapters, but so far they must just be recovering from the Armistice Day parties and haven't come in with their stories. Except Creston! Creston Chapter held its annual election-meeting on November 15th and the following were duly installed in office: President, Jasper J. Jones, Fontanelle; First Vice-President, V. A. Benson, Creston; Second Vice-President, Leo Ayers, Shannon City; Secretary-Treasurer, Willis G. Royce, Creston.

All Iowa Chapters that have not yet done so are urged to send names and addresses of officers to National Secretary Allen Gibbons, P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va. Please do this immediately.

HOMER.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

MARYLAND—The last two months have been eventful ones for the Maryland Chapter. At our September meeting, it was arranged to have some moving pictures of World War II. These action pictures were very interesting and were primarily shown so that our old dog robbers, etc., might get an idea of what war is like.

Our October meeting was also quite a success, due to the fact that refreshments consisting of hot dogs and beer were served after the meeting. This brought a tremendous outpouring of our hungry element. Men turned up whose faces had last been seen in mess lines waiting for seconds and thirds in France. There was considerable disorder at the business meeting because of constant interruptions of "move we adjourn," shouted by those who let visions of the beer and "weenies" get the best of them. President Archer, who is a beer and weenie man himself, adjourned the session.

It was discovered that if our meetings and President both continue to grow, something would have to be done because of limited space. Ossian E. "Happy" Hickman, who is himself taller lying down than standing up, suggested that we shoot the President. This was voted down as being too drastic, with only our undertaker member, Skeets "Bury-Them-Alive" Fanning, voting in favor.

On Sunday, November 4th, our annual Memorial Service was held. The committee arranged a very impressive ceremony with excellent speeches and girls' choir, led by our beloved and talented Lucille Tingle Masson. A splendid attendance rounded out a solemn and beautiful service.

HARRY STANSBURY.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

MICHIGAN—January 19, 1946, will be a big day for Michigan when she will entertain the national officers and Rainbowers from adjoining states or anyone else who wants to come—but be sure and send in for reservations. The show will be at the Detroit-Leland Hotel—Bring your lady friends, but advise us in advance.

Tom Hanson, Michigan—not Iowa—broke his bad leg and a few ribs. Write him at 5243 Grayton, Detroit. He won't be out for a long time.

William F. Neal, Rainbower, was Grand Marshal for the parade on Armistice Day in Detroit, and Wilbur Brucker was Chief of Staff. All Rainbowers, of Michigan, were on hand to help the color guard do honors.

At Cincinnati, one Michigan member gave all funds from the Cane Fund and the canes to an Ohio expert for bands with inscriptions. Nothing more has been heard. Did Crawford get his cane? Are the other canes available? Is the excitement all over? Are we getting old? Who can think of something new to start fomenting?

M. P. R.

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THE RAINBOW

Dedicated to Battery F, 151st F. A.

We are the boys of yesteryear,

A farewell kiss and a burning tear,

Then off to war with a jaunty air,

In step to the rhythm of "Over There."

At Baccarat, Perrone, Champagne,

Knee deep in mud and endless rain,
Through Suippes-Louvain and Chateau

Thierry,

Battle scarred, war worn and weary.

From the Vesle River through Saint Mihiel,

Thundering guns and rain of steel,

Essey, Pannes on to Verdun,

Where the shattered cathedral spires
loom.

Exermont, Hill Two-Forty-Two,
The hordes of Wilhelm to subdue
With ever a thought of a homeward trend,
Fighting on to a glorious end.

We the victorious, tried and true,
'Mid cheering throngs on the avenue,
Extolling the heroes from overseas
Banners floating in the breeze.

Blaring trumpets and rolling beat
Echo the tread of marching feet,
Light of heart on that homeward trend,
To a pot of gold at the Rainbow's end.

L. O. LAWSON,
Minneapolis Chapter,
151st F. A. Battery "F,"
World War One.

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PENNSYLVANIA—Your reporter had the pleasure of sitting in with some of the gang out in Indianapolis some days ago and a most pleasant evening it was. The main topic of business was where to hold the 1946 reunion. From what I picked up, I would think their choice of French Lick is most appropriate as July will be off-season and the place will be ours. American plan means that three meals a day are served and you must be present. Since there is no other place to eat, it has the added feature of a meeting or reunion at each meal. From watching Hook, Lewis, Welch and that man who uses pressure-methods in getting the dough in, I found out that poker as I know it, is still in its infancy. Thanks for a swell evening, Hook. You Hoosiers are swell people.

Here in Western Pennsylvania, we held our first meeting since June on the night of October 27th. The largest attendance in many a moon was a sight for the eyes of the regulars. Our guests of the party were Col. Fellows and Col. Morelock from Aspinwall Veterans Facility. They gave us a little story of what handicaps they labor under in order to take care of their patients. They deserve a hearty handshake and a "well done" from all of us. Several veterans of the 2nd World War were guests and of course, listening to some of their experiences was part of the order of business. A report of the membership committee shows we are well on our way to another banner year. Judge "Cuney" Iebeck, our bartender par excellence, was at the throttle and dispensed the autumn brew in

a most commendable manner. Filibuster Gordon held the membership spell-bound for what seemed an age. He must have spoken not less than 14 words. The regulars as usual were present although we missed three or four familiar faces. The meeting was billed as the Victory meeting, this then, was why everybody had a smile on their lips and a look as though they were relieved of heavy responsibilities, especially those of our comrades who have sons and daughters in the service. Fini la guerre!

Your scribe has started his annual sortie into the far west. I shall be gone for about 7 weeks and as usual hope to see a lot of swell Rainbowers as I go along. I shall stop in for a few words with Fred Cornelius out in El Paso. A visit with the home gang out in Los Angeles is a must as well as with the crowd in San Francisco and Seattle.

Just in case I don't get another chance, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to all my Rainbow friends wherever you may be. So long.

WALT MICHEL.

— Proudly wear your Rainbow button —

NEW YORK—Gotham Gossip—The Armistice Reunion, held in the Mural Room (doesn't that sound pretty?) of the Armory, developed into a grand evening. The Mural Room, by the way, is worth looking at by any of you non-Gothamites (Gotham is New York from a long way back, as if any of my four readers didn't know) who might find your way to 68 Lexington Avenue in our village. Some one will be around the door, should you visit, and be glad to show you it and other truly interesting features of the building. . . . The Armistice gang-up, as I suggested, turned out disgustingly enjoyable to two guys in attendance—Jim Mason, the dues-gatherer and, we hope, a thorn in Bjork's side, plus your scrivener. From the time of our first Armistice party here at home in 1919 it was exclusively male. This year our wives, mothers (those of the men who are still fortunate to have them), aunts, sisters and the little freckled-faced cousins, through some sinister propaganda, succeeded in invading the precincts where only delightful idiots would dare to tread. Their invasion was peaceful and gracious and—here's where Jim and I take it right on the chin, publicly—much to our liking. It was a gathering to be recalled. . . . President John Smith, the lug I have referred to in these columns, was what you could reasonably expect a headwaiter to be. Yidda (that is what he is known to us as, when he is not Presidenting) has a neat

way of exercising his native executive ability. When a job comes up, he picks out a few slob and tells them to go to work—you know, the John Pershing type. Like Pershing, he knows his men. Then, no interference. For the chairmanship of the Armistice Reunion Committee, he socked a guy named Charles J. Shattenkirk over the latter's conk and intoned, "Mugg, you're the boss of the riot." Charlie, a mild mannered, married—or is that redundant?—individual, two days later from a bed in Bellevue Hospital, said: "Thank you, my Lord, I accept." He did a good job. There was a plentiful supply of what we call Camel's Milk, a malt beverage known to the uninitiated as just—beer. Together with this, there were refreshments more solid. There were a few mercifully brief speeches; Monsignor Aloysius Dineen (who doesn't mind a bit if you call him Father Al) took care of the invocation and benediction; Colonel Martin Henry Meaney, who started with the outfit as a private, went through the 1917-1918 European sight-seeing tour with the Rainbow, and Colonel Joe Hart, who was just a little recruit when I first met him, not too many years ago, and who has recently returned from a prolonged, and a wholly satisfying visit to some of the fair isles of the Pacific. To name a few—Saipan, Leyte, etc. He went over with the kids who followed us in to the regiment. They'll be coming home soon, please God, and a welcome will be ready for them. . . . There was a sprinkling of other youngsters, from both the Rainbow in Germany and our regiment on the other side of the world. It was good to see them, with their kin, and it was particularly heartening to hear them express a keen desire to hang out with us old men. That will happen. . . . There was music and dancing and guys snuck away from the ladies and under the influence of either the excitement of the evening itself or the tongue-wagging impetus of Major John Barleycorn, privates became Pattons, Corporals promoted themselves to Captain or Colonel, and former Mess and First Sergeants took cover. It was, you might gather from this hectic account, just as it should have been.

There are two Chapters in New York State other than the Father Duffy Chapter. This was brought to my attention, rather firmly, by George Seaman, who dabbles around with something or other in the National outfit. He pointed out that, while he will admit, upon provocation, to being one of the outstanding heroes of the Machine Gun Co. of the 165th Inf. (circa 1917-18), he is a member of the Long Island Chapter and pays dues in both Chapters. He reminded me (as a sop to get his name in the sheet) that there is a West-

chester Chapter. Westchester starts, on the north, where New York City gives up the ghost. I'd prefer to forget all about Westchester. A few mortal enemies of mine invited me to attend a dinner, or something, in White Plains (that's part of Westchester, if you can figure it out). I said "yes" to the snide trap and assured my one and only that I would be late. I was. Thirty-six hours late. So much for Westchester. To return to the Long Island contingent, a group gathered before the Rainbow monument at the site of Camp Mills on Armistice Day. A small-enough group on account of a particularly heavy rainstorm. Cortland A. Johnson (2nd Lieut., 165th Inf.), now a Supreme Court Judge on the New York State bench, spoke the appropriate words. Father Lynch, of Mitchell Field, represented the clergy. A firing squad of twenty did its work. Hats were doffed, those present observed the silence and they, and we, who were not at that ceremony, and you Rainbowers throughout our land just must have had the same thought and prayer in your minds and hearts—"may they rest in peace."

A bunch of the guys and gals hereabouts spent a perfect afternoon, on Saturday, November 17th, at the La Guardia Airport. Because it was a really unusual afternoon. The ladies of our Auxiliary arranged a bridge luncheon in the Aviation Terrace Room. The proceeds were immediately dumped into the Hospital Fund for gifts to our men who are still battling out the last war in the various facilities and in their homes. A charming girl named Lillyan Hughes Roggenstein directed the affair. Her brother Jim was on the other side with us and her mother—a grand soul—Lord rest her—was one of the founders of the Auxiliary back in 1917. I immensely enjoyed that party.

And now, you girls and boys—young, old and intermediate—of the simply finest division the Army ever put into the field, the very best wishes for the sort of Christmas you most desire, from us in Gotham.

FABIAN.

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WISCONSIN — Milwaukee Rainbowers of Douglas MacArthur Chapter celebrated the eve of Armistice Day by taking their wives out and feeding them, giving Mama a rest from the pots and pans for a change.

Fifteen couples gathered at the Schwaben Hof, famous German type restaurant, and listened to Viennese waltzes while consuming excellent food. It is rumored that some of the party also partook of some of the product that made Milwaukee famous.

We were glad to welcome Jimmy Pollo now, our state president from Oshkosh, and his charming wife. We didn't let Jimmy make a speech. In fact, all speeches were barred, the closest to one being Aaron Reuther's moans that we were raiding the treasury.

Estelle Frew, National Auxiliary President, from Kenosha, could not attend because of having agreed to attend a USO party, but both she and her mother sent greetings.

The dinner was arranged by Frank Wickert, state Vice-President, whose corsages in Rainbow colors made him a favorite of the ladies. Incidentally, your correspondent, acting on no authority at all, appointed Frank's wife, Mrs. Jim Burns, and his own spouse as a committee to organize a ladies' auxiliary.

Dinner over, many of the gang repaired to the beautiful clubhouse of Alonzo Cudworth Post of the American Legion, and participated in their pre-Armistice Day party.

Mr. Reuther announces receipt of applications from two World War II Rainbows, with another to come when he gets out of the hospital.

WALTER H. OLESON.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Wholehearted felicitation is extended to "Pad and Pencil," the weekly publication of Rainbow University, edited by Pfc. Richard Cimpl, and "The Tone Crier," published once a month by the 222d Infantry Glee Club and edited by Pfc. L. Richard Shattuck.

These newspapers, together with the RAINBOW REVELLE (overseas edition) edited by Lt. Hugh Daly, show unmistakable editorial ability; they are well balanced and extremely interesting.

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GLEE CLUB GIVES BENEFIT



Glee Club Conductor and Organist, Sgt. John L. Baldwin, Jr., Morristown, N. J. Picture taken at Console of Grand Organ, Vienna Concert House.

To raise funds for the reconstruction of fire-gutted St. Stephan's, Vienna's world-famous cathedral, the 222d Glee Club repeated its recent Allied Forces program in a benefit performance at the Vienna Konzerthaus a few weeks ago.

Among the distinguished guests in the audience were His Eminence, Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna and Cardinal of Austria, and General Korner, burgomeister of Vienna.

Titled "Music from America," the concert included an organ interlude by T/4 John Baldwin, club director and former organist in New York's Church of St. John the Divine, and vocal solos by T/4 Ernest Sult and S/Sgt. Robert Wilcox.

The club proposed the concert as a means of raising funds to restore the famed Gothic cathedral, set afire last April by retreating SS troops, and Cardinal Innitzer enthusiastically accepted. Proceeds from the concert were turned over to the cardinal at his residence on the following day.



RAINBOW HIGH POINTERS ENROUTE TO UNITED STATES

With the 42d Rainbow Division in Austria: Prior to October 15 more than 5,000 new men, the majority of them from the 66th Infantry Division, joined the Rainbow in Austria and an equal number of division high pointers will be either on their way home or assigned to units soon to leave for the States.

The first group of new men, totaling approximately 1,000, arrived in Salzburg from Marseilles on September 23. There they were quartered in a tent city which serves the division as both a reception and a separation center and the following day they were transferred to their assignments in the 222d Infantry Regiment.

The second group of 1,000 men and 12 officers arrived on September 25. Fifty men and one officer were assigned to the 122d Medical Battalion and the remainder went to the 242d Infantry. Other reinforcements to be received will be assigned to the 232d Infantry, the Artillery and Special Troops.

By October 15th the division was composed of enlisted men with 59 points or less, all others having been transferred. A large group of men with between 60 and 69 points was transferred to the 26th Infantry Division, an old National Guard outfit now occupying the area directly east of the Rainbow with its headquarters at Linz. It has been announced that the 26th will sail for the States some time in December.

The new men of the division were welcomed by General Collins with a message in which he said:

"I know I speak for all the officers and men of the division when I extend to you a most hearty welcome to the Rainbow.

"We who have served in this division have a pride in the Rainbow which I hope you soon will share. I know that you are proud of your old organization. Wear its patch upon your right shoulder. Wear the Rainbow on your left and look upon your new assignment as one of the most important in your military career. By your presence here in Austria you are aiding in maintaining the peace for which thousands of Allied soldiers fought and died. Winning the peace is as important as winning the war, and you are sharing in that task."

STEVENSON MEETS COLLINS

With the 42d Rainbow Division in Austria: Touring Germany as a part of an American scientific mission, Cary Stevenson, an old Rainbow artilleryman from Chicago, visited General Collins over the October 1 week-end, inspected Rainbow University and made a trip to Berchtesgaden, Hitler's hide-out.

Stevenson, accompanied by Robert O. Miller, of New York, was investigating the German developments in the field of metallurgy in the past 10 years.

"When my investigations took me down near Salzburg, I knew I just had to stop in and see General Collins," he said. "The boys back in the Chicago Rainbow Chapter would bar me from the meetings if I ever got to Europe and didn't look up the Rainbow Division."

Cary was impressed with Rainbow University and the entire program of the division in attempting to prepare men to return to civil life.

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I SAW A RAINBOWER

Most of you who read this are very familiar with Rainbowers. You probably see several every day as you promenaded here and there. So, to see just one Rainbower would not be so exciting, unless he were General MacArthur.

But anyway, out here on the Mexican border, where Rainbowers are about as scarce as atomic bomb craters, it is different. We don't see one of them more than once or twice a year, and it is always thrilling when one does drop by.

Well, sir, today, without any warning at all, a Rainbower dropped in on us and it was great to see him. Al J. Roll it was, of the 168th F.H. 117th San. Tr., who hails from Denver, Colo. Al was nice and talky, and so we had a Rainbow Reunion right there on our front porch.

This Rainbower declared he used to shoot craps with my old colonel, but . . . well, you know Rainbow. Anyway, this talking to Rainbowers is good medicine for me. I wish I could increase the dose.

FRED CORNELIUS.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Virginia

Julien M. Strassberger Chapter of Montgomery, Ala., comes through in one remittance with a new all-time high of 100! The Veterans of Co. G, 166th Infantry Chapter



continues to add to its total under the dynamic leadership of James R. Zimmerman, president; Fred Pinney, vice-president and "Kit" Carson, secretary-treasurer. At last report this chapter was out-distancing all competition in Ohio with 138 members, 101 of whom are actual veterans of Co. G. Also in Ohio, the Edison H.

Miller Chapter, of Delaware, has already exceeded its last year's membership total. The Long Island Chapter has exceeded last year's total and appears to be headed toward another all-time high. And so goes the membership story among the chapters. The first membership standings of the 1945-46 year will be computed as of December 20th for publication in the January issue. It is hoped that those chapters that have not brought their membership up to where it should be at this season will get on the bandwagon before that date.

At this writing, 4,245 memberships in the National Chapter-at-Large have been received from the War II Division over in Austria. However, a letter from General Collins dated October 29th advised that they had then forwarded more than 6,000 memberships and were continuing to enroll them at the rate of 800 to 1,000 a week. A most hearty welcome is extended these new members and every effort is being made to facilitate their getting into local chapters with a minimum of loss in membership. The co-operation of most of the chapters in this important work is greatly appreciated. Those few chapters, which have not yet advised me

the name and address of their "contact man" who will undertake the job of getting in touch with these new members as they return home, are urged to wire this office at once.

In all States where chapters are located, the name of the chapter nearest the new member's home and the name and address of that chapter's "contact man" is being stamped on the back of each membership card going out to War II men who have joined the Association overseas. A letter is enclosed with the card, explaining why the card is so stamped and the advantages of chapter membership. The letter also asks any recipient in a State which does not have a chapter to communicate with this office if he is interested in joining with others in the formation of one. The following States do not now have chapters: Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming. The secretary would be glad to hear from all War I Rainbowners in these States who would join with the War II men who live there in the formation of a new chapter, as Joe Jacoby of Cheyenne has agreed to do in Wyoming. (You Wyoming boys write direct to Joseph W. Jacoby, 1810 E. 19th St.)

Remember that Rainbow Windshield Decals at 2 for 25c and Lapel Buttons at \$1.00 each will help you to meet many a Rainbowner whom otherwise you might not ever know!

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R. Allen Gibbons

National Secretary.

R. Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans, 12/45
P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.



Dear Allen: I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow Division.

I served with the _____

(Name of Unit in 42nd Division)

and wish to join our Association. I enclose \$1. Please send me my membership card and send THE REVELLE to the following address:

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