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A Message from General Collins

For the first time in many years the world is now at peace and history has repeated itself to the extent that once more the Rainbow Division is a part of the vast army of occupation, whose job is to see that never again shall Germany arise and terrorize the world.

There is certainly no need for me to describe to you men of the Rainbow who occupied Germany in 1919 the feelings of the men of this division who are occupying Austria now.

There is not a man who does not want to go home, and yet there is a realization that there is a job over here which is not yet finished.

We have won the war and we know that Allied troops must remain in this Axis land if we are going to win a last-

ing peace. Our job is to restore and to maintain law and order in a land in which the people have lived by the rules of gangsters.



Allied forces must remain in Europe until such time as it is definitely determined that these people can establish and maintain a government which will guarantee peace and personal freedom. If the Rainbow is finally selected for this job we will make every effort to do it well.

There is no doubt that the men of the Rainbow want to go home, but they also want to be sure that they or their sons will never have to return.

At the present time the division is occupying an area of approximately 1,500 square miles, which consists of the

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entire state of Salzburg. In addition, two battalions of the 222d Infantry Regiment, the first and the third, are the only American combat forces occupying the Austrian capital of Vienna, which is garrisoned by crack troops of Russia, France, England and the United States.

It was troops of the Rainbow Division, Company K of the 222d Infantry and the Division Band, which paraded in Vienna in a four-power ceremony which took place when General Mark W. Clark entered the city to take over his duties there as head of the United States Forces in Austria. For their part in this review the Rainbowmen won high praise, both from General Clark and from Brigadier General T. E. Lewis, head of the Vienna Area Command.

"I noted with great pride and pleasure the exemplary standard of dress, smartness, soldierly bearing and military proficiency exhibited by your command," said General Lewis in a letter to Captain Carlyle P. Woelfer, the company commander.

Commending the performance of the band, the general said:

"Your performance was considered by me to be superlative and unmistakably far in advance of that of the bands which represented the other Allied Nations . . . I wish to state unequivocally that the 42d Infantry Division Band upon that important occasion performed with a skill and facility that I have never seen equalled."

Such ceremonies, while important because they impress upon the people the smartness, snap and efficiency of the American soldier, are only a minor item in the many tasks which are now being performed by the Rainbow. We are supervising and guarding German prisoner of war camps, we are operating camps for displaced persons and arranging for their transfer back to their homes, we are maintaining road blocks to check the papers of persons attempting to cross borders, we are guarding food supplies and warehouses and we are supervising the cutting of wood by prisoners for fuel for the coming winter.

In addition to these many military duties we are also engaged in our own "reconversion" program to prepare men for the civilian life to which they will return.

This reconversion is being carried out under a vast plan which is known officially as the "Information and Education Program." Despite the many military duties which we must perform, we asked for, and obtained, permission from higher headquarters to conduct schools on duty time in all units for 10 hours a week.

These schools are being conducted by battalions and the subjects being taught are usually of high school level. A man may take two subjects a day, five days a week, and the courses which he completes successfully will count toward the completion of his high school, if he has not yet graduated. If he is a high school graduate, the courses give him an opportunity to review his schooling and get him thinking along civilian lines.

Just to give some idea of an average curriculum, the division Special Troops operates a school which is known as a "Civilian Candidate School." The subjects taught are American social and political history, book-keeping and accounting, German, typing, mechanical drawing, business arithmetic, business English, and business law.

This program is now just getting under way, but it will expand rapidly once the gigantic job of supervising the cutting of 82,000 cords of wood for winter fuel is completed.

The end of the war in Japan found us prepared to open an elaborate military school to be known as the "Rainbow Leaders"

School," in which we were going to teach everything from supply procedure to platoon, company and battalion tactics. The site had been selected in two hotels by the side of a beautiful lake in a town called Zell am See. The staff was assembled and we were all ready to open the doors for the first class. The end of the war eliminated the need for a military school, but we immediately changed our plans and in less than a month opened our own Rainbow University in the same buildings. There, 350 men at a time, are studying courses of high school and college level and technical subjects.

The Rainbow University is one of the most ambitious programs ever attempted by the division and is believed to be the first educational facility of its kind in the ETO.

Each term at the school will last approximately two months and students who complete a course satisfactorily will receive credits which will count toward a high school or college degree. The texts and the examinations used in the university and in all unit schools have been written by educators in the States and they set exactly the same standards as those of American high schools and colleges.

Both officers and enlisted men will serve on the faculty of the university. Officers will not be included among the first group of students, but they will be worked into the program later. Eligible for the initial course are some 6,000 members of the division and those who are high school graduates will have an opportunity to attend.

Included in the suggested curriculum are college algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics, biology, soil conservation, forestry, English composition, American history, American literature, American government and politics, journalism, accounting, office management, surveying, radio, and advanced auto mechanics.

Combined with the work program and the school program we have our recreation program. There is a division baseball team, a softball team, a swimming team and a track team. To select the members of these teams we have had unit and division swimming meets and track meets. There are unit softball leagues and plans are under way to form a division football team.

A division rest and recreation center has been established at the famed Europa Hotel at Bad Gastein, one of the most famous resorts in Europe, and here men are sent for five days in which they have nothing to do but enjoy themselves. They get up when they want to, have the most elaborate hotel service, fish and swim and play baseball and tennis and badminton. There are horses for horseback riding and buggies for those who like to take an old fashioned buggy ride. Every week 270 men are entertained at this resort.

The men also make their own entertainment and there are plenty of company and bat-

talion parties; USO troupes and native performers bring live talent right to the units in the field, and movies are shown nightly throughout the division.

A liberal pass policy enables the men to go on pass or furlough to such places as Paris, London, the Riviera and Switzerland.

All this gives you some idea of what the Rainbow is doing in Austria. It is a life which combines work and schooling and play. We are all looking forward eagerly to returning home while making the best of the opportunities which exist here for study and for recreation.

BEIGHTLER NOW CORPS COMMANDER

Rainbowers everywhere, and Ohio Rainbowers in particular, are gratified with the recognition earned by Bob Beightler for his outstanding services in the Pacific. Major General Robert Sprague Beightler is now Corps Commander of the U. S. 32d, 37th and 38th Divisions.

One of Japan's arch criminals personally surrendered to General Beightler. On September 2nd Yamashita, who with Homma, is charged with executing the 'Bataan Death March' gave up with his entire army and navy staff. Yamashita handed in his 700-year-old Samurai sword to General Beightler.

Bob Beightler was made a captain of infantry in the Fourth Ohio which was mustered into Federal service as the 166th Infantry. He served Regimental HQ as Adjutant to Colonel B. W. Hough. Maintaining unflagging interest in the Ohio National Guard, he was State Highway Director under Governor Bricker when he was placed in command as Major General of the 37th Division.

MacARTHUR'S KID GLOVES

The frantic fears of General MacArthur's carping critics cause alarm to no one but themselves. MacArthur was named Allied Supreme Commander for one reason only; nobody else could do the job as well. When the history of this war is completely written his record will stand out in all its untarnished glory. MacArthur the strategist; MacArthur the tactician; MacArthur the soldier. His amazing record of hitting the Japs time after time where they didn't expect to be hit; his successful campaigns of winning objectives with a minimum loss of time and a minimum loss of Allied lives will give historians an easy chore to chronicle.

MacArthur's petty critics need fear no easy peace for Japan. The Japs themselves know only too well the iron fist encased in the kid glove. To maintain law and order in a hostile conquered country requires an army of occupation far bigger than the General now has at his disposal. Yet with a

handful of troops MacArthur has abolished Domei, the Japanese news service, broken up the powerful Black Dragon Society, the real rulers of Japan, and caused the surrender or suicide of dozens of the enemy's highest military leaders. All this despite the fact that Japan had a fully equipped army of 2,500,000 when the first Allied troops landed on the enemy shores.

No, the critics needn't worry. It was no less an authority than Secretary of War Stimson who hailed General MacArthur as the "principal architect" of the Pacific victory. "It is a source of great satisfaction to me that you have been designated as Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces to direct the occupation of Japan," Secretary Stimson told General MacArthur in a message released by the War Department.

"It seems both fitting and just that this enemy whom you have mastered completely on the battlefield should receive from you the orders which will destroy all his power to force war again upon peaceful nations."

More recently, President Truman endorsed MacArthur's actions by publicly announcing that the General was given full authority to act as he saw best.

It was MacArthur who gave the Rainbow Division its name; it was MacArthur who brought the Rainbow of Victory to the Pacific.

I AM WALKING ON AIR

Not since I have joined the human race have my old ears received such good treatment.

It was on September 2nd, 1945. Our dear General MacArthur was on the air. He was saying wonderful things . . . history making words. The sound of that ringing voice was mighty good to my ears, and to about 200 million more ears as well.

It made me proud that I am a Rainbower. It made me want to shout out, "Why he, Gen. MacArthur, was my commanding officer way back there in 1917-18. And I still want to tell the world about it. I want everyone that walks the earth to know he is a swell guy . . . a real, honest-to-goodness Rainbower. I want the world to know how proud I am that I, too, am a Rainbower."

Yes, boys, I am walking on air. I am a Rainbow Division Veteran. I know Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Harry J. Collins. I am a Rainbower. Yes, I AM A RAINBOWER!

FRED CORNELIUS.

THE RAINBOW IN AUSTRIA

Today the Rainbow is unquestionably the strongest division in Europe—not that it hasn't always been—but today the Division is up to strength in both officers and men and has had few losses since V-E Day. Commanders, staffs and troops with battle experience and officers and men who have worked together during the occupation are

still as a whole. The morale of the outfit is very high.

Headquarters of the Division is in Salzburg. The 222nd is in Vienna, representing the American forces there; the 232nd is in the Austrian Alps near Bad Gastein; the 242nd is at Mittersill; the Artillery is at Bischofshofen; the Engineers are at Schwarzbach; the Recon Troop is near Lofer Pass; and the other units are with the Commanding General at Salzburg. Literally, the Division covers the State of Salzburg like the Rainbow.

Divisional duties at present are guarding targets, blocking the boundaries of Austria and the Province, and guarding prisoners of war who are cutting wood in the mountains for winter fuel.

Many Rainbowers today are going to colleges and universities throughout Europe. In addition, as General Collins tells us elsewhere in this issue, he has established a divisional university—the Rainbow University—and the first of its kind in the ETO. More books were needed than were obtainable in Europe and the following cable was dispatched to correct this situation:

Urgently need following textbooks for Rainbow University; 25 copies on Electronics by Millman and Seeley, published by McGraw Hill; 25 copies of Outline of Physical Geology by Longwell (Knopf & Flint). Request that books be sent airmail.

Within a week after receipt of the General's cable, the books were bought and arrangements were made with the Air Transport Command to fly the material to the Rainbow University.

Enrollment in the Rainbow University will be around 350 enlisted men who volunteer as students and are able to pass the entrance examination. The University is run along the lines of West Point—that is, reveille, mess, inspection of quarters, then class until two o'clock in the afternoon, after that 30 minutes of close order drill, two hours of athletics, one hour open time for letter writing, etc., mess and then a two-hour study period, with an instructor on duty from each section.

Division Endorses Association

The news that the Cincinnati Reunion voted unanimously and enthusiastically to welcome officers and men of the present Rainbow Division as members of the Rainbow Association was greeted with equal enthusiasm in the Division. Immediately a division-wide vote was ordered and the result was overwhelmingly in favor of this action.

In order to facilitate the processing of the membership applications which are expected to roll in, it was decided that the entire campaign be handled by the division through a membership committee.

This committee will handle all the details of enrolling men in the National Association. The Overseas Edition of THE RAINBOW

REVELLE (14 September issue) contained an application coupon to be filled in by division personnel. These coupons were to be turned into first sergeants of companies and batteries and the coupons, with dues, will be forwarded by the sergeants to the Membership Committee at Headquarters. The committee is preparing rosters of the applicants for membership and arranging to forward the applications to Secretary Allen Gibbons. Membership cards will be sent back by return mail.

Men of the division have been informed that the original Rainbow was comprised of National Guard units of 26 states and the District of Columbia, and that chapters now exist in these 27 communities. New chapters will be formed in states where no chapters now exist. As far as possible, these chapters will be formed in Austria, while the men are still in the division, so that when they return home they will have a nucleus of an active association already established.

If a large number of men are transferred out of the division before state chapters can be formed, they will be organized in the States through the efforts of the National Association, which will have the name and address of every man who belongs to the organization.

RAINBOWERS SEIZE ENEMY FUNDS

While it won't pay even a fraction of the expenses for the Rainbow's extended stay in Europe, the Division has paid back to Uncle Sam a fair wad of loose change picked up in its travels through Germany and now designated on the ledger of the Division Finance Office as Captured Enemy Funds.

Translated into American dollars, these captured hoards of currency—22 different kinds—and gold amount to 178,000 dollars. Largest haul was approximately 44,000 dollars in Reichsmarks found stored in an Austrian hospital building. The second largest take was 34,000 dollars worth of currency from 9 different countries, including 950 dollars in good old American greenbacks. These were uncovered in a hayloft where a sticky fingered SS trooper had hidden them in a suitcase and two boxes.

One hoard picked up along the way consisted of about 75 gold coins from England, France, Italy, Hungary and Turkey. Among them were 20 franc pieces, about the size of the American ten dollar piece.

In addition to enemy money hoards, Rainbowmen have uncovered untold wealth in forms of stocks, bonds, mortgages and other papers. Most of these, it is believed, will eventually be turned over to the Austrian government.

MACARTHUR'S RETURN TO U. S. NOT LIKELY SOON

Contrary to newspaper reports that General of the Army Douglas MacArthur will soon be in the United States, the General has "no future plans." This information was learned when he cabled his answer to Man-

ning Marcus. The wires exchanged are reprinted below:

From Manning to the General:
RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION ARRANGING CELEBRATION HONOR PERMANENT HONORARY PRESIDENT AND COMRADE MACARTHUR WHEN IN WASHINGTON MAY WE HAVE PROMISE ONE NIGHT CABLE COLLECT.

From the General to Manning:
APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE HAVE NO FUTURE PLANS.

RAINBOW TOURISTS

General Marshall back in Washington, D.C., had the idea; General Eisenhower passed it on with his blessing—and as a result 50 Rainbowmen, in groups of ten each, are each week sent off on their own on 9-day "vagabond tours" of Europe.

General Marshall's idea was to give soldiers in the European Theater a chance to go where they wanted to in Europe, be completely on their own, and get away from the restraint of Army life.

When put into practice, five one and a half-ton trucks with trailers stocked with rations and gasoline, a non-com in charge, a driver-mechanic and 8 other men pulled out of the division area to go where they wanted to and see what they wished to see.

MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS

Two new Rainbow songs, "Rainbow Valley" and the "Rainbow Fighting Song" have been distributed in sheet music form to all personnel of the Division.

The songs had their premiere back at Kitzbuhel in the Division CP when Captain Jane Douglas, then aide to Major General Gyron of the ETO Special Service Division, and Major Brown Bolte of the Athletic Branch, were visitors. Captain Douglas wrote the words while Major Bolte composed the music one evening after an inspection tour of "Rainbow Valley." The first is dedicated to the mothers, wives and sweethearts of Rainbowmen. The second was written at the request of Major General Collins, who was so impressed with the first song that he requested the pair to compose a fighting song for the division.

RAINBOWERS IN VIENNA

The entry of the men of Company K, 222d Infantry, and other members of the third battalion of the same regiment into Vienna was a triumphal parade which lasted for more than 100 miles, or from the city of Enns, where the convoy entered Russian territory, right through the streets of the Austrian capital.

The entire route of the Rainbow was lined with smiling, waving people. Everyone was happy to see the Americans. Every Russian soldier had a big grin and most of them



Colonel Crawford, Lt. Col. Glossbrenner and Captain Welborne with Colonel Charles E. Keegan, Regional Military Governor of Bavaria, at his HQ in Munich, July 13.

rushed to the windows of their billets and waved. Every Russian guard or MP saluted, not just officers, but every single truck in the convoy and with each salute was a smile which spread from ear to ear.

During one of the breaks a sergeant who was riding in the front seat of one of the trucks got out of the cab rubbing his arm.

"My arm is getting sore just saluting Russian soldiers," he declared.

The Austrians greeted the Americans as you would expect them to welcome their own army returning from a victorious campaign. In every village they stood in front of their homes and waved and the children, apparently informed by some secret underground means, ran along beside the trucks asking for chocolate, and usually getting it.

The convoy arrived in Vienna about seven o'clock in the evening and the streets were jammed with people. At the sight of the Americans their faces lit up with smiles and they gathered along the curbs and leaned from windows and waved.

Certainly the men of Company K felt like the most popular and best loved soldiers in the entire world.

ALABAMA—Members of the Captain William M. Peters Chapter, and their families enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic at the V. F. W. club house on the Warrior River.

Recently elected officers were introduced as follows: William J. Squires, president; John W. Yeatman, vice-president; Arden R. Allen, vice-president; B. J. O'Hara, secretary-treasurer; Albert W. May, chaplain; Vaden Anderson, sergeant-at-arms; Britt Coats, Leon M. Ryan and Joe E. Ryan, members of the executive committee.

Out of town Rainbow veterans present were: John H. Winnington, national vice-president and immediate past president of the state association; H. S. Foster, past president of the Mortimer Jordan Chapter in

Birmingham, and Lindsay Cox, all of Birmingham.

Among the distinguished guests present was Captain Charles Squires of the U. S. Army Air Corps. Capt. Squires was pilot of the 18th plane to drop paratroopers over France on "D" Day. His service ribbon is adorned with seven battle stars. He has also received decorations.

MIKE.

FLORIDA STATE CHAPTER—Florida is back in the running again. Miami is back in full swing under leadership of Bully Christiansen (Minn. please note) and a good job he is doing. Calvin Davis (167th) is doing pretty good. It's an eight pound girl. Elliott (Doc) Hadley (150th) is trying to get St. Pete in line. Park Campbell's (150th) son is back after being a prisoner in Germany. Can't give you much news of Jacksonville as they do not answer our mail. Our immediate past state president, Jim Rolfe of Orlando, dropped in to pay us a visit and to give a report of the re-union. Yours truly has greeted 116 returning Rainbows. They all talk of memorial and are high in their praise of General Collins. First two men to arrive through the Green Project were M/Sgt. Otis Taylor, Dixie, Ga., and M/Sgt. John B. Morris, Rome, Ga., both cadre men. (Picture printed in September REVEILLE—Ed.) We were sorry to hear of the death of Jack Garner (167th) in Jacksonville. Our state president has a contract for the new veterans hospital in Atlanta. Hope he gets it up before long so he can stay home. Too much work for the secretary. See you all later.

JIM BARNEY.

MARYLAND—Maryland Chapter has been facing the annual dilemma of persuading some weak character to accept the presidency. It was doubly difficult this year because the job has been so trying that it took 70 pounds off Marlin Prather, the outgoing president, and it was therefore necessary to find someone who weighed 70 pounds.

For as in the case of Regular Byrnes, 70 pounds from 78 might leave something but surely not a president.

The committee brilliantly called Vernon Archer out of retirement. Vernon was put out to graze years ago and as he had built himself up to 270 pounds, he's just the man for the job. The committee visited him, plied him with drinks and flattery and when he sobered up found he had accepted the presidency before witnesses and subscribed to before a notary public. Bowing to the inevitable, he accepted gracefully.

Abe Stout, who understands some simple arithmetic, was elected treasurer. Clyde Horner, who can read and write after a fashion,

was named secretary. Other queer characters were named to other offices.

Our annual crab feast was a rousing success due largely to the efforts of Gould Rollins who by the usual police method of intimidation and blackmail forced a Democratic club in his district to offer its quarters. Everyone had a most enjoyable time but the crabs and the members of the Democratic club and the residents of the neighborhood living within a radius of nine blocks.

We announce with deepest sorrow that two old comrades, Bill Gerwig and Walter Doyle have made the long march to that last great encampment. For both of them the end was merciful and sudden.

HARRY STANSBURY.

NEW JERSEY—Naturally, the pulse of Jersey Rainbow beat more rapidly when Jersey's Bob Hayward was chosen this year's national president. Exultation, of course, was the stimulus. And with the sudden and dramatic end of the Japanese conflict, Jersey Rainbows have again leveled their attention at Rainbow, its activities and its future. Bill Finley, president, New Jersey Chapter, and George Coburn, president, Menoher Chapter, are out to engender a 100% Rainbow spirit and harvest the largest membership crop in the history of the Garden State.

Unheralded the homecoming of Bob Hayward from Cincinnati with the national presidency was not marked by fanfare, as the home-town boys would have liked. In fact, it was a week after the Reunion before they knew he was home, the latest report being that he had remained in Cincy with Allen Gibbons to complete some unfinished business (that fifth of bourbon we left in Room 504 at the Gibson, we surmise). However, the testimonial dinner tendered Bob by the New Jersey Chapter at the Ocean Terrace, Long Branch, N. J., on August 26th, occasioned for his many friends an opportunity to hail him and congratulate him. Formality and extollment were by-passed, much to the liking of Bob. His remarks were brief but fully appreciative of the high honor accorded him by Rainbow. As a mark of recognition by Jersey Rainbow of Bob's Rainbow attainments, and in accord with his wish, he was again presented with the national president's medal he received at Cincinnati. The honor of pinning this medal on Bob's lapel fell to Mrs. William Finley, wife of the president, New Jersey Chapter. Flo Slattery, National Secretary, Ladies' Auxiliary, representing the national association, was presented with an orchid by Rose Barrow, in behalf of the New Jersey Chapter of the Auxiliary. Besides the jolly Letzers from Merchantville, who never miss a Jersey affair, others on hand from distant points to greet Bob were the Wendalls, Bryniarskies, Hubers, Rothholtzes, Reids, Art Monahan

and Ken Garon. Throughout, that ever-present spirit of Rainbow fellowship, heightened by the presence of lovely ladies and exciting music, prevailed.

Congratulations, Bob, and good luck!

STAN BARROW.

MENOHER—At our September meeting, we had the honor of beating our Mother Chapter at Red Bank to the gun in admitting a War II Rainbower to membership. His name is Bernard W. Gildensoph, formerly sergeant of 242nd Infantry Cannon Co., and he served in the Rainbow from June 25th, 1943 to May 1st, 1945 at which time he was discharged with 120 ponits. We proceeded to install him as Chaplain, putting him to work right away.

The Chapter was also honored by the presence of National President Bob Hayward whom we also held up for membership in the Chapter. Bob spoke about the Reunion in Cincinnati and also the program of the National Association for the year.

EMIL HUBER.

NEW YORK—Gotham Gossip—With an unanimity charming to behold, John B. (Yidda) Smith was recently elected Chapter President. Into office with him came a swell bunch of guys. The election, to coin a phrase, bodes well for the prosperity (social and financial) of the Father Duffy Chapter through the months to come. You see, Yidda has a way with him. The girls and boys in Gotham like him, as do those of you out beyond who have met him at our annual shin-digs. Mentioning "shin-dig," I remember a tale of Yidda that stems back to the South Carolina reunion some years ago. Yidda invited a local belle to join him in a schottische—or something. When the poor girl survived a West Side wrestling match, she observed that Yidda had been dancing in his stocking feet. Wonderingly, she asked, "Do you *always* dance in your socks?" Yidda nonchalantly replied, "Not *always*. Sometimes I take the socks off." Later, he explained to one of his accompanying lunatics from our village that he removed his shoes only because his dogs were warm. There's another Yidda, though. Just twenty-two years ago, he initiated a one-man crusade to see to it that New York City veterans (the Rainbow vets, especially, of course) get a fair shake from our Department of Licenses when valuable licenses to operate newsstands were being handed out. His chief supporter was the late lamented Major General Alexander E. Anderson. Together, they gave a few politicians a tussle and came up with a few real lucrative stand locations. Yidda is Yidda and we go for him, shoeless or crusading or whatever it might be. He's genuine Rainbow. Yes, we're looking forward to a good year.

During the two-day V-J observance, your reporter was assigned to duty inside the police lines. It would be odd-hat to try to describe the Times Square scene of a million and a half humans milling up and down Broadway and Seventh Avenue. At the height of the celebration (somewhere around midnight on August 14th), I found my way to Father Duffy's statue on the square named after him. The shouting and the horn tooting and all the rest of the clamor that crowds can think of creating were going on all about him. There he was—calm and, I wanted to think, understanding; he always seemed to understand mortals. Below him, looking at him with his Missal firmly clutched, was a small, serious group that filled the triangle that is called a square. There were men in and out of uniform; men and women, and a few children, of probably every race and creed and color (there were several negroes in the congregation) who were offering to God their thanks for the peace that had come. Some knelt. Others genuflected and made the Sign of the Cross. Still others just stood reverently. And all of this time, pandemonium was continuing its march. It seemed to me, who still boasts of having been fairly intimate with him but weren't we all, who met him?), that this quiet, awed group, gazing upon a pile of stone, from which an artist fashioned the likeness of the Padre, was thinking of it as an immediate symbol of Him to Whom they were offering their prayers of thanks. To me, the scene was an interesting and hopeful contrast—America will remain human and humble to the Almighty.

This is the first time in quite nineteen years that I have been permitted to thrust my thrice-fractured proboscis into the sacred columns of the second best Vets' publication in the U. S. (No. 1, in case you haven't heard, is the Father Duffy Chapter "Rainbow Barrage." Are you tuned in, you other editor guys?) In 1926, I edited the "Reveille." We'll not disinter that corpse. Seriously, it's good to be back for a while. After congratulating my boss, Letz, for the magnificent job he is doing, I'll offer my kind personal regards to the many lads and lassies I have met and have grown to like a lot who are fellow-Rainbowers. The rest of the mob send along their best, with the exception of James Thomas Aloysius Mason, the dissenter, who wishes it to be known in all four corners of the country that Eskil Bjork, the irritating Chairman of the Illinois Chapter's membership committee, has his utter disregards. So long.

FABIAN.

OHIO—Cincinnati Chapter held its usual annual picnic August 12th and all who attended had a fine day. A very hard rain in the morning really cut into the attendance but we had a very nice crowd in spite of the

weather. It was a pleasure to see our State Secretary-Treasurer Carl Thimmes and Mrs. Thimmes and also Kay Houston, the State Auxiliary President and Mr. Houston, who came down from Columbus to pay a visit to the Queen City.

On September 9th, the Greenfield Chapter had an all day Rainbow Chapter Reunion. In the afternoon the Chapter and its Auxiliary dedicated a memorial plot to the Local Rainbow Comrades who have passed on. Orville "Kit" Carson was the principal speaker at the short but very impressive service. The Newark and Columbus Chapters combined for their annual picnic at Buckeye Lake on the same day. They enjoyed a fine attendance and everyone had a grand time. The outstanding very obvious feature of both affairs, was the number of visitors from other chapters in the state. It seems that Rainbowism is on an increase.

The Columbus Chapter has signed up a member of War II, Pfc. Richard D. Fix, son of the late Stanley Fix, of the 166th M. G. Company. Dick is with the new Rainbow in Europe; his mother, Mrs. Stella Fix, is a member of the Columbus Auxiliary.

LOU STAGMAN.

OKLAHOMA—Officers for the ensuing year as follows: Edward C. Smith, President; John H. Curry, Vice-President, and if you don't like it (I don't) I can't help it, the same old undersigned is in there again as Secretary—you insisted, so take it as it comes. We need some more dues from some of you delinquents, just \$2.00—that's all.

Very much regret to report the death of Fred M. "Rouge" Richards, in San Antonio, Texas, on April 28, 1945. Was buried in the National Cemetery there. Mrs. "Rouge" still living in San Antonio. Their one and only, a daughter, was married in February. As most of you know, "Rouge" had been down with arthritis for about the past twenty-five years. He was certainly a good old boy.

Ruth and Bill Butts, who just don't miss National Reunions, made it a point to pay the dues for Bill, Jr., who, as most of you know, is with the new Rainbow somewhere in Germany. Bill, Jr., is the No. 1 of Rainbow II to affiliate with the National Association. Thanks to Ruth and Bill, and congratulations to you Bill, Jr. We are looking forward to your attendance on June 1st, 1946.

Had a letter from Jim Brill just prior to our June meeting. His only regret, he says, was that he could not be with us.

Another lost Buddy has found his way back into the fold, Gordon Willard, with the Kansas Power and Light Company, Eskridge, Kansas. Gordon asks to be remembered to all of the gang. He especially asks

about some of his "closest Buddies," such as Paul Eggers, Mack Brown, George Baker, Lloyd Beach and Joe Chatfield. Why don't you ex-"pill-rollers" drop Gordon a line. The rest of us would like to hear from you also—especially the Secretary; there he goes talking about dues again.

A good letter also from Herman McIntosh, Box 926, Borger, Texas. "Mc" is making tires but says he can't get any for himself but, as soon as he can, he is missing no more annual meetings. "Mc" says that a meeting in Tulsa does him more good than a two weeks' vacation. That 'a boy Herman. Thanks, Herman, for taking \$2.00 away from Fred Mullins, also in Borger, Box 61.

Josiah C. Chatfield has again pulled stakes in Bartlesville and headed for New York City. Congratulations, Josiah, we wish you all the success in the world. Let us have your New York address, company name and such. "Chat" just can't be contented being an "Okie."

Short note from Ward K. Halbert, Assistant to the President of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. "Hal" sure wanted to make the meeting but could not make it.

Mail has been returned from Webb W. "Possum" Hansen. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts, drop me a line please.

AMOS TODD.

PENNSYLVANIA—Lancaster Chapter held its annual outing the first Sunday in August. It was quite a success; old friendships renewed, but then the idea of snagging a Rainbower for his dues early in the year, makes it doubly successful.

We gleaned about 40 members at the "kick-off," which isn't too bad.

Lancaster was unfortunate in losing, by death, two of its members, Charles Frey and Frank Bale.

Bethlehem Chapter held its regular meeting Sunday, September 16th, and elected a new slate of officers headed by John Heim. On September 13th, the Bethlehem Auxiliary installed its new president, Miss Betty Bush. Many Rainbowers were present at the enjoyable social affair which followed.

With the war over and nearly everyone working only 40 hours a week and gasoline to be had in pre-war quantities, Rainbow activities in Bethlehem already are in high gear. A new membership drive has had a very successful start.

Philadelphia—What might be called a quorum (if we know what a quorum is) met at the home of Secretary Middleton to discuss Rainbow and poker, Saturday, September 29th. Specifically, the Auxiliary discussed Rainbow; their husbands built up a sweet kitty fund by everlastingly trying to

fill inside straights. Poker as played by Philadelphia Rainbowers is a funny game. There's more money in the kitty now than in the combined pockets of all the players.

BRENNER & BROWN.

SEATTLE—On the night of July 14 we had about 12 or 14 of our 25 members present and elected a new president, F. S. Downs, for the ensuing year, myself as vice-president and Leslie Robinson, a hard-working Rainbower, as secretary-treasurer. He has just made a change in his working arrangements so has probably been a little busy and not given you any information as yet.

Within the next few weeks we will contact all of the members of last year who have not paid their dues and endeavor to have our chapter paid up 100% and hope to have some new members before the year is over.

You are doing a splendid job with the RAINBOW REVEILLE and we are glad to see that you have increased the number of pages. We will do everything that we can to give you news of any of our events so that it will help to increase same.

JACK FAULKNER.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Highlighting the annual Reunion of the South Carolina Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans Association held in Columbia, S. C., August 29th, 1945, was the passage of a resolution congratulating General Douglas MacArthur, former commanding general of the Rainbow Division of World War I, on the successful termination of the war against Japan and wishing him success in the occupation of that country, also expressing pleasure at his being chosen by the government to command and receive the enemy's surrender. It was directed that a copy of the resolution be mailed to General MacArthur at Toyko and through official channels.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were president, W. R. Turbeville, Columbia; first vice-president, Manley Ellis, Heath Springs; second vice-president, H. M. Trapp, Columbia; and secretary and treasurer (elected for life) Marion R. King, Columbia.

William J. Oakes, of Darlington, president of the South Carolina Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans, presided over the session, and made the address of welcome.

Memorial services for Arnold M. Buckner and George Woodberry were held. Deepest sympathy was also expressed at the loss of sons in the service in World War II, to the following Rainbow veterans, James H. Saye, Rodman, S. C.; David Aiken, Monticello, S. C.; G. Frank Vaughan, Union, S. C.; and C. F. B. Major, formerly of Greenwood, S. C.

Regret was also expressed at the passing of Rebecca Nichols Johnson, wife of Col. W. F. R. Johnson, of Florence, S. C.; and of Miss Burdette of Laurens, sister of Pierre Burdette.

Resolutions passed by the National Association Rainbow Division Veterans at the annual reunion July 13-14 in Cincinnati, were read to the Chapter. Action was taken by the South Carolina Chapter admitting to membership all Rainbow Veterans of World War II, who have "served honorably with a unit of the 42nd Division, after July 14th, 1943." A delightful luncheon was served.

MARION KING.

THE VIRGINIA REEL—Virginia is very proud of the fact that the Homer A. Hughes Chapter of Lynchburg was the first one in the whole country this year to exceed its membership total for last year. Walter Garbee, President and hard-working, enthusiastic Tom Bryant are to be congratulated on their outstanding accomplishment. And when Tom says that he hasn't reached the end of the row by any means, you can just bet that he hasn't!

The Virginia State Chapter held its August meeting at the summer cabin of Joe Murray near Covington, Va. Joe's bounteous and whole-hearted hospitality was greatly enjoyed. It is just too bad that so few were present to enjoy both.

It was a great pleasure and privilege recently to welcome into Virginia Rainbow the son of the Old Dominion who carried the Virginia State Flag in the Activation Ceremonies at Camp Gruber on July 14th, 1943. He had subsequently been with the Division in its fighting through France, Germany and on into Austria, with the Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 242nd Infantry. A hearty welcome home, S/Sgt. Noble D. Porterfield, RFD No. 2, Box 25, Newport, Virginia, and may the future hold only the best for you!

All of us in Virginia were saddened by the news that overwork during the war had caused that good Rainbower Percy Karnes to suffer a nervous breakdown, necessitating his going to the Roanoke Veterans Facility. However, Ole Perce is improving slowly and can have visitors and mail. Don't fail to let him hear from you!

THE VIRGINIA REELER.

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It is the desire of the newly elected and appointive officers to function with the greatest amount of efficiency possible. In order to attain this desire it will be necessary for every member of each Auxiliary to co-operate to the fullest. To do this, each Auxiliary member should transmit her ideas and wishes to her Chapter Secretary who in turn will forward such information to National Secretary Flo Slattery. The Auxiliary Bulletin cannot be a success unless the editor has news to print. The deadline for each issue will be the 20th of each month, so any thing to be printed should be mailed not later than the 15th. The response with news, etc., will govern whether this will be a monthly or bi-monthly Bulletin. Let us hear from you.

On behalf of the Secretary: Please forward names and addresses of State and Chapter Officers for the 1945-1946 term to Mrs. Florence Slattery, 107 McLaren Street, Red Bank, N. J. Dues are also in order and should be forwarded to Flo for transmittal to the Treasurer. Any individual desiring the Bulletin send name, address and \$1.00 to the Secretary.

Our newest new member is: Mrs. Jim Miller, of Louisville, Kentucky. Jim and Rosemary were married on Saturday night, July 14th, and were introduced to Rainbow on Sunday afternoon the 15th, in President Weitzel's suite at the Gibson Hotel. Jim is a member of the new Rainbow Division and Rosemary is the first member of the Auxiliary from the "younger set."

To each of you: The officers, National Auxiliary Rainbow Division Veterans' send a greeting of friendship. The war is over. Peace nears. Once more we see the symbol of happiness—THE RAINBOW—stretching across the skies. It is our hope, that there it shall eternally remain.

ESTELLE A. FREW,
National President.



REUNIONEERS

Bill Hemme, Stan Barrow, Marx Rosenthaler and Tom Hanson in Cincinnati.

A FIFTY PER CENT OUTFIT?

A year ago we were told that a bigger and better REVEILLE was on its way for Rainbow. Brother, we believe it after seeing the first issue for 1945-46 Rainbow Year. The improvement, the reading material, even the wise-cracks from the various States and things of general interest to all of Rainbow should cause every Rainbow Veteran who has been getting the REVEILLE for years but who has never dug deep enough in his pocket to find money to pay his dues in some chapter, to now pull his hand out with the money in it and say: "Where have I been all of these years; Rainbow really has something and here's my dues."

After hearing Allen's report on the number of REVEILLES going into the various States — and — the much smaller number of dues coming out of those same States — well, it just shows that a few are carrying the "packs" for a lot of others. We don't remember seeing 125 Doughboys carry packs for 250 in any of the Infantry companies back in 1918, yet that is about the proportion that is carrying the load in our Rainbow Association today. Don't say it is the fault of the Association — it is the fault of each of you who is now reading this story — you who have received and failed to give — you it is who has let your buddies down. Every time MacArthur's name has been mentioned as having commanded the Rainbow in 1918 you've shoved your chest out a foot and said: "Yea, I served with MacArthur", but brother, where's your Rainbow dues — where has your Rainbow spirit been all these years

and are you serving with MacArthur in this grandest of all veterans' organizations? Are you ready to admit that you have let the gang down? Then don't let another day go by without kicking in with your dues in some Rainbow chapter.

These words come from Iowa and while Iowa rates fourth in the percentage of REVEILLES vs. paid-up members, we are greatly concerned when we realize that over 12,000 REVEILLES go out — and — only 6000 dues come back. We never heard anyone in 1918-19 call the Rainbow Division a 50 per cent outfit, in fact countless thousands thought (and still do) that the Rainbow was 200 per cent and we believed it ourselves. Our commanding Officers, the Donovans, the Reillys, the Judahs, the Leaches, the Johnsons, the Tinleys, the Screws, the Garretts and all the rest of them knew that they could count on each and every man under his command. Those who have worked in Rainbow, those who have carried the load have been counting on you individually for support as your commanding officer counted on you. Now is the time for you to step out in true Rainbow colors; support the association, support the National, State and Chapter officers and show the new Rainbows of World War II that you are proud that you too served in the most glorious of all American Divisions. As of old, the line forms to the right; step up and fill your mess kit with a load of Rainbow comradeship, drink of the spirit of Rainbow and commune with those beloved comrades who have found the pot of gold at the end of the Rainbow. This ceremony can be consummated by simply paying your dues.

HOMER GARDNER.

The last of the original group of colonels in the Rainbow Division, Colonel Burns Beall, has left the division and returned to the States for reassignment. Replacing him as Chief of Staff is Colonel Lucien E. Bolduc, the division G-3.

Colonel Beall joined the Rainbow prior to activation at Camp Gruber and was commander of the 242d Infantry Regiment until shortly before the division was sent overseas, when he became Chief of Staff.

Prior to becoming G-3, Colonel Bolduc was executive officer of the 222d Infantry Regiment and commanded the regiment in combat during the illness of Colonel Luongo.

COLONEL WILLIAM TALBOT

Rainbowers everywhere will be grieved to learn of the untimely death of Bill Talbot on Sunday, September 23. He was buried at Brownsville, Texas, September 25.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.

The Capt. William M. Peters Chapter of Tuscaloosa, Ala., the Ottumwa Chapter, of Iowa, and the Veterans of Co. G Chapter, of Ohio, have joined the select circle of those



chapters which have sent in more members for 1945-46 than they had enrolled during all of last year. The others in that elite category, as announced last month, are Homer A. Hughes Chapter of Lynchburg, Va., Tulsa Chapter of Oklahoma and the Danville Chapter of Illinois.

These are leading the way in making it possible to report 2,100 membership cards already issued, with many chapters as yet unheard from during this new year.

It is encouraging to note that most of the chapters who have reported are sending in memberships for men who were not members of any chapter last year. More of you unaffiliated Rainbows, who have been getting THE REVELLE for years without doing your part in helping to see that it shall be continued so long as a Rainbower lives, should send your dues to the chapter of your choice. If you are so situated that you don't know the location of a chapter, use the coupon at the bottom of this page, being sure to fill in the outfit with which you served, and I'll see that you get fixed up.

Many a Rainbower has gone through life thus far without knowing the joy of meeting a fellow Rainbower which can come to him by wearing the Rainbow Lapel Button. Try It Now! A fresh stock has recently been received. They are available from this office at a price of \$1.00 each, postpaid if pay-

ment accompanies the order. Just Say How Many!

The Maryland Chapter reports that it is preparing a Memorial File of the names of the Rainbowers from Maryland who were killed in France and of those who have died since our return, as requested from each chapter by the 1945 Reunion. It is hoped that all of you are working on this important assignment. When your record is complete, be sure to send a copy to the secretary's office so that it can be checked against the National Memorial File and any names added that are not now properly recorded. And there will be many such!

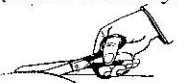
Please remember that all address changes for THE REVELLE mailing list should now be sent to this office. Do NOT send them to the Editor, as that will only delay having the correction made.

Also, report all deaths of members, whether War I or War II Rainbowers, to this office giving name, outfit with which he served, date of death—place of death, if known—place of burial and the name and address of his next of kin. The latter is imperative if the National Chaplain is to be in a position to write a letter of condolence to the family, as he has been doing for some time where the necessary information was available. Such reports should be made as promptly as possible.

All right, Rainbow, we have made a good start for 1945-46. Just keep up the good work, leaving no stone unturned in your effort to make this another record-breaking year in the Association's history. Each of you can help and I know you will!

R. Allen Gibbons

National Secretary.



R. Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans, 10/45
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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