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WAR 2 RAINBOWERS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP

As President Bob Hayward mentions elsewhere in this issue, the Reunion assembled in Cincinnati, July 13 and 14, unanimously and enthusiastically amended the Constitution welcoming Rainbowers of War II:

Article 1, Section 1, to read as follows:

"The following shall be eligible to membership in the National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans:

"(a) All officers and soldiers of the Army of the United States of America who served honorably with a unit of the Rainbow (42nd) Division at any time from the date of its organization, August 13, 1917, until May 17, 1919.

"(b) All officers and soldiers of the Army of the United States of America who served honorably with a unit of the 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division in World War II, after July 14, 1943."

It was pointed out by Judge Advocate

Whitney, acting chairman of the committee named by Ed Weitzel last year to study the question of opening our organization to the personnel of today's Rainbow Division and its former members, while they are still in service that "We were not discharged when we organized this Association of ours, and the wording of the eligibility clause shows that all we had to do was to have served honorably with the Division during the war."

To General Collins and his command, we salute you. You have added immeasurably to the lustre of our old war-torn Rainbow Flag. We extend to you full membership in our Association and we sincerely hope every one of you will accept.

Membership cards already have been mailed to General Collins and other officers and men of the 42d Infantry Division. If you have not yet applied for your membership in the Association, remember, "You're Welcome."

Rainbow Division Veterans



A national association of veterans of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and to keep alive the memory of departed comrades.

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Bob (C. L. U.) Reno that all the dumb Irish had now gotten jobs teaching the Swedes. . . . A number of the ladies roaring when learning where Ed Weitzel's cane was hanging. . . . Walter Braheny of New York, (or was it D. C.) rendering two surprisingly delightful ballads. . . . Elmer Neagle and Ed Cooke comparing notes (and shots) on their diabetic injections. . . . Lawrence Wood (also Frances & Paul) back in civvies and being greeted by pals, both male and female. . . . Letzer's suggestion of a diplomatically phrased cable to General Collins: "Okay, Harry, you're in. Send a buck for dues." . . . Doc Foley with his hair (singular) down and Jack Clarke with his hair (singular) up. . . . Art Slattery's remark when Sgt. Jimmy Miller, former P. O. W., joined the organization, "Now you've been captured again." . . . Mother Frew's comment when told that Estelle would be nominated and unopposed for Auxiliary president, "She's capable." (You ain't kiddin', maw.)

Honorary President Weitzel wearing another sport jacket or could it be the blue-sleeved one turned inside out. . . . These notes being written by Marysville Tribune pencil which we must have borrowed from Jack Henry. . . . Dan Avery arriving late for the dinner. . . . Allen Gibbons' report which was unanimously agreed to be the "tops." . . . John Callan being flooded with inquiries relative Irene and Pat. . . . Harry Carter (and the Mrs.) being heartily greeted by Jim Rolfe (and the Mrs.) . . . Those dam-yankies listening in amazement while Louise Carroll talks to Henry Wood and John Winningham; all of Alabam. . . . Jim Thomas and Homer Gardner appearing lost without their wives. . . . Al (Grandpaw) Hoyt extending regrets to all from Wealthy. . . . Benny Cook talking to Lilymae Weitzel and Katherine Whitney (two Buckeye lovelies). . . . The Hemmes being bumped off the return plane to Detroit while the Hansons and Rosenthalers luckily retained their reservations. . . . Camille Neagle and Irene Colston smiling broadly after having completed their terms of office. . . . Nora Thynne, Kitty Rieker, Meyer Levy, Bill Carroll, John Tierney, George and Jean Seaman and John and Lucille Serla all looking just grand. . . . Jim Dent looking lost without Bill Hitt. . . . John Brenner, Leo Mouquin, Vince Fleckenstein, Dannie Gordon and other keystones missing Randy Randolph (absentee) now of New York. . . . Ruth and Bill Butts answering inquiries relative "Bill Jr." overseas with the Rainbow. . . . Best wishes being sent to General Mat Tinley, Col. Monroe Johnson and Colonel Ruby Garrett by all present through returning delegates from their respective states. Congratulations, best wishes and words of appreciation from all to Roy Grant, Lou Stagman and all members of Veterans and Auxiliary committees for a grand reunion from departing visitors. . . . Hank Gowdy's stirring remarks. . . . And lots of other stuff.

"Ole Tout" saw and heard in Cincy:

Ed Weitzel's snazzy sports jacket. Could anyone miss it? . . . Wilbur Brucker doing his usual masterful job of toastmastering as only the "Guvnur" can. . . . Leland (Eli) Whitney waxing eloquent as the principal speaker at the annual dinner. 'Twas grand, Eli. . . . Fred Crawford being addressed as "Monroe Jr." after his Champagne Hour presentation while pinchhitting for the (Is this trip necessary) "Kunnel." . . . Bernice (Jitterbug) Harper in "high spirits" and dancing a dainty terpsichore. . . . Bob Hayward seeming to have the world on his shoulders after being elected to the top spot. . . . Marx Rosenthaler and Walt Michel panicking the audience as part of the stage production. . . . James Thomas Aloysius Mason, V. P., telling

President's Message

My Rainbow Comrades,—it is with heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the great honor you have bestowed upon me, that I greet you.

We start our twenty-seventh year better organized, more active and stronger financially than ever before and only during our first year was the paid membership larger. Today we are the largest and most closely knit of any divisional association to come out of World War I.



Our present high degree of vitality is a testimonial to those wise, unselfish and indomitable Rainbowners, a comparative handful, who guided us through the difficult early years when making our way in life was the chief concern of most of us.

Notwithstanding the lack of a large, active and interested membership during this period, the Association was successful in retaining contact with a great number of Rainbowners and thus able to keep alive their memory of wartime comrades and events. Consequently, as the years passed and the responsibilities of business and family became easier, more and more of our comrades found the time to satisfy their desire to renew those Comradeships that the exigencies of life had temporarily forced them to forfeit.

This briefly, is the story of the growth of our organization which for twenty-six years has perpetuated the spirit of Rainbow Comradeship, kept alive the memory of our departed comrades, preserved the traditions of our great division and enhanced its prestige.

At this momentous period in our history, it would appear that destiny had a hand in all that has gone before, and that, unknowingly, we were but laying the blocks for the edifice into which we

welcome the members of the new Rainbow Division.

This division, too, by its heroic deeds and successful achievements has carved for itself a unique position among the fighting forces of our country in World War II. We have watched this division since reactivation with pride and pleasure. We have gloried in its victories.

It is fitting and proper that the members of this division should sit side by side with us in this Association of Rainbow Division Veterans—fellow soldiers all,—who, under the Rainbow, fought heroically and victoriously. We will, together, preserve the traditions of the Rainbow Divisions, perpetuate the spirit of Rainbow Comradeship, and keep alive the memory of our departed comrades.

We say to the members of today's Rainbow Division:—You are of us; we desire you with us. A hearty and cordial welcome awaits you, now or after you have received your honorable separation from service.

God bless you, all Rainbowners everywhere, as ever, I am,

Yours in Rainbow,

Bob Hayward

National President

Rainbow Division Veterans

CABLEGRAMS

Douglas MacArthur 057
General of the Army USA
APO 500, San Francisco

In this hour of rejoicing over surrender of Japan, your Rainbow comrades extend congratulations on the successful conclusion of your efforts against the enemy and express their humble gratitude for your superlative leadership.

RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS

Harry J. Collins 07320
Major General USA
Commanding, 42nd Inf Div
APO 411, c/o Postmaster
New York N Y

At this great hour of Japan's surrender our thoughts are of you and your command, thankful and joyous that you need no longer endure the perils and hardships of war. All good wishes for speedy return home.

RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS

REPORT OF WELFARE COMMITTEE

Fred Crawford, chairman of the Rainbow Division Welfare Committee, rendered quite informally the following report: "Actually, the whole thought we had in setting up the Welfare Committee, of course, was to do what we could for the new Division. We found that there were a number of things we could do in a personal way while they were in this country. There were things that we could do through the expenditure of money. We decided that that fund would be raised by purely voluntary contributions from individuals and chapters; there would be no levelling of assessments, there would be no thought of pitting one chapter's contribution against another chapter's contribution. In other words, whatever any chapter or individual saw fit to do, that in itself was sufficient. Some chapters have given sizable amounts. Some chapters have given small amounts. All have been gratefully received and appreciated.

"We have raised financially something over \$5300, \$5352, to be exact. We have sent the Division \$5300. There remains in the treasury \$52.

"We are not in a position ever to anticipate just what might be needed, but there are emergencies that take place periodically, where financing from us has been most helpful to the new Division.

"At the present time there has been no call for funds, and probably there will not be for the next several months, and yet there may be. As I say, it is something you cannot anticipate.

"We have provided them with quite extensive photographic equipment and something over \$500 to \$600 worth of that equipment having been destroyed, had to be replaced.

"I would like to have in our Welfare Fund a minimum of \$500 against these possible emergencies. I think the last time that we really asked for funds was shortly after the Division went overseas. I would like now to have you go back to your chapters and insofar as you can, start a flow of funds into the Welfare Treasury.

"Again, I want to impress upon you, when you take this up with your chapters, there is no pressure. There is no putting the bee on them. It is purely a voluntary matter.

"General Collins has asked me to give his heartfelt thanks to the Rainbow Division Veterans for the wonderful financial, moral and physical support that we have given them, and that I think we should continue to give them for the duration.

"The way the money is spent is up to General Collins and his Committee. Certainly every penny that has been spent has been spent with the thought of its purchasing something that was of value to the Division at large, and it is greatly appreciated."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 1943-44 \$4,544.05

Receipts

Dues	\$6,261.00
Buttons	216.00
Pictures	8.50
Donations	58.88
Welfare Fund	5.00
Miscellaneous	8.40
Interest on Savings Account	31.05

Total Receipts \$6,588.83

Disbursements

REVEILLE	\$2,398.75
REVEILLE Mailing List Revisions	1,648.14
Stenographic Expense	175.00
Postage	185.25
Office Supplies	98.58
Stationery and Membership Cards	401.98
Secretary's Allowance	79.20
President and Treasurer's Expense	278.33
Expenses incident to moving Secretary's office to Roanoke	31.97
Expense incident to moving REVEILLE files to Philadelphia	15.38
Editor's transportation — Trip to Akron	37.84
Secretary's Expense—Chicago Reunion	41.04
Treasurer's Expense—Chicago Reunion	43.30
President's Expense—Chicago Reunion	25.00
Stenographic Expense — Chicago Reunion	85.60
Telephone/Telegraph Expense — Chicago Reunion	59.00
Imprinting Charter Certificates	5.36
Bond for Secretary and Treasurer	17.50
Two Pictures of Rainbow Flag	16.00
Floral Wreath for Camp Mills Monument	25.00
Washington's Birthday Broadcast	92.70
Welfare Fund	5.00
Refund	1.00
Printing and Mailing Year Book	152.36
Collection Charges by Bank	1.85
Cincinnati Reunion Expense	25.95

Total Disbursements \$5,947.08

Balance 1943-44 \$4,544.05

Total Receipts \$6,588.83

Total Disbursements 5,947.08

Net Increase \$ 641.75

Balance on Hand \$5,185.80

Disposition of Funds

Cash in National City Bank of New York	\$ 818.93
Cash in Roosevelt Savings Bank, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1,228.27
Four \$1,000 War Bonds at Cost	2,960.00
Received at Cincinnati Reunion ..	178.60
	\$5,185.80

AUXILIARY ELECTION

That the Auxiliary will again enjoy the fine leadership that has always characterized its officers is evidenced by the fact that the ladies, in Reunion in Cincinnati, unanimously elected

Estelle A. Frew—President

Louise H. Carroll—First Vice President

Katherine Rieker—Second Vice President

The complete list of appointive officers had not reached us as we go to press with this issue. The appointed officers of the Auxiliary will be listed in the October REVEILLE.

(This gives an idea of Auxiliary earnestness — the girls actually conducted a meeting at 9 o'clock in the morning AND THEY WERE ON TIME. Ed.)

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

This Committee consisted of Rev. Harry Carter, Chairman, and Raymond McAllister, Orville Carson, James T. A. Mason, William Hemme, Rev. John Callan and Arthur Dunn.

Membership

"According to information compiled by our National Secretary, Rainbow men are scattered over the entire American continent. Therefore, we would urge not only the state and local chapter officers, but every individual Rainbower, to make diligent effort to enlist in active membership the more than 6000 men who are AWOL from our organization."

Memorials

"(1) We suggest that every one of the original state chapters compile and publish as complete a roster as possible of all the men who served with that particular unit, placing a gold star beside the name of each man who made the supreme sacrifice, and noting others that have passed under the arch of the Rainbow.

"(2) We commend the action of the Ohio Chapter in furnishing to each Rainbower who has lost a son or daughter in World War II a gold star tab for the Rainbow lapel button and we suggest that each state chapter look into the feasibility of securing and presenting such a tab to gold star members.

"(3) We would earnestly urge that each and every chapter secretary promptly furnish the National Secretary and/or National Chaplain with the name and address of any deceased Rainbower and his next of kin, in order that the name of the veteran may be inscribed in the Memorial File and a suitable letter of condolence be sent by the Chaplain in the name of the National Association to the Rainbower's next of kin."

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee, comprising Marx P. Rosenthaler, Chairman; Arthur E. Slatery, Robert J. Hayward, Vincent D. Fleckenstein, William M. Carroll and James R. Dent, proposed the following:

APPROPRIATIONS

REVEILLE (10 issues at \$400 per issue)	\$4,000.00
Expense — Organizing and Consolidating Rainbow World War 2 ..	1,800.00
President's Expense	400.00
Treasurer's Expense	100.00
Stenographic Expense	600.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Stationery — Cards	300.00
Secretary's Expense	100.00
Emergency	550.00
Total	\$8,000.00

EXPECTED REVENUE—1945-46

"The membership increases, based on the survey by the Secretary, which was a very excellent survey, would indicate that without touching the new membership from World War II, we could anticipate an increase above the normal increase of 500, so that the revenue should amount to \$8,000. If we are fortunate in obtaining from the discharged Veterans and those that are still in the service an estimate of 2,000 members, we would have an income of \$10,000 to cover the appropriations of \$8,000 set up by the Budget Committee." The report was adopted by the Reunion.

DECREE

Concerning nomination to the Order of Legion of Honor.

The PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT of the FRENCH REPUBLIC

Acting upon the report of the Minister of War and Foreign Affairs,

By virtue of the Ordinance of 3 June 1943 instituting the French Committee of National Liberation, together with the Ordinance of 3 June 1944 and 4 September 1944.

By virtue of the Decree of 20 July 1944 concerning French Decrees awarded to foreign military personnel.

DECREES

Article 1: The following are named to the National Order of the Legion of Honor.

DEGREE OF CHEVALIER

Collins, Harry J. 0-7320, Major General, 42nd U. S. Infantry Division.

General Officer of outstanding excellence. Distinguished himself particularly between 15 and 25 March 1945, at the time of the Siegfried Line breakthrough. A distinguished tactician and leader, who was able to pierce an enemy who was solidly dug in and to capture 3,500 prisoners, making an outstanding contribution to the success of the operations. These nominations include the right to wear the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Article 2: The Ministers of War and of Foreign Affairs, each as it concerns him, are charged with execution of this decree.

Done at Paris, 7 June 1945.

Signed: de GAULLE

FOR THE PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF THE
FRENCH REPUBLIC
THE MINISTER OF WAR

Signed: DIETHEIM

THE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Signed: BIDAULT

Certified True Copy:

Captain Guery du Cabinet de l'Etat,
Major General de la Defense Nationale

Signed: GUERY

CHAMPAGNE DAY IN AUSTRIA

WITH THE 42d INFANTRY (RAINBOW) DIVISION OF THE THIRD ARMY IN AUSTRIA: The second anniversary of the reactivation of the famous Rainbow Division and the 27th anniversary of the historic battle of Champagne was celebrated in Austria on July 14 with a colorful ceremony in which the heroes of Hatten — men of the first battalion of the 242d Infantry Regiment — were awarded a Presidential unit citation.

The date was a fitting one for the men of the Rainbow to receive the award for their great defensive fight, for it was the anniversary of the battle in which the Rainbow of World War I turned back the last large scale offensive of the German army and began the Allied drive which led to victory.

The ceremony was held in the historic Dom Platz of Salzburg, which adjoins the city's cathedral. In this setting, the men who had fought at Hatten and one battalion from each regiment of the Division and the artillery paraded with the flags of every state of the Union before Lieutenant General Geoffrey Keyes, II Corps Commander, and Major General Harry J. Collins.

Two days later, the officers of the Rainbow celebrated the Champagne Hour with a dinner-dance at the beautiful Casino Mirabell in Salzburg. Guests of honor at the party were General Keyes and Brigadier General John M. Willems of II Corps; Major General Robert Fredrick, commander of the 45th Infantry Division; Brigadier General Edward S. Ott, commander of XV Corps Artillery, and members of their staffs.

In a brief speech General Collins paid tribute to the Rainbow dead and offered a toast to the living officers and men of the Division and the veterans of the Rainbow of the first war.

The battle for which the Rainbowmen won the award presented on July 14 began on January 8, 1945. On that night two crack German divisions, the 21st and 25th Panzer Grenadiers, began an assault which was intended to develop into a southern pincer to link with von Rundsted's drive in the north.

That assault failed, however, and its failure was due largely to the fight put up by the first battalion of the 242d Infantry. Just recently a captured German officer who fought with the 25th Panzer division declared that the Rainbowmen at Hatten were the toughest enemy he ever fought. This German officer was a veteran of six years in the German army, and of two and a half years of fighting on the Russian front.

"I have fought the Russians, and I realize they are great fighters," he said, "but I can honestly say that the toughest enemy we ever faced was the Rainbow Division at Hatten. Our instructions were to get through your lines at all cost and though we tried time and time again we were unable to do it."

Three enemy regiments hurled themselves against the single battalion at Hatten. The enemy had tanks and the Rainbowmen, who were fresh from the States and engaged in their first real fight, had none. The enemy had plenty of artillery while the guns supporting our troops had all their ammunition rationed. Outnumbered nine to one, the men of the first battalion held their positions for more than 52 hours and although German infantry and tanks frequently surrounded them, they continued to fight, and each time forced the enemy to withdraw. At the height of the bitter struggle clerks, cooks, mail orderlies and supply men were fighting shoulder to shoulder with the riflemen.

The opening hours of the battle acquainted the German with the kind of fierce resistance that for two days stopped him cold. In the early morning darkness the first wave of white-robed enemy infantry swept across the snow against Company A's positions near the town's railroad tracks. Some of them got through, but many red-stained white capes lay motionless in the deep snow near the pillboxes.

Soon after, a second wave of Germans attacked Company A, drove through to the pillboxes of the Maginot Line and began firing at the doughboys from the rear. Refusing to quit, the riflemen remained at their posts and again the enemy was forced to withdraw.

Meanwhile, the enemy had opened up with a series of heavy artillery concentrations — which cut all wire communications — accompanying a tank drive which was followed by more waves of infantry. At one time Company B was under attack from five flame throwing tanks. A few minutes later Company B men, whose position was on the right of and included the railroad tracks, sighted 18 more tanks, followed by 20 personnel carriers, headed toward them. The orders were to hold the line and against this attack the men in the foxholes held. Sometimes they were forced to withdraw, but each time they reorganized and launched a counter-attack, usually regaining their original positions.

They fought in the streets and in the houses of the town and when the buildings were smashed by enemy artillery fire they fought from beneath the piles of rubble. When they were finally relieved by elements of an infantry and armored division, they still held the city and the German drive had failed.

In his speech to the men of the Division at the ceremony, General Collins thanked the soldiers for the fine support they had given him.

"I have never asked you to do anything you have not done," he said. "The victory and the credit are yours — purchased by your valor and your skill in battle."

He recalled how the Division was made up originally of men from every state of the

Union and how that fact was symbolized by assembling the flags of all the states.

"These flags are with us now," he declared. "The flag of your state. Look at it now. It flies over a foreign country. It is here because you brought it here. Last March, at Dahn, Germany, it was planted on enemy soil for the first time in history. It was planted there by virtue of your fighting spirit.

"There is something else that belongs to all of you, now and forever. That is the memory of the men who fought beside you and who now lie in the earth they gave their lives to win from their enemy and yours.

"Long ago, the veterans of your Division told us that no man of the Rainbow ever dies. They told us that when the Division was marching up the Rhine in 1918, the men remembered their dead and told themselves:

"We have not left them behind. They shall be with us always."

"We can understand that now — all of us. We know that they belong to all of us — those Rainbow men who died in battle.

"With their memory and the memory of the dangers and the hardships and the triumphs you have gone through together, the Rainbow in the years to come will be the most precious possession you have."

Several Memorial Services were held throughout the Division to commemorate the Rainbow dead.

In the 222d Infantry Regiment, Colonel Henry L. Luongo spoke at a Sunrise Service and urged the men of the Regiment to make every effort to secure a glorious and lasting peace, in order that their dead shall not have died in vain.

Chaplain Lylie Bartholomew spoke in a similar theme in a service at the Division Headquarters, when he said:

"May it be our privilege to carry on the deeds of the past into a new and glorious future where the dreams of our comrades will become a living reality in people of high character and ideals, men living fearlessly, speaking freely, and worshipping the God of their choice.

"I am sure that our friends then would try to say to us from Heaven:

"Thanks, Buddy, for doing what I could not see done."

"RAINBOWERS ALL"

Any dissimilarity (except in age) between Rainbowers of War 2 and War 1 is purely coincidental. We quote from the 22 June issue of the Overseas edition of the RAINBOW REVEILLE:

This week's award of a clinking canister of glittering bullion goes to an unknown soldier — the unidentified line company GI who first summed up some post-V-E-Day activities in the following words:

"If it moves, salute it.

"If it don't move, pick it up.

"If it's too big to pick up, paint a Rainbow on it."

FIRST THREE NEW MEMBERS

Before the Cincinnati Reunion adjourned, three Rainbowers of today's war were enrolled as members of the Association. William L. Butts, son of Bill and Ruth Butts; Jim Neagle, son of Elmer and Camille Neagle; and Jim Miller, are our new associates.

Sergeant Jim Miller, with his very lovely and gracious bride of 24 hours, was passing through the lobby of Hotel Gibson when eagle-eyed Bob Reno spotted the Rainbow on the sergeant's shoulder. Escorting the Sergeant and his lady to the suite of the retiring National President, Bob introduced Sergeant Jim and Rosemary Miller to such Rainbow stalwarts as the Weitzels, the Neagles, the Colstons, the Butts, Estelle and Mother Frew, the Slatterys, Hayward, Gibbons, Mason, and others who drifted in from time to time while we interrupted the wedding trip of the Millers long enough to get a story from the Sergeant.

Jim Miller joined the Rainbow Division in March 1944. As a member of the 242nd, he was knocked unconscious from a head injury and was captured by the enemy on January 5 at Gambshheim. He was removed, in a boxcar train, from Gambshheim to Hammelburg,

where he was placed in a prison camp. Just before Hammelburg was liberated, Jim was removed to Nuremberg. While there, on April 5, he witnessed the bombing of the Nazi shrine city by the 18th Air Force. Jim's description of German prison fare tallies with that of other American POW's. He was finally liberated May 2 and was flown from Ingolstadt to Rheims,

thence to Le Havre. He was shipped back to America on June 1. On our own Champagne Day — July 14, 1945 — Sergeant Jim and Rosemary were married in Louisville. (The photo of the Sergeant is through courtesy of the Louisville Courier-Journal. The photo of Rosemary is made through courtesy of the Sergeant).



MRS. MILLER



SGT. JIM MILLER

MISSOURI/KANSAS — The Mo/Kan

Chapter dinner and Memorial Service on July 14 was an outstanding event, more than 75 Rainbowers attending the dinner and an even larger number, with their friends, attended the Memorial Service.

Guests of the Chapter were Corporal Rasmusson, a Rainbower who recently returned to this country after spending some time in a German prison camp; fathers whose sons are now serving with the Rainbow Division and fathers whose sons are in other branches of the service. Corporal Rasmusson delivered a wonderful talk and every one present knows that the Rainbowers of this war are upholding the traditions and glory of the Rainbow of '17.

Lt. Albert Lang, D. F. C., son of H. L. Lang (117 Am. Train), told of bringing his bomber back to its base after three engines had been shot out. He was extremely modest, giving all the credit to his super navigator and game crew.

D. D. Ginter (149 F. A.), president of the Mo/Kan Chapter, presided at the dinner and Memorial Service. Major Douglas G. Burrell (151 F. A.) was master of ceremonies. Colonel Ruby D. Garrett, chief signal officer, 42nd Division, enlightened the assembled throng on the significance of the Champagne Hour.

Sixty-nine Rainbowers paid their dues for the coming year and I am waiting for the checks and money orders from the many Rainbowers in this vicinity who want to get their membership cards now. \$1.50 is the price.

TOM CAGNEY.

ILLINOIS . . . The State That's Tops —

Here I am starting a new column with: A most delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by over 200 Illinois vets and guests at our annual Election of Officers meeting, Wednesday evening, July 11.

After the food was consumed, President Howard Stone formally opened the business meeting with the National Anthem. All were in their usual good voice (and I may say done without accompaniment). The Illinois Rainbow Post No. 3681 V. F. W., under its commander, Harold J. Dowling, presented the colors.

Next in order, guests were introduced in Bjork's inimitable way. It was a great pleasure to have four members of the New Rainbow who were right in the thick of finishing off the Nazis: Lt. Potter, 232 Inf.; Lt. Van Horn, 122 Medical Bn.; Staff Sgt. Hillstrom, and Pfc. Spentley. Also present was Lt. Fredette of the 9th Air Force who was released from a prison camp by the Rainbow.

Doc Foley was smiles from ear to ear all evening—and why not! His son Lt. Leo Foley of the Navy was at his side.

Also a sight for sore eyes was Alden (Red) Stewart, new in civilian clothes, fit as a fiddle and ready to fiddle—waiting for a good offer, so here's your chance (employers).

Major Bob McCreary (c) looking hale and hearty is none the worse for his second serving. No doubt, Traver Corporation is glad he's back.

Staff Sgt. Loring Schatz of Lombard graced us with his presence.

Orchids to all three for services in both wars.

Herb Beck, Sr., was beaming all over all evening because his son, Herb, Jr., is now a member of the new Rainbow. He was recently transferred to the Rainbow, and is now in the occupation zone of Germany. Must be a coincidence—what say, Herb, Sr.?

Lt. Van Horn gave us a few highlights of the New Rainbow in action, and was very much impressed with the good fellowship of our Chapter.

Staff Sergeant Hillstrom and Pfc. Spentley were quizzed by Edwin Johnson as to their experiences as prisoners of war. Both had four months of it, and Pfc. Spentley remarked that it felt like four years. They lost 50 and 70 pounds, respectively. You can be your own judge as to the treatment handed out. If you fellows think that we were fast on the trigger in the last war, listen to Sgt. Hillstrom. He left Pfc. Spentley with 15,000 rounds of ammunition one morning, and by early evening he had fired every last shell—all by himself! That's shooting in any man's language. So an orchid to Pfc. Spentley for a masterful job.

Next came the induction of new officers. Harold Sullivan administered the oath to the new board of governors. Then the regional vice-presidents were installed; those in attendance were: Orin Myers (D) of Blainville, Illinois; Jim Clair (117th Eng.) Joliet, Illinois; Frank Anderson (E) Waukegan, Illinois, and Norm Allyn (F) Rockford, Illinois. All others were installed by proxy.

With outgoing President Stone handing the gavel over to our new President, Edwin C. Johnson (167 Inf.), the Illinois Chapter for the first time had an infantry man take over the guidance of an artillery regiment. (We're sure, Edwin, that with the help of your new officers and board of governors, your term as president will bring Illinois Chapter to its pinnacle).

The new president's appointments came in quick order (Edwin is a man of action), and the house passed his appointments unanimously. The new officers are as follows:

President, Edwin C. Johnson, (167th Inf.); Vice President, Gilbert (Stu) Watson (C); Secretary, Richard (Big 6) Sieben (Sup); Treasurer, Frank Gould (F); Pub. Chairman, Bob Blake (Hdq.)

Our wind-up came (but this took an hour or so) when the meeting was turned over to Tom Finnegan, chairman, and his committee of little "fin-i-gans"—a testimonial salute to the real builder of Illinois Chapter, Eskil J. "Bee"jork, the busy bee. The marvel of it all was that the entire membership except Eskil knew that he was to be presented with a well-deserved gift. Can anyone imagine keeping a secret from Eskil?

Twelve members, each from the different

units of our Chapter, paraded forth and presented Eskil with a silver cup. These twelve Sterling silver mint julep cups were each inscribed with a factual date of service. They are an exact reproduction of cups made for the Fairfax family of Virginia in 1820. After each cup was presented the gang sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The twelfth cup was presented by our ex-president Stone. Now it can be told that the 26-year feud between Capt. Stone and Corporal Bjork then reached its final chapter. Stone's last words were, (quote) I wanted to make Bjork a sergeant, but for the life of me I couldn't find any qualifications. The man had no knack for remembering anything, and sergeants must be able to remember orders and such. I don't know, maybe it was his youth. Since then Bjork must have taken a memory course at Northwestern. If I had the power right now, and you are my witnesses, I would make him a sergeant. (unquote).

As we all stood and gave Eskil the honor he so richly deserved, I could see those tears of happiness falling down his beaming face. It seemed that his heart was saying, "Well done, Eskil, well done — an honor well earned." For once since his corporal days, words almost failed him—his elevation to sergeant by proxy and his memory course, like a trouper, he snapped out of it, and his eloquence of thanks was unsurpassed—and his final acceptance of peace between himself and his old captain.

Next, a report on Rainbow Relief funds was given by Judge Neil Harrington. He had the largest Nazi Flag, that was captured at Schweinfurt, 9x15 feet, brought in and displayed. It was sent here by General Collins with an inscription to Rainbow.

Frank Gould gave Bob Reno a membership report (320, the largest paid up in so short a period) to take with him to the Reunion in Cincinnati.

At 11 P. M., the Solemn Champagne Hour was held. Stu Watson read the departed Honor Roll and closed with a reverent prayer for new happiness, health to all Rainbows, and that Rainbow will be the beginning of a permanent peace on earth.

Our very masterful pianist, Art Wray, was missing, for more of a musical treat would have been forthcoming. However, we can forgive and forget as Art had good reason to be A. W. O. L. Yes, you've guessed it—Art has passed out of the bachelor days and was united in matrimony to lovely Gladys Morris, of Chicago, by our own Judge Neil Harrington, on June 30. The newlyweds have spent two and one-half weeks, combination honeymoon and vacation, in the north woods near Mercer, Wisconsin. Illinois extends the best to both of you for a long reign of happiness. After all these years of tagging, Art got "tagged" (and that's not a gag).

BENJ. GLASSMAN.

SAN FRANCISCO — Jack Hood has just finished his year as President and he deserves a big pat on the back for doing a grand job under a big handicap. Due to the fact that our members are so scattered and that so many had been working in National war efforts, it has been hard to keep the attendance up and the members interested. Jack did this in a big way. Thanks, Jack, for a job well done and keep the LIVE WIRES going.

Despite having to drive 100 miles, Comrades Micky Jones, Vic Myers, Earl Burlington, Pete McLaughlin and Les Bishoffberger came down from Lodi to one of our recent meetings, and were they welcomed. These boys are all from "D" Company, 117th Engineers and with Tommy Marchi acting as runner for Captain Mason, again, and Jockimo blasting out bridges, we found out just why the Rainbow was one of the best Divisions in the last guerre. With Cline (B, 168th) coming down from Vallejo and Gus Johnson (D, 149th) up from Sunnysvale attending every meeting, the spirit of Rainbow is running high in this part of the U. S. A.

Our "Belly-Robber," Alabam David, (Hq. 167th) and his able assistant, Slim Goodman, (D, 117th) have supplied the eats after the meetings and with the shortage of ration points, they deserve a double vote of thanks.

With greetings to all the Comrades of the Rainbow all over the world from such Rainbowers as Shorty Lenhart, Pinky McCants, Jack Hood, Cal Reed, Wally Mason, Ralph Hughes, George Buehl, Max Phelps, Ted Elwert and Bill Kellog, of the Engineers; Conroy, Greenfield and Hammond, of the 165th; Menuin and Patterson, of the 167th; Doc Edwards, Louie Preston, Gus Johnson and Lew Baskin, of the Artillery; Glen Taylor and the Lewin brothers, of the Medical, and last, but the biggest (member) Steve Ridgley, of 117th Trench Mortars, plus the aforementioned members and all others of our Chapter, I will sign off for this time.

FRED EDWARDS.

INDIANAPOLIS — Attendance at our July meeting dropped from the high of forty-three in June to twenty-nine. However, there were a number of new faces present — at least they were new to us as we hadn't seen them for years. I am more convinced than ever that these Rainbow birds don't understand the English language, but are familiar with the Profane language. The more you cuss 'em, the better they turn out. Anyway, it was a good turnout for summer time and we were tickled to see Harry Graves from Hdqrs.; Ned Nichols from Bat. E.; Matty Carpenter from Bat. F.; and John Balyeat from Hdqrs. Also, Col. "Howdy" Maxwell dropped in on us from Presque Isle, Maine, for a few minutes, and gave the boys a chance to cuss out a real live Colonel. Bill Zahn, Hdqrs., brought his son, S/Sgt. Paul Zahn,

to the meeting. Sgt. Zahn served in Gen. Patton's army and was wounded severely while crossing the Rhine. His luck is still running good though for he won the new Electric Iron the chapter raffled off. Indianapolis is off with a running start of 90 percent of last year's membership already paid up for 1945-46. You know, we just might—I say might—cure that bad case of Overdevelopment which Bob Reno and his Chicago gang contracted several years ago. Of course, on a percentage basis, Chicago wasn't even in our class last year, (REVELLE figures show we had an increase of 78 percent over the previous year) and we were just getting up speed then, ready to go into the straightaway. We don't even know what our maximum velocity is ourselves, so no telling what will happen when we shove the accelerator down to the floor. Plans are under way to make the meetings bigger and better than ever this coming year. Pres. Hugh Secor has already given us the dope that he has a real live magician for the September meeting. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at the Hotel Riley and any Rainbower is always welcome.

"HOOK" YOUNG.

MILWAUKEE — Members of the General

Douglas MacArthur Chapter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have already started preparations for the 1946 state reunion, which will be held in that city the month before the national reunion. The crowd is buoyed up by the hope that General MacArthur himself will be available by that time and that we can have him as our guest in 1946.

Plans were made at the August meeting of the chapter to test the resilience of old bones early in September. Fred Fenner, chairman of the program committee, is arranging a bivouac of the gang at Secretary Aaron Reuther's farm near Pewaukee Lake. Aaron promises a few wisps of hay to cushion the hard boards of his barn. Further report on disability suffered will be made at a later date.

At the annual meeting, the chapter re-elected Fred Fenner and Clem Stapleford as vice presidents, and again named Reuther as secretary-treasurer. Chester I. Ransom was elected sergeant-at-arms. Your correspondent, who recently finished another tour of duty in the army, was named president.

WALTER OLESON.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

Executive Committeemen elected at the Cincinnati Reunion to serve until July 14, 1948, are Eskil Bjork, Illinois; John Brenner, Pennsylvania; Joseph Justad, Minnesota; James Lean, Maryland; Meyer Levy, New York; Ray Ramsey, Missouri; Edward Rieckert, New York; Harold Rodier, District of Columbia; Arthur Slattery, New Jersey; William Talbot, Texas.

HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION

APO 658

17 July 1945.

Past Pres. Edward C. Weitzel,
2428 Fourth Street,
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

My Dear Ed:

You know now, after two days, how a Past National President of Rainbow feels. I cannot let another day pass without giving you and members of Rainbow wherever they may be, a report on how we three old Rainbow Veterans spent 14 July in Austria.



Three Rainbow Division Veterans of World War I were on hand to see and celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the reactivation of their old Division.

L. to R.: Major Gen. Harry J. Collins, Colonel Crawford, Lt. Col. Glossbrenner and Capt. Wellbourne. Taken in front of the reviewing stand in the Residence Platz, Salzburg, Austria, 14 July, 1945.

On July 12, on official orders of my Division Commander, Col. Henry McE. Pendleton, I started for the Headquarters of the Forty-Second Infantry Division, spent the night in Stuttgart and picked up on the morning of the 13th, Capt. W. B. Wellbourne, formerly a Lieutenant in Company I, 165th Infantry, 1918-19. I expected to pick up Colonel W. W. Dawson, formerly a sergeant in the Ohio 166th Infantry, but he was unable to leave his official duties. Captain Wellbourne and I had lunch with Colonel Glenn D. Crawford, formerly Corp., 150th F. A., at Augsburg, Bavaria, and he accompanied us also. At Salzburg, Austria, we checked in

at the regional Military Government Headquarters at 1730 hours. At 1800 hours I called Major General Collins at Headquarters on the phone and within fifteen minutes he picked the three of us up in his car and our 1945 Rainbow Veterans' Reunion in Germany and Austria started. It was a thrill and a wonderful experience for the next 24 hours—to be surrounded every place by Rainbow officers and soldiers and painted Rainbow signs.

The old outfit had moved out of the French Zone a few days before and were just settling down in their new territory in the U. S. Austria Military Government Zone. In the car with General Collins, the three of us were whisked away to the Fountain Square in Salzburg, next to the Cathedral which had been partly destroyed by bombings. At 1830 hours several units of the Division were forming for a dry run and the General wanted to see the arrangements and check on the formation. After fifteen minutes of inspection we left the Square and went to the General's home. Arrangements were made for our billets by the General's aide. Colonel Crawford and myself had a billet in a room in a transient hotel operated by Corps Headquarters, and Capt. Wellbourne stayed with the aides in the General's house. We had a most delightful dinner, just the four of us, and continued our Reunion until 2300 hours. It was a great experience to be with the leader of Rainbow about whom it was my pleasure as a Past National President to learn, two years ago in March. It was also my unusual privilege, being in the position which I am, to know the intimate and confidential details of how the outfit landed in southern France, and to assist them in every way we could in operations of Civil Affairs throughout their deployment in France and now in Military Government in Germany and Austria.

Crawford and I had the usual argument over beds, and finally, after he made his choice, found that I had all the blankets on my bed and that he had no top sheet, and all he had was a down comforter. Now these German and Austrian comforters are very pompous looking, short in length and persistently roll off on the floor, so the argument continued until after midnight. We both admitted at 0700 the next morning that the Provost Marshall should arrest the bum in the hotel who kept his radio running full blast until 0130 hours, 14 July, so we must have been partly awake at least on Rainbow's second Anniversary. We arrived at the transient mess in the same hotel two minutes before 0830 and found everyone had the same idea of getting into the dining room before they closed the doors. After a hasty breakfast and organization of our thoughts, I stood on the front steps of the hotel, watched the Rainbows pass by, and mingled with the Austrian population in their quaint deer skin pants and Austrian hats with goat's beard tassels. The Rainbow MP's were much on

the job at traffic intersections, and I thought of that time two years ago when we were waiting for the bus in Tulsa to go to Camp Gruber.

We had been instructed to be at the reviewing stand in the Fountain Platz at 1245 hours. It was very warm, in fact the hottest day in Austria, and being in Class A uniforms, we perspired almost as much as we did at Camp Gruber. Promptly at 1300 hours, the official parties arrived. The three of us had our seats in the reviewing stand with the unit commanders and the members of the Division Staff, and the review was on. It was a double ceremony: first, an official review in honor of the second anniversary of the activation of the Division, at which time the Presidential Citation was read and awards of decorations to the First Battalion, 242 Infantry. Of course, it was not possible to assemble the full Division in the limited space of the Square, but there were representatives from every unit of the Division formed in the hollow square of the reviewing stand with the band off to the right, the bag pipers in the front ranks. It was a great band of 80 pieces. Directly in front of the reviewing stand were the personnel remaining on duty in the First Battalion of the 242d Infantry in double ranks. Behind this battalion, directly in the center were the National Colors and the Division Flag, the staff of which I passed on to General Collins two years ago. There were the same battle bands on the staff shining in the sun, and the streamers flowing from the spread eagle at the top. In line with the Colors on both sides were the 48 flags of the States.

In this setting in an enemy country, now ruled by Military Government, General Collins addressed the command and the Adjutant General of the Division read the Presidential Citation, after which Lt. General Keyes personally decorated all officers with the decoration's service bar, and the officers in turn, decorated every man remaining in the Battalion. General Collins' remarks for the day were most inspiring, recounting the travels and accomplishments of the Division from Camp Gruber two years ago. Then the entire outfit passed in review to the new Rainbow March which has been composed over here, and the anniversary of the reactivation of the Division was complete when the brass horns of the band passed by.

Immediately after the ceremony it seemed to me that floods of photographers with cameras were taking pictures of the three of us and the General and other members of the Staff. It was a distinct privilege to meet these Commanding Officers who had led those units of Rainbow through combat. All three of us wished it were possible for every man in the States to be present. By the way, I forgot to mention that after supper on the night of the 13th, we sent a telegram, TWX in our language over here, through the Adjutant General of Headquarters, hoping it

would be transmitted to you at the Hotel Gibson on July 14. General Collins had asked us to remain for dinner and a celebration party on 15 July, but it was impossible for us to stay that long as the three of us had to get back to our respective headquarters. We took leave of General Collins in the midst of handshaking with all of his officers and walked to our cars some two blocks away in somewhat of a daze. Neither Crawford, Wellbourne, nor myself spoke a word. After we got unwound from the narrow streets of the Austrian town, we were stopped by the MP's for marching troops going by to their respective areas, and for half an hour we watched Rainbow men at a cadence of 128 steps per minute.

We found ourselves at 1500 hours in an Austrian restaurant, which was an officers' mess, late for noon dinner, but being served in a little corner by a Hungarian fraulein. After a large meal, we recovered our baggage at the hotel and took off for Munich, Crawford and I riding in his car and Wellbourne riding in mine.

I have gone into some detail to give you, if possible, a picture in words of this 14 July 1945. As you know, I have missed very few National Reunions. On behalf of the other two Rainbows, I request that you record us as officially present at the National Reunion of 1945.

Sincere best wishes and greetings to Rainbow at home,

Yours sincerely,
S/DAN
D. I. GLOSSBRENNER,
Lt. Colonel, FA,
Executive Officer,
European Civil Affairs Division.

VOICES FROM HEAVEN

Did you ever wake up in the middle of the night and hear voices from heaven? Voices of men and women? Voices of Rainbow from far off Cincinnati?

I have heard them, as plainly as though they were right here in my room with me, and at first I did not know what it was all about. I was sitting up in my bed when I became fully awake. I heard our outgoing President call my name. I heard him introduce me to our new President, and I said a few words to him. I heard the voice of the new President of the Auxiliary. I heard other voices . . . nice, tender, mellow voices.

What the heck was it all about? Could the old Doc have given me some knock-out drops or something? Could I be dead and in heaven?

Then I heard one other voice. A voice that issued a command. "Boy, you are It again, and I want some copy for THE REVEILLE on my desk by August 10th."

Yes, those were real voices I was hearing . . . real honest to God Rainbow voices. Voices from heaven all right, and I loved them every one.

FRED CORNELIUS.

HEADQUARTERS 42D INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 411,
U. S. Army
27 July 1945

Dear Letz:

I certainly felt honored today when I received your letter informing me that I had been appointed Associate Editor of THE RAINBOW REVEILLE and I'm enclosing my dollar for the membership card. It is certainly one dollar which will be well spent.

A few days ago, General Collins called me into his office and showed me the copy of the telegram which stated that members of the present division may now join the Rainbow. We are running a story about it in this week's REVEILLE and will follow it up with another next week, just as soon as we receive further information about it — which I know you probably have on the way. On this subject, many of the men have already asked me many questions concerning the Rainbow Veterans Association, some of which I have been able to answer and some which I have not. If you have an opportunity, I would appreciate it if you would write a letter, giving some of the activities and benefits of the association and also include the locations of the various chapters.

As you probably know, the division is now centered in the town of Salzburg, the home of the famous music festivals. General Collins, in addition to his normal duties, is now head of the Military Government of the state of Salzburg, which is in itself a good, full-time job. Not only must he run a division, but he must also be an expert on such things as the movement of displaced persons, the procurement of wood and coal, the discharge of prisoners of war and the care and feeding of the Austrian civilians.

The men are getting time out from their training and guarding duties to visit the historic spots of interest, attend movies and concerts at the Festpielhaus, the scene of the music festivals, and dunk coffee and doughnuts at the Casino Mirabell, the place where the division officers had the Champagne Hour celebration. Despite all the attractions, however, you can bet that all of us are looking forward to getting home. Meanwhile, I'll keep you supplied with information about the division.

Yours in Rainbow,

/signed/ HUGH.

REQUEST FOR PUBLICATIONS

In his Secretary's Message (see last page) Allen Gibbons has asked that his name be placed on the mailing list to receive copies of bulletins and papers issued by the respective chapters. It will be sincerely appreciated if you likewise include the following:

President Robert J. Hayward
118 Pinckney Road
Red Bank, N. J.

Honorary President Edward C. Weitzel
2428 Fourth Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Treasurer George E. Seaman
60 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Chaplain John Callan
Holdenville, Okla.

E. A. Letzer
Merchantville, N. J.

Some of us are now getting some of your publications. All of us (including Allen, of course) would like to get them all. Thanks!



(ATC Photo)

"NOW WHEN I WAS WITH THE RAINBOW DIVISION . . ." — Civilian Police Chief James Barney of ATC Miami Army Air Field, secretary-treasurer of the Florida Chapter of Rainbow Division Veterans, relates his World War I experiences in the famous division to two World War II vets of the same division, the first to be flown back from Europe under the Army's re-deployment plan. The happy returnees are, left and right: Staff Sgt. John B. Morris of 12 E. Main St., Rome, Ga., and Staff Sgt. Otis J. Taylor of 15 W. Bass St., Kissimmee, Fla. Both returnees are married; Sgt. Taylor's wife and daughter live at Moultrie, Ga. Both went through all of the Rainbow Division's major World War II campaigns together, and since they have 117 and 123 points respectively, expect to be discharged at the same time.

CHAMPAGNE HOUR ADDRESS

In the absence of Colonel J. Monroe Johnson, whose wartime duties prevented his attendance at the Reunion, Past National President Fred Crawford, Jr., acted as Master of Ceremonies at the Champagne Hour. With an eloquence rivaled only by the Colonel's, Fred told us:

"At this moment, twenty-seven years ago, all the rages and destruction of hell were loosed upon the then Western Front of World War I. We in the Rainbow Division found ourselves in the first line of defense, in the center of the first line of defense, facing that raging hell of destruction. It was the final frantic effort of a highly skilled militaristic regime. We were citizen soldiers, inspired by tradition with the spirit that would not give in the face of that militaristic effort. For three

days and three nights, the very finest of the German Army was pitted against us. They did not succeed, and came the turning point of World War I, which ended in our final victory on November 11.

"That was the greatest experience in our lives. We were blessed with a great spiritual leader, who was one of us. Father Duffy lived in the present, and every one that we had ever known always seemed to be with us. He gave us the thought that our comrades, many of whom made the supreme sacrifice during those three bitter days and nights, had not really departed from us. The love, the loyalty, the devotion could not be destroyed by their leaving us from a physical standpoint. Those things were living things, and they were with us at all times.

"Over the years, we have come to make this a sacred moment in which our minds were devoted to that thought of the living things amongst those who had appeared to depart from us.

"And so, at this Champagne Hour, we have come to feel that every Rainbow man, no matter where he might be, is with us. We are gathered here in Cincinnati. There are gatherings amongst our chapters throughout the country. There are individuals who are not near chapters. There are many thousands now of younger boys, over in Germany, and it was a thrilling thing for us here and now to have in our hearts the thought that every Rainbow man is thinking as we are thinking. Our mothers, our sisters, and now our wives have been given this thought, and they, too, have the realization that this is a soldier's thought, that it is a beautiful thought, and it is our thought in Rainbow.

"If we can continue throughout our lives to believe that those who may have departed from us in a physical way are yet with us in their love and affection and in the fine things that they contributed throughout their physical lives, if we can always believe that, we can do much to contribute to a finer and more beautiful thought to the world of the future.

"It is a cherished thought of ours. It is a Rainbow thought. Let us all rise and join together in the singing of 'My Country 'Tis of Thee.'"

. . . singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" . . .

RODIER REPORTS

It's always good news to hear from Harold. Part of his latest letter to reach this desk reads:

"My base office is in Caserta, a little town about 16 miles from Naples, at the base of a line of low mountains, and perhaps best known as the site of the famous Palace of Caserta, built by the King of Naples. This is one of the largest buildings in the world, covering an area of over four city blocks, and containing thousands of rooms, countless

magnificent marble stairways, gorgeous salons and halls; and all of it superbly furnished and adorned with thousands of priceless tapestries, paintings and statues. There are two theatres within the Palace, one of them, the Opera House, particularly beautiful. My office is not in the Palace, but in an Italian military hospital near it. This was evidently a "show-off" hospital, however, for the whole place is extraordinarily beautiful. It is located in a walled park. The buildings are fine looking and the gardens lovely. The walks are lined with lime trees, and here and there are pavilions, parks, gardens with fountains and statues; palm trees, lawns and shrubbery. There is a sort of dwarf magnolia, with different colors of blossoms which is especially pretty. My quarters are very nice, marble floors, high ceiling, lovely view of the gardens from my window, and through the doorway and the hall window beyond it is a vista of mountains, rock pines, and quaint old towns nestling on the hillsides in the distance. Living conditions are generally excellent. The mess is good, the best Army mess I've known, and the service is comically super. One girl brings the soup, another the entree, another the vegetables, another the salad and still another the dessert and coffee. The girls get 30 cents a day — Hq. can afford lots of help.

"In my Caserta office I have a staff of writers, artists and research men. To them I assign the various projects, supervise their progress and copy edit them on completion. Also, I edit the Section magazine and several other periodicals.

"But physically, most of my work is done in Naples. There I have a suite of offices in the center of town, on Via Roma in the Galleria Building. On the top floor of the same building I have an apartment where I live when I stay overnight in Naples, which is two or three nights a week. In the same building I have quarters for my printing staff, and there I maintain a mess for my men. I eat here when I'm in town. The service here is less elaborate than at Caserta, but the food is better.

As I write this, the Bay is dotted with tiny sailboats and it is truly a picture. Such a blueness to the water, your blue ink is not yet so blue, by the Saints. Honestly, I keep my shutters closed when I'm working at the Bindery, so I can keep my mind on my work.

"I saw Egypt. I saw the sphinx and the pyramids. I dined at Sheppards, in Cairo. I had my fortune told in the Blue Mosque. (The damndest thing! The things that fakir told me about me!) I shopped in the bazaars and bought some lovely things. One, a chess board of palisande, ebony, ivory, and mother-of-pearl is really beautiful. It is in the form of a box, the inside a backgammon board in ivory and ebony, with replicas of the prayer rug of Mohammed in mother-of-pearl. There are over 10,000 pieces in the thing. The cost,

veddy, veddy low. I saw the belly-dancers at Badaud's. I did the town, and what a town!

"I saw Palestine. By plane to Tel Aviv, from the Yarden Hotel as headquarters, I did the Holy Land, from Beth Esda to the Sea of Galilee. Went swimming in the same swimming hole used by the boy Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago. From Nazareth, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Temple, all the way to Golgotha, the Garden of Gethemene to the Sepulchre, from the tomb of Rachel to the plains of Sharen, I did Palestine. Four thousand years of history in four days. Tripoli! Malta! Athens!

"Thousands of miles in less than two weeks. Many thousands. I'm an old aeronaut now. Have made 16 flights so far, and have flown to all different countries. You should see my short snorter. Bills from Italy, Canada, Morocco, Malta, Portugal, Greece, Algiers, Egypt, Tunisia, Tripoli, Palestine. And I wonder how many more will be on my "roll" before I get home?"

HAROLD.

THE FAITHFUL FEW

Reprinted from The Rainbow Battage

Ed Riekert has sent us the following poem which we believe is worthwhile reprinting.
(Ed.)

When the meeting's called to order
And you look around the room
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom.
They are always at the meeting
And they'll stay until it's through—
The ones that I would mention
Are the always faithful few.
They fill the many offices
And are always on the spot,
No matter what the weather,
Though it may be awful hot.
It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true.
The ones that you rely on
Are the always faithful few.
There are lots of worthy members
Who will come when in the mood,
When everything's convenient
They can do a little good.
They're a factor in the meeting
And are necessary, too.
But the ones who never fail us
Are the always faithful few.
If it were not for these faithful,
Whose shoulders at the wheel
Keep the institution moving
Without a halt or reel,
What would be the fate of meetings,
Where we claim so much to do?
They surely would be failures
If we lacked the faithful few.

RAINBOW DIVISION RELATIONS COMMITTEE

President Bob Hayward has appointed Honorary President Ed Weitzel Chairman of the very important "Relations" Committee, the duties of which, as given in the Executive Committee meeting at Cincinnati, are to "Keep in touch with and make recommendations to the President and the Executive Committee concerning the men of the new Division."

Serving on the "Relations" Committee with Ed Weitzel are Ruby Garrett, Leland Whitney, Bob Reno and Marx Rosenthaler.

The duties of this Committee, which already is in operation, cover all relations with the officers and men of the 42d Infantry Division except the matter of Welfare. For instance, the "Relations" Committee now has under advisement such questions as

- (1) What kind of reception to give the Division when it returns.
- (2) Rainbow Division Memorial.
- (3) Possible necessity for changing our present organization structure.
- (4) Final date (service with the Division) of membership eligibility should the Division be deactivated prior to July 14, 1946.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

Office of Military Secretary
To Commander-in-Chief
Psychological Warfare Branch

Manila, Philippines
10 August 1945

Dear Letz:

Received your welcome letter of 22 July and it was nice to hear from you.

Have been reading some very favorable reports of the 42nd Division in Europe. The young boys seem to be maintaining the tradition of the old Rainbow.

You asked for some news of General MacArthur that could be used for a story in THE RAINBOW REVELLE. This is a big order as there are so many fine stories and articles that could be written about him as he is one of the most amazing men I have ever known.

Gen. MacArthur is probably one of the busiest men in the world today. He has personal command of this theater and keeps his hand on the throttle. His day starts early and, many a time, he is in the office late at night, very seldom leaving before 8 p.m. How he stands up to the pace is a mystery. He wears out his staff with each campaign but he seems to be tireless himself. He is a picture of health, still erect and clear-eyed with a mind like a steel trap.

He is the same MacArthur in all operations, always at the forefront much to the consternation of his staff. He very seldom

misses a new amphibious operation and spends as much time in the field with troops as possible. When in the office, his time is occupied by a steady flow of military conferences.

The rush of war has not caused him to forget Rainbow for a minute. He greets old Rainbowners regardless of whether they are privates or generals, with equal enthusiasm.

Please give my regards to all the Maryland gang and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

/s/ WOODALL.

(Lt. Col. J. Woodall Greene captained the Trench Mortar Battery in World War I. Ed.)

SPARK PLUG TALBOT

When new and better ideas for promoting prompt payment of dues are developed, we confidently look for their origin in the fertile brain of Colonel Bill Talbot, of Texas.

Two years ago, Bill sent his personal check to Judge Harrington for the Welfare Fund of the Rainbow Division and circularized the Texas Rainbow Veterans that they could bear their share of this contribution by remitting one dollar to Bill. Bill, in turn, forwarded each of these bucks to the Secretary for another Texas membership.

Last year, Bill started the Texas ball rolling by sending a flock of dollars to Allen and receiving a like number of membership cards. Bill then distributed the cards to Texas Rainbowners with a letter which reads, in part, "Enclosed is your membership card in the Texas Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans, with my compliments; or, if you want to help, pin your check or DOLLAR BILL to this letter and mail it to

R. Allen Gibbons, Nat'l Secretary,
P. O. Box 342,
Roanoke 3, Va.

And he will send out a paid up card to another Texas Rainbowner until the Texas Chapter is paid up.

Then, any surplus left over will be donated to the Welfare Fund for the benefit of the Rainbow Division now in action.

So here is your card, send in your dollar; Texas will be paid up and the Welfare Fund increased. And good luck to you all!"

BOUND COPIES

Would you like a set of 1945-1946 RAINBOW REVELLES in a beautiful blue-black cloth cover, bearing your name in gold? If so, just save each issue and after you've received and read the tenth (June, 1946) edition, mail the entire set to E. A. Letzer, 4218 Terrace Ave., Merchantville, N. J., with your name and address clearly printed on an accompanying sheet of paper. Better be safe and register or insure the package. The cost will be approximately \$2 per set, which will include return postage, and your check or money order should also accompany the 10 copies of THE REVELLE.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

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

Since the 1945 Reunion voted unanimously to open the ranks of the Association to all War II Rainbow men who care to join, provided only that they shall have served honor-



ably in the Division at any time since July 14, 1943, it becomes the duty of every War I Rainboweer to acquaint those in his community with the invitation and opportunity that is theirs. Therefore, it is hoped that each member will consider himself a committee of one to make sure that our War II comrades know about the invitation

that is extended them.

Proper enrollment of War II men will necessitate that I be furnished with the following: **NAME AND RANK** — this means full name as used in Army records and highest rank attained while serving with any unit of the Division; **ARMY SERIAL NUMBER; UNIT IN RAINBOW** — Give the company, regiment, or other unit designation with which applicant served at any time since July 14, 1943; **HOME ADDRESS** — Unless there is a specific request to the contrary, **THE REVEILLE** will be sent to the home address of any applicant who is still in service with Rainbow, or with any other unit of the Armed Forces; therefore, be sure to send in his home address; and **DATES OF SERVICE** — Give the date that the applicant became attached to a unit in the Rainbow Division and, if it is available, the date of his discharge or transfer from the Division.

The Reunion ordered that all address changes in **THE REVEILLE** mailing list must

be handled by the secretary's office; so please send them to the above address.

It also decreed that all chapters be requested to prepare a complete roster of their battle dead from War I and of all those who have died since the last war. A copy of this roster is to be sent to the office of the secretary for inclusion in the National Memorial File. Report the deaths of all Rainbow men, whether they belong to a chapter or not, giving full name, outfit with which they served in Rainbow, date and place of death and date and place of burial. Also, it is important to give the name and address of the next of kin in order that this information may be sent to the National Chaplain so that he can write a letter to the bereaved family, expressing the sympathy of the Association in our and their loss.

All chapter secretaries who have not already done so are requested to send a list of the names and addresses of their 1945-46 officers to this office as soon as possible. If your chapter publishes a bulletin or paper, please see that your secretary's name is on the list to receive a copy.

Three chapters — Homer A. Hughes of Lynchburg in Virginia, Tulsa of Oklahoma, and Danville, Ill., have already exceeded their membership for all of last year. The membership cards are ready and flowing out in an ever-increasing stream. The tempo of activity is increasing. It will be a great year — even greater than the 6,042 with which we finished last year without depending on the advent of our War II comrades. **LET'S GO!! RAINBOW!!!**

R. Allen Gibbons

National Secretary.



R. Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans, 9/45
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 continue sending **THE REVEILLE** to the following address:

T. E. NELSON,
65 OAKLAND PARK,
COLUMBUS, OHIO