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PROCEEDINGS

**“1927 Convention, Rainbow Division Veterans,” Held
at Des Moines, Iowa, July 14, 15, 16.**

Present, 2,500

July 14th, Thursday. The convention was opened by Invocation by Father Duffy, after which Captain Charles Rielly of St. Louis introduced Governor Hammill of Iowa, who welcomed the Veterans to Iowa and invited them to make themselves at home. Governor Hammill was followed by Mayor Hunter of Des Moines, who was introduced by our own Comrade George Leach, the Hon. Mayor of Minneapolis. Mayor Hunter welcomed the veterans to Des Moines and said the city belonged to them, but that he could not turn over the keys to the City because of the fact that the last ex-service men's Convention held in his city had confiscated the said key and had left the city unlocked, in fact wide open.

Certain communications were read, one of which was from General Gouraud, extending his “best wishes and affectionate remembrances”. Also a communication advising the veterans of the death of Colonel Frew of Milwaukee. Letter and telegrams of condolence were sent to the widow and daughter of the Colonel, and the Convention stood in silent tribute to his memory. A floral wreath from the Rainbow Division Veterans was at the Colonel's funeral.

An invitation to hold the 1928 Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans at Columbus, Ohio, was presented by Mr. Carson of Ohio.

The meeting adjourned until nine o'clock on Friday.

Friday Morning Session, July 15th. The meeting convened at ten fifteen o'clock A. M. President Smith presided.

Captain Glossbrenner (Indiana) gave a report of the Battle Monument Commission in order to receive some consideration for a divisional monument at Champagne. And he further suggested that it might be possible to secure a monument should we say to the Battle Monument Commission—“We propose to raise over a period of five or ten years so many thousand dollars; we asked that the Battle Monument Commission match this fund for the erection of a Rainbow Division Monument at Champagne.”

The Convention was next addressed by the Honorable Hanford McNider, Ass't Secretary of War and a native son of Iowa, who was followed by General Charles P. Summerall, Present Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army and at one time

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Brig. General of the 83rd Brigade of our own Rainbow.

Both of the above mentioned addresses were well received and appreciated by the Comrades present.

Next Committeemen were appointed by Pres. Smith.

Memorial Hour

Conducted by General Ross of Iowa.

Invocation by Chaplain Robb.

A beautiful tableau was presented, followed by the Hon. James B. Weaver of the State Legislature of Iowa, who paid a beautiful tribute to the departed and wounded. Following this address, was tableau with "The Unknown Soldier" as the tableau, and "America's Reply" sung as a solo. Benediction by Chaplain Robb.

Evening—A large Barbecue at Ft. Dodge—Fireworks at midnight.

One of the most impressive features of the convention, if not the most impressive, was the barbecue and fireworks at Ft. Dodge, on the night of July 14th-15th.

Leaving Des Moines about 6:30 P. M. of the 14th, the veterans were conveyed by trolley, busses and private automobiles to Ft. Dodge. There they found a free feed, consisting of barbecue beef (fattened with "Tall Corn") grilled meat of many descriptions, plenty of trimmings, and an abundance of beverage wash. In fact the beverage was transported to Des Moines in car load lots.

11:55 P. M., July 14th, A bugle sounds, star shells light up the sky, bombs begin to burst, machine guns stutter, and the barrage comes down in all its fury, and for over thirty minutes the veterans relive the bombardment of the Champagne. The fireworks were so realistic that some of the veterans began to seek cover, ducking, hugging the ground and digging in, and the "Corporal of the Guard" had a very hard time in convincing some of the boys that the war was over.

However, it might be well to state that the verticle position of all of the veterans was not caused by the bombardment of this hour, but could be

traced to the bombardment of the by-product of Iowa's "Tall Corn", freely tasted a few hours before the fireworks started, and the recruiting officer at Ft. Dodge had a hard time when he attempted to convince some of the boys that there was no war for which they could enlist. The veterans said that they had enlisted under similar physical disability during the world war hostilities.

Saturday Morning Sessions, July 16.

Meeting convened at ten o'clock, President Smith presided.

Report of Committees

Resolution Committee, Resolution of Thanks to the retiring officers. Resolved that the Veterans of the Rainbow Division reaffirm in their belief of adequate preparadness for war and repledge their efforts to that great cause. Resolution for the appointment of a Committee to select a uniform grave marker bearing the insignia of the Rainbow Division.

Resolved that the Association Petition Congress to re-create the Rainbow Division in Peace, a gathering together under the banner of the 42nd Division Representatives, National Guard Units from the various States that furnished Units to the Organization of the original Rainbow Division.

Pres. Smith appointed Chairman Joe Justad, Minnesota, a man from California, (H. C. Chrisolmes) and the president Mr. Smith, as the members of said committee.

Constitution and By-Laws

Owing to the fact that the Committee did not have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, it was suggested that the same be recodified and presented at the 1928 convention.

Washington D. C. Chapter was appointed as a permanent depository for Rainbow Association records.

The By-Laws should contain a provision to the effect that a reunion uniform should be adopted, that uniform consisting of caps for regimental units

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of such type as those chapters themselves may designate.

That the by-laws be amended to permit a national ladies' auxiliary.

The formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary was left to the women named upon the Committee of Organization.

Reveille

The policy used during the past year to cut the size and expense of the Reveille, thereby reaching chapters that are inactive, men in the hospitals and put the Reveille out on a monthly basis is to be continued. A vote of thanks was given to Cortez Souter for his work during the past year, as being the one outstanding thing of last year's administration.

Appreciation

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Officers of the Organization who worked for it during the year.

Finance

Total receipts during the year were \$1990.40, total disbursements \$822.91, due on outstanding bills about \$145.00. Balance on hand at Convention Time \$1167.58. A detailed report of the Treasurer was dispensed with upon motion of Mr. Carson of Ohio, but placed upon file for inspection.

Next Convention

Communications from the Governor of Ohio, Mayor of Columbus, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Colonel Hough and numerous other Ohio Veterans inviting the Rainbow Division Veterans to hold their 1928 Convention at Columbus, Ohio, were read. The Committee recommend Columbus, Ohio, for the next convention. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Donations

Washington, D. C., \$50,000; New York, \$357.00.

Nomination Committee

Honorary President, Howard G. Smith (Illinois), President, Barre Blumenthal (Illinois), First Vice President, Orville R. Carson, (Ohio), Second Vice President, Paul Mulligan, (Indiana), Third Vice President, Cortez Souter, (Iowa), Fourth Vice President, C. M. Renfro, (Alabama), Chaplain Father Duffey, (New York), Committees report was adopted.

Appointed by President

Secretary C. D. McCoy, Columbus, Ohio; Treasurer John C. Volka, Columbus, Ohio, Editor of the Reveille, Orville R. Carson, Columbus, Ohio.

CONVENTION ADJOURNED

General Douglas MacArthur

Major General Douglas MacArthur, 47, youngest Major General of the United States Army, has been chosen to succeed Major General Fred Salden to command the all important Philippine department at Manila next Spring. General MacArthur served with the Rainbow Division during the World War.

Colonel Brandon Judah

Colonel Brandon Judah of Illinois has been appointed Ambassador to Cuba by President Coolidge. The President has shown excellent judgment in his selection, and the Rainbow Division Veterans congratulate him upon his selection. This is just another proof of the caliber of men who made up the Rainbow. It shows what other people think of the ability of the men who served in the

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We, the members of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, in order to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which has been the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and, in order to continue unbroken that spirit of fraternal friendship which has always manifested itself throughout our activities, and to perpetuate the sacred memory of our valiant dead, do establish the Rainbow Division Veterans.

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Rainbow.

The above appointment will probably prove gratifying to a number of Rainbow Division Veterans, and Cuba will, without a doubt suffer an influx of Rainbow Veterans during the Colonel's terms of appointment.

CUBA DOES NOT HAVE NATIONAL PROHIBITION

What is it about debts that sting?

The "B" of course.

National Dues

The Chapter and Sub-Chapter secretaries or treasurers are requested to forward the National per capita tax to the National Secretary at once, together with a list of the paid members and their addresses. The next issue of the Reveille will carry a list of the units and their membership standing. Who will be first on the list?

Col. Benson W. Hough

Colonel Benson W. Hough has been appointed General Chairman of the Rainbow Division Veterans Convention Committee. Everybody in the Rainbow knows Col. Ben., as his Ohio boys call him, and notice of his appointment will be sufficient surety to insure a great National Convention at Columbus, Ohio, next year.

Father Duffy and His Irish "Backfire"

Irish was noted for his appetite for strong beverages, and that appetite often times kept Irish out late at night. One evening Irish, a little worse for the wear, came face to face with the parish priest, and said, "Father, phawt causes lumbago?" The Father, believing he had an opportunity to teach Irish a very forceful lesson, replied, "Lumbago is caused by excessive drinking of strong liquor and late night hours."

(hic) "Ish that sho," said Irish, "I read in the paper today where the pope was suffering from Lumbago."

—Dispatch.

Rainbow Spirit

New York, "One dollar or one day in Jail," Magistrate McKiniry said when Frank Masterson, chauffeur, pleaded guilty to a charge that he had failed to stop his car on signal.

While the next case was proceeding Masterson went to the Court Clerk, James Feisel, one-time corporal in the

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165th Infantry. He told Feisel he did not have the necessary dollar and the clerk noticed that Masterson wore a service button showing that he, too, had served in the 165th Infantry of the Rainbow. Feisel signaled to the Court attendant who calls the cases, Patrick Kelly, once a Sergeant in the same regiment.

"I'll pay the fine," Kelly said.

"Oh, no," said Feisel, "I'll pay it myself."

"Kelly insisted that since he had been

sergeant in the regiment and Feisel, "only a corporal" he could command this situation.

The Magistrate, noticing the argument, interrupted to ask what it was all about. Then he had Masterson brought before him again.

"I'm going to be the good Samaritan myself", said the Magistrate. "Sentence suspended."

*MORALE: WEAR YOUR RAINBOW
BUTTON*

WITH THE CHAPTERS

ALABAMA

Chapter Officers

Lee D. Harless, President, Box 181, Gadsden, Alabama.

Harry E. Smith, Vice President, 301 Old Post Office Building.

James E. Simpson, Secretary and Treasurer, Birmingham.

Charles Seigel, Historian, Alabama.

Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter, Old Post Office Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

OFFICERS

President Charles Siegel.

Vice-President, Dr. Wm. S. Armour.

Historian, J. G. Mariana.

Chaplain, H. G. Holmes.

Secretary and Treasurer, Joseph Simpson, 301 Old Post Office Building, Birmingham, Ala.

The Secretary reports fifty members paid up and expresses hope of a paid membership to about 150 by January 1.

All meetings are reported as being well attended.

Extra Large turn-out appeared for the Armistice Day celebration.

Our club rooms are located in the Old Post Office Building, Birmingham,

Ala., and any Rainbower who may happen to be in Birmingham on the 2nd Monday of any month is cordially invited to meet with us.

Crawford Z. Ables Sub-Chapter, Post Office Box 181, Gadsden, Alabama.

President, Thomas N. Yeats.

Vice President, John L. Galming, Secretary and Treasurer, Lee D. Harless.

The Crawford Z. Ables Chapter held their July Meeting at Camp McClellan and witnessed the decoration of Company F, 167th Infantry, Guydeon. The Regiment reviewed the Company and then the Croix De Guerre ribbons were pinned on its Guydeon, by its War Time Company Commander, Capt. F. L. Wyatt. The Company then reviewed the regiments. The best drilled platoon in Company F was presented a loving cup by Crawford Z. Ables Chapter. The State Historian, Charles Seigel was present and took miniature movies of the ceremony. The former members of F Company fell in line with their new buddies—new Company F for mess.

One of the best "Bull" sessions of record was held later and every man present pledged himself to try to make all future camps agreeing that an army camp is the ideal place for such gatherings.

Lee D. Harless, Secretary.

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INDIANA

Marion County Chapter, President,
R. E. Murphy, Box 590, Indianapolis,
Indiana.

Secretary, P. G. Lewis, 883 Mass. Ave.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bowling league is under way.

Eddie Hoffman pulled a fast one last week, ran in a small town dark horse, and the infantry smeared the engineers all over the place. Ed says, the engineers weren't in the war anyway.

The Second A. E. F. is back. Jim Veach and the rest are going to tell their story sometime, so don't miss any meetings.

We have a paid up membership of sixty-seven. We need more. H. E. Cook will be glad to receive three bucks, at 2449 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

There is still a supply of 150th Artillery pamphlets on hand.

Indiana State Chapter, Pleas G. Greenlee, President, Shelbyville, Ind.

O. D. Robinette, Vice-President.

Ralph W. Miley, Secretary, Shelbyville, Ind.

R. E. Murphy, Treasurer.

Chapters in Shelbyville, Bloomington, Linten, Seymour, Brazil and Indianapolis. Membership at this writing, one hundred. If one hundred and fifty F. A. man and want to become affiliated with the Indiana Chapter, write to the President.

NEW YORK

New York Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans, 68 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Harry G. McLean, President.

Wm. B. Stacom, 1st Vice-President.

Lewis Doan, 2nd Vice-President.

James Langan, 3rd Vice-President.

James G. Finn, Treasurer.

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John M. McHugh, Financial Secretary.

Michael Fitzpatrick, Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. F. P. Duffey, Historian and Chaplain.

Louis Cornibert, Sergeant at Arms.

Leo Mullen, Editor of the Barrage.

Mons Georges Sicklick returned from France a few days ago and dropped in at our last meeting. George complained about the "likker" that they served in France these days. (He says it hasn't got the "Sock" that he had grown used to in this burg.)

At the unveiling of the L Company memorial tablet, Father Duffey remarked that while our regiment is strong in traditions, its memorials are few and it would be a fine idea for us to erect a memorial on the re-built wall of the cemetery in Viller-Sur-Fere where so many of our dead comrades are buried.

Comrades Pat Burke, Tom Kahill and Harry McLean saved a Rainbow buddie from burial in Pottersfield. This comrade died in a Hotel and there was no relatives to claim his body. The above named comrades happened to hear about it and notified the President, who immediately got in touch with the Veterans Bureau and arranged for a fitting military funeral for the comrade.

Memorial Mass was held by the Women's Auxiliary, October 12th, 1927, at Holy Cross Church.

Jack Mulvey won the Convention Trip Prize.

Annual Armistice Day Reunion was held November 12th, 1927. It took 27 camels working steadily for five days to supply the necessary milk, and the hot dogs if placed end to end, would have reached all the way there and back a couple of times. Captain Prout was present, now a Major General in the Irish Free State Army, which goes to show that the Free States know how to appreciate the real thing when they see it.

December Meeting—Officers for the New Year were nominated. Refreshments were served. Entertainment.

IOWA

President, Homer W. Gardner, 1115 Guthrie Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

Vice-President, Jerald A. Bedwell, 301 Courthouse, Des Moines.

Secretary, Harley Rhoddes, Bureau of

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Labor, State, Des Moines.

Treasurer, R. C. Kemm, Kehm Floral Co., Des Moines.

Herb Groves, who is manager of the Des Moines Theatre, brought over a six reel comedy on the aviators during the war entitled "We are in the air now." This was followed by a buffet luncheon and cards. Don't believe there was any African Golf played.

On September 10th the Chapter held a picnic in memory of the date ten years ago when the 168th Infantry left the Fair Grounds for Camp Mill. It was the first picnic of its kind, but it will be an annual affair henceforth.

Thursday noon Luncheon Club meets every Thursday noon at the Elks Club dining room. Every Rainbower is invited to attend whenever in Des Moines.

The annual election of officers was held October 20th, 1927.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meets on the same night of the veterans meetings, (separate rooms) so there is no excuse for each staying at home to keep the other company.

We Always Eat

The Annual encampment of the Iowa National Guards was the scene of a number of Rainbow reunions, as both regiments of infantry and also the Cavalry have a number of Rainbowers in their ranks. To be sure the majority of these reunions were very informal in nature, but a Rainbow reunion is a Rainbow reunion.

The Iowa Chapter is now printing their own publication "The Sniper," and if you were a member of the 168th Infantry and you want this publication get your name on the mailing list.

MINNESOTA

C. E. Lundale, President, 1255 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

E. F. Coates, Secy. and Treas., 790 Logan St., St. Paul, Minn.

St. Paul Chapter held an Armistice dance on Saturday night, November the 12th at the New Lowry Hotel. Dinner was served. A ten minute period of broadcasting from WCCO, "Gold Medal Station." The boys certainly enjoyed themselves at the State Convention; in

fact one of the St. Paul members had such a good time he lost a very highly prized watch.

We had a picnic during the summer, which went over big.

The annual State Convention and Banquet is to be held in February. Write the Secretary for the time. We intend to out-do Minneapolis this year, as this is the first year the St. Paul Chapter has had a convention. It sure will go over with a bang.

Minnesota State Chapter, President, Fred J. Pierce, Hotel Renville, Renville, Minn.

PENNSYLVANIA

C. A. P. Bartlett, 1855 Fairview St., Easton, Pa.

Warren H. Schnable, 828 Dellwood St., Bethlehem, Pa.

149th N. G. Bn. consisting of four Companies, came from this State. One company from each of the following cities. Bethlehem, Easton, Reading and Lancaster.

We have been unable to form a chapter, as it seems that 12 or 14 is the best we can get.

Bethlehem wants a Chapter at large.

Warren H. Schnable is the only officer known, and he was elected about four years ago.

Send dues for membership to the Pennsylvania Chapter to Schnable.

OHIO

Ohio Chapter, John C. Volks, President, Adj. Gen. Office, Columbus, Ohio.

John Brixner, First Vice-President.

Harry Stevens, Second Vice-President. Marysville, Ohio.

Sam Lickenstein, Secretary and Treasurer, Adj. Gen. Office, Columbus, Ohio.

Constitution and By-Laws, amended to "grant" recognition to Rainbow Division Veterans Ladies' Auxiliary to be composed of wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of Rainbow Division Veterans, whether said veterans be dead or living.

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Cook John Wobble closed his bakery at Bloomingsburg to attend the reunion.

Comrade Dick Swepton lived up to all advance notices, in fact many claim that Dick surpassed all former records.

Supply company was crowded for their honors of having the most refreshments on any Company at the Convention by every other Company. The winner is still in doubt, but at the present writing owing to the last minute appearance of Butch Eddinger, Supply Company is leading by one bottle.

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CALIFORNIA

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It has long been recognized that the California Chapter is due to become the most cosmopolitan chapter of the Rainbow, due to the constant influx here of Rainbow men from the other states, and the local chapter, as an expression of its confidence in these eastern Rainbowers, and of its friendship for the new comers, at the last election, elected a staff of officers composed almost entirely of men who were formerly members of eastern units of the Rainbow.

As the various candidates were elected, the gang spontaneously burst into the favorite song of the state from which the candidate came and the hall echoed and re-echoed to the strains of, "When I dream about the moonlight on

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