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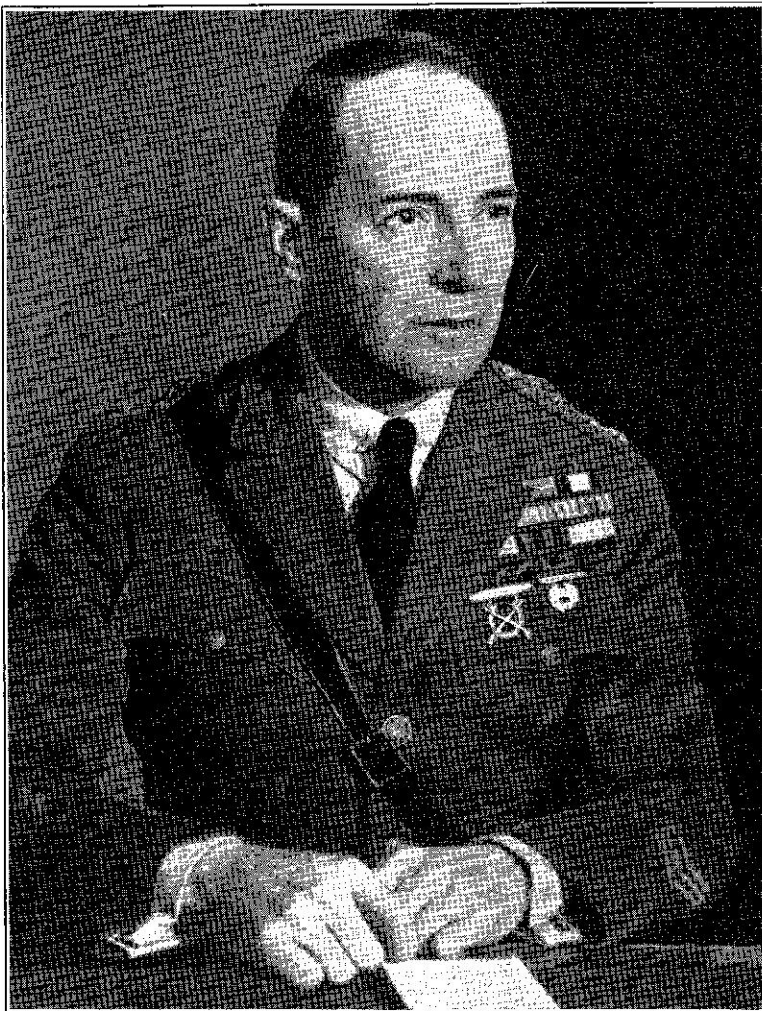
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GEN. MACARTHUR'S SPEECH

Tops in a Reunion replete with successful accomplishment at Washington last July was the speech of General Douglas MacArthur. Graceful as poetry and strong as steel, it paid a tribute to the soldier which will live in the hearts of everyone who heard it. His plea for America to preserve the integrity of its armed forces was forceful, clear, and reasonable. Reproduced elsewhere in this issue; it will cause a thrill of pride to swell the heart of every Rainbow reader.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT Colonel Ruby D. Garrett, our recently elected National President, has been an unremittingly active Rainbower since the close of the war. Those who have been privileged to work with him, during the war and since, display an affectionate and enthusiastic regard for his leadership which presages an unusual year for our Association under his ad-

ministration. At the Reunion banquet, his speech followed that of General MacArthur; and though it differed in vein it was likewise a classic. His selection as our president for the coming year again illustrates the fact that the Rainbow has always been blessed with good fortune in its leadership.

RAINBOW HISTORY

At the beginning of the year it was announced that completion of the Official History of the Rainbow Division was imminent. It was then hoped that this long-awaited history would have gone to press by now. Lack of an adequate response in subscriptions delayed publication; but the association has now taken steps which finally dispose of the matter.

CONTRACT SIGNED

A contract has been signed with the publishers which makes publication of the history a reality.

The History Committee and your national officers have thus cut the Gordian knot, and have by so doing assumed a responsibility in which each chapter and each Rainbower man participates.

YOUR JOB

Your chapter has an immediate responsibility and assignment, as explained on page 5. YOU have an assignment which no Rainbower should shirk—to ORDER YOUR COPY NOW. Read all the details, and then ACT.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our new president's modesty having prevented this space being occupied by his photograph this word picture of his "Excellency," Ruby Garrett is substituted.

Few divisions had the continuous telephone liaison which the Rainbow possessed in all its combats. None had better.

We all know how much the success of a division depends upon its being able to strike as a whole. The more it breaks up into fragments each fighting its own battle without regard to the others, the easier the job of the enemy to successfully resist.

The commanding officers know the tremendous difficulties as well as danger encountered in just laying down and then keeping open communications in battle.

They also remember all too well the difficulty of getting the necessary wires, telephones, switchboards and accessories. Then came the constant struggle to replace damaged or destroyed material.

Nothing was too hard for Ruby Garrett to tackle and to accomplish.

Exactly how he got as much material as he did is one of the dark mysteries of the war.

There is a story that in the St. Mihiel attack Colonel Hough went up to some First Division M. P.'s and said, "What are you doing here, trying to switch my prisoners for your division?" "No sir," the answer came back, "General Summerall posted us here to guard our telephone axis of communication from your Signal people. He said he remembered how active Major Garrett used to be years before when in the regular army."

H. J. R.

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Our first objective must be to enlarge our membership; our second objective is the completion of the history of our Division and our third objective is a great

Reunion in Kansas City in 1936. On your loyalty and your intelligent cooperation we must depend to attain these objectives.

THE RAINBOW NEVER FAILS.

RUBY D. GARRETT, President,
Rainbow Division Veterans.

From: The National Treasurer.
To: YOU.
Subject: ACTION.
Dear Comrade:

A year of accomplishment lies before the Rainbow Division Veterans. Colonel Garrett, our new National President, has outlined to me some of the accomplishments designed for the coming year. They have to do with the building up of our membership; and with stimulating a greater interest than ever in our association. He tells me that he will rely upon me, as Treasurer, to so maintain our Association finances that these activities will not be curtailed for lack of funds. In turn I urge you who are reading this to assist

FIRST of all, I want to express my profound appreciation for the honor of being elected President of the Rainbow Division Veterans. Every man who served in that grand Division should be attached to it with strong bonds of memory, sentiment and appreciation.

Ours is the only Division, so far as I know, which holds its Reunion on the same day each year. It is the only Division whose original units were gathered from the four corners of this nation. It is the only Division that annually brings together in Reunion, men from such widely separated parts of our land. Our annual Reunions always provide real inspiration for those who attend.

Our Division's work in France stands unsurpassed. Its military record enriches our nation's history. However, it is particularly gratifying that the survivors of our Division have achieved pre-eminent success since the war. So, today when we proudly say that "We served with the Rainbow Division on the fields of France," we also enjoy the distinction of being united in an organization that includes the leaders in peace-time attainment and success.

With such war-time and peace-time achievements by so many of our members, have we not a real opportunity to make the Rainbow a more important factor in the life of our nation?

During the coming year, it is my ambition to see the membership greatly increased; to stimulate wider interest in those chapters which have been dormant; to bring into the national organization the many widely separated members far removed from existing local

chapters; and to bring together in Kansas City in 1936 a Reunion to a survival of those precious memories so dear to the hearts of everyone who served under the Rainbow. I appeal to every Chapter to do its part.

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in the work. If your membership dues are not paid—pay them NOW. Send your dues in to your Chapter Secretary, or if you are not in a Chapter, send one dollar to our National Secretary, SHARON C. COVER, 4643 Nottingham Road, Detroit, Mich.

To Chapter officers I urgently request that you "get behind" your membership to pay up. And as dues are collected, send them in! Funds are needed now to carry on. The Association counts on YOU. Nuf sed!

Yours in the Rainbow,
RAYMOND RAMSEY, Treasurer,
care of The Commerce Trust Co.,
KANSAS CITY, MO.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



Sharon C. Cover
National Secretary

Our new National Secretary has been an ardent Rainbower since the inception of our organization. Sharon served with the 166th Infantry; has lived in Detroit since the war. Has always been active in the Chapter; was Editor of The Observation Post, and Chapter Secretary for three years. Was Reunion Secretary during the successful Detroit Reunion.

Ed.

NEW SECRETARY

My appointment as your National Secretary, by President Ruby D. Garrett, is indeed the finest honor one could desire in Rainbow and I shall make every effort to prove myself worthy of his consideration.

As your secretary, I promise you, a sensible business-like administration with an improved system of accounting and a definite control as to funds due from each state body or sub-chapter and the payment of same.

There are to be some changes in our routine of business based on the expressions at our last Reunion in Washington. These changes are planned for the betterment of our organization and a closed relationship of all our chapters, one with the other and National Headquarters, and a desire for a much needed uniformity of purpose within our association.

I shall avail myself of this column to keep you well informed at all times of the business of our association and I invite your suggestions and assistance in making this the finest year for Rainbow activity and membership in our history. Please feel at liberty to call on this, your office, at all times that we may work closely with you throughout the Rainbow year in the promotion always of "Rainbow" and not, just the preservation, but the growth of our great association.

THE "RAINBOW REVEILLE"

President Ruby D. Garrett announces the appointment of Harold E. Rodier as Editor of our National publication again this year. This is good news to all of our readers, as Harold sure did a capital job last year and assures our association of a magazine worthy of its name. Editor Rodier wishes you to realize though that this is *your publication* and you must assist to the extent of keeping your ear to the ground and then passing it on to Harold. Each chapter and sub-chapter is urged to appoint an official scribe for their chapter-chatter column, which you know is the "pulse and life" of our publication. This does not mean our "members-at-large" should not contribute or individuals send in copy—YEA, come one, come all—the more the merrier and the better the "Reveille." The deadline is two weeks before each issue. Do your stuff, fellows, and lets be the "tops" this year and how!

THE NATIONAL ENROLLMENT DRIVE

Which was inaugurated in 1933-34 by then President Wilber M. Brucker is, of course, the topic of conversation of all chapter membership chairmen again this year. The "Governor Brucker Trophy Cup" the award to the chapter who, during the fiscal year, submits the largest percentage of *new listings*—(names, addresses and unit of former Rainbow Veterans who were not on our mailing list prior to July 16, 1935)—will be keenly contested this year as the South Carolina Chapter has won it two years in succession and a third win for them will give their chapter ownership. "Sell Rainbow by Identifying Yourself with Rainbow" then go to work for your chapter and "beat the bushes" for these former veterans who are not informed of our fine Divisional association, and only need the invitation to become active.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

This is addressed to you "Men of the Rainbow" who do not reside in a state where there is a chapter or sub-chapter yet who want to be identified with Rainbow and keep informed on matters pertaining to our fine association. Your membership dues of \$1.00 per year should be mailed direct to National Secretary, 4643 Nottingham Road, Detroit, Mich.

CHAPTER QUOTAS

Chapter	Members	Quota
Alabama	377	151
California	778	311
Colorado	68	27
Florida	128	52
Georgia	123	49
Illinois	809	324
Indiana	414	166
Iowa	515	206
Kansas-Missouri	196	79
Maryland	151	61
Michigan	390	156
Minnesota	486	196
New Jersey	234	94
Nebraska	47	19
New York	1,629	652
Ohio	1,334	534
Oklahoma	160	64
Oregon	67	27
Pennsylvania	575	230
South Carolina	318	128
Tennessee	84	34
Texas	124	50
Virginia	122	49
Wisconsin	222	89
District of Columbia	165	66
At-Large	575	230

(Members-at-large as follows)

State	Mem. Qa.	State	Mem. Qa.
Foreign	25 10	Nevada	2 1
Arizona	19 8	New Hampshire	4 2
Arkansas	40 16	New Mexico	12 5
Connecticut	38 15	North Carolina	61 25
Delaware	5 2	North Dakota	17 7
Idaho	10 4	Rhode Island	4 2
Kentucky	54 22	South Dakota	25 10
Louisiana	31 13	Utah	8 4
Maine	5 2	Vermont	3 2
Massachusetts	77 31	Washington	36 15
Mississippi	39 16	West Virginia	29 12
Montana	11 4	Wyoming	20 8

RAINBOW HISTORY BEING PRINTED

Is the BIG NEWS that is being passed around to all Rainbowers. Elsewhere in this issue you will find story and history in the making that now has made possible our official History. Attention, All Chapter and Sub-Chapter Officers, you are urged, by the History Committee and National Headquarters, to co-operate to your fullest possible extent in the plan and instructions outlined in special bulletin that has gone forward to you relative to the sale and distribution of our History by National Headquarters. It is very important that you set up, at once, the necessary machinery to make possible your necessary part and assure the success of the plan. *All Histories Must Be Ordered Through Your Chapter*, except in cases of members-at-large and former Rainbow veterans not affiliated with a chapter who will order from National Headquarters or direct from the Heer Printing Company, Columbus, Ohio. THE RAINBOW 42nd DIVISION OFFICIAL HISTORY, by Gen. H. J. Reilly, sells for \$3.00.

HISTORY COMMITTEE SIGNS UP

Immediate publication of the Rainbow Division History was assured by the action of the History Committee in signing a contract with the Heer Publishing Company of Columbus, Ohio. After 17 years, Veterans of the 42nd Division will need no longer explain apologetically to veterans of other distinguished combat divisions who have long since published their official histories, that the Rainbow will get out an authorized history, "sometime."

PRESS TO START SOON

General Benson W. Hough, chairman, and his committee have, with the approval of President Garrett, contracted for the immediate completion and publication of our belated history. The whole story is set forth in the following report of the committee.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

August 19, 1935.

Col. Ruby D. Garrett, President,
Rainbow Division Veterans,
Kansas City, Mo.
Dear Colonel:

The undersigned desires to submit to you the report of its History Committee. This committee is composed of Major General Mat A. Tinley, Colonel John Monroe Johnson and myself, with Lieut. Wilber N. Brucker as its secretary. The committee was appointed by the convention in session in July, 1934, at Detroit, and was clothed with authority to act for the bringing about of the production of a history of the Rainbow Division.

The creation of such a history has been considered for a long time. The conception was first advanced while the division was in Germany and a preliminary edition published unofficially before the division came home. This edition was intended to be only temporary and to be followed with the publication of a real history. Major Wolfe, of Chicago, was the author of the preliminary edition and was selected to be the historian for the final volume. Through some misunderstanding Major Wolfe did not proceed with the work and the enterprise was at a standstill for a number of years. Several years ago the division designated Brig. Gen. Henry J. Reilly as its official historian. Gen. Reilly began the preparation of the data and statistics for a history. His work was financed by a group of the membership from New York and Chicago with sufficient funds to compensate him for the labor and preparation to the extent of about two-thirds completion. At about this time the depression set in and General Reilly found he could not afford to give the time and effort for the completion of the history without additional financing. This was about the condition of affairs that confronted your committee when it was appointed.

Since the committee has developed the fact that the work already done on the preparation of the history by General Reilly has been paid for and that the group furnishing that financing has waived all rights to the unfinished manuscript.

The problem since has been to find out how to finance General Reilly and contract with him for the completion of the manuscript and then to further contract for its publication and distribution. The committee has now received and considered a proposal from the F. J. Heer Printing Company of Columbus, Ohio, for the publication and distribution of the history. That company has entered into a contract with General Reilly by which he is to furnish completed manuscript, within a period of four months, or by the first of January, 1936. The Printing Company is prepared to publish the history in a very short time thereafter so that it would seem to be assured that the publication may be brought about by the Spring of next year.

Acting upon the authority reposed in it, the committee has accepted the proposal of the Heer Company and has entered into a contract for the production of the book, a copy of which is attached.

The book is to be published and distributed for a total cost of \$3.00 per volume. The committee considers this a very satisfactory and attractive proposition and there would seem to be nothing insurmountable in the way of climaxing a long, drawn out plan by a very definite production of the history within a short time.

It is hoped that the officers of the National Association will approve what the committee has done and will lend its active co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

BENSON W. HOUGH.

AGREEMENT

We, the F. J. Heer Printing Company, agree to furnish the "History of Rainbow Division," consisting of 448 pages, page size six and one-fourth by nine and one-fourth; type sizes: text 12 point Caslon Old Style, footnotes, 8 point solid. Edition: 10,000 to 20,000. Paper: 60 lb. antique finish book; printing: text in one color, inserts not to exceed 25, on 80-lb. coated paper. Maps: 8 two-fold maps on a bond stock. Bindings: cloth, stamped in four colors on front cover and backbone.

COMPLETE PRICE TO BE \$3.00 PER VOLUME

We will advance \$500.00 within ten days to the author, another \$500.00 within 30 days and the balance of \$1,000.00 when the manuscript is completed. We will take care of all expenses involved in the printing and distribution.

The Rainbow Division Veterans Association will advance to us \$2,500.00 for its share of circularizing and to reimburse us for payments to the author. This advanced amount to be payable \$500.00 in 30 days and \$2,000.00 on or before November 1, 1935.

We will co-operate with the committee in every way to make the Rainbow Division Book an outstanding work. We, in turn, shall expect full support from each member of the committee to make the sale of this book a success.

(Signed) F. J. HEER PRINTING COMPANY.

Signed and accepted this 19th day of August, 1935, on behalf of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association by its duly constituted history committee. Evidenced by the signature of the chairman and secretary of said committee and the attached copies of wire acceptance by the other members of the committee to wit: Major General Mat A. Tinley and Colonel John Monroe Johnson.

CHAPTER OFFICERS ATTENTION!

Please notify the National Secretary immediately this comes to your attention, of the names of your Chapter Officers for this year. Last year it was March 11 before a complete directory of Chapter Officers could be compiled. This year it is desired to get out this directory by October first. Help out by sending in the list for your Chapter NOW. Send to Sharon C. Cover, 4643 Nottingham Road, Detroit, Mich.

Take This Last Chance or Don't Blame The Divisional History

By Brig.-Gen. HENRY J. REILLY O.R.C.

The last of the manuscript of the divisional history will be proof read and in the publisher's hands by December 31.

This means that personal experiences, data in which you are interested, everything you believe should be in the history to insure your unit getting the credit due it must be in the my hands

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My address is 1911 R Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Please remember as I said at the Convention that official records at the best are only bold statements of events, that a division is not a machine but an organization of human beings.

Approximately 50,000 of you were in the division first and last.

You made its history. You paid the price in dead and wounded.

What you did, what you thought before, during and immediately after is the history of the division as much as the movements recorded in the war diaries on file in the Army Historical Section here in Washington.

From private to general I listened to what you had to say during our active service. Since whenever I get with a few other Rainbows I hear more.

You don't have to write an essay, a formal report, or a newspaper or magazine article. Just dash it off the way you feel it and mail it to me.

I have some excellent accounts from patrol leaders, infantry platoon and battalion commanders and some others.

Every patrol, every infantry assault commander, artillery liaison detachment with the infantry, artillery observation group, infantry accompanying you, artillery battalion commander has a story to tell.

Every machine gun platoon, company, and battalion has a story to tell.

The artillery caissons, the ammunition train, the supply train, the engineer train, the ambulance companies who tirelessly and continuously went back and forth over, with no chance to take cover in fox-holes, over roads plainly marked on the enemies maps and therefore the easy prey of their artillery, have stories of perseverance and danger to tell.

The M. P.'s have their tales of staying

on duty at constantly shelled crossroads, as well as what they think of the infantry.

If the trench mortar battery had done nothing more than the gallant fight it put up in the Champagne it would have paid for its existence. This story, as well as that of the rest of its service, has been promised.

Where is it?

I have heard the distinguished Assistant Secretary of Commerce, not only on "What is the Constitution (Rainbow) Among Friends," but also on how the engineers made an infantry assault, but the records in writing of his command do not begin to do it justice.

Our new president has promised several times to send me the inside dope on the "nervous system" of the division, its telephone lines, but hasn't done so.

Come across Ruby! As the only man in the A. E. F. who "rustled" from you the wire you had "rustled" from hapless divisions which came within your reach you can't hide anything from me. As another old regular I know what "rustle" is camouflage for, as well as you do!

I have heard Bill Talbot, the lone Republican, of the Lone Star State, on: Why cotton paper from Texas is better than any other kind of paper, why one Texas grapefruit outclasses two California plus two Florida ones, but have received nothing on the services of the supply train.

With one exception have not one word from our four field hospitals through whose merciful hands nearly 30,000 of our wounded and the wounded of other divisions passed.

Without its headquarters the division would have been as helpless as a body without a head. Some of the G's have come across, others have not. The Judge Advocate and the adjutant have not told their stories. Nothing has been heard from the Louisiana cavalry troop.

Besides the original national guardsmen of the division we received, training camp officers, replacements from other divisions and the regulars of the 117 mobile ordnance repair shop, originally intended for the Second Division.

Let's hear from them!

A considerable number of letters, pamphlets and several books of Rainbow matter have been received. They are hereby gratefully acknowledged. Where requested, they will be returned when the history is completed.



Gas Alarm

Last year's popular feature, Gas Alarm, is to be continued this year with a greater inducement to send in contributions than before. The most interesting or most entertaining letter in each issue will be selected by General Reilly, and the writer awarded a free registration at the Kansas City Reunion in 1936. In addition, as a GRAND PRIZE for the year under conditions to be later announced, the best letter for the year will be awarded an ALL EXPENSE REUNION VISIT TO KANSAS CITY, which will include all expenses except transportation to and from the Reunion. SEND IN YOUR WAR EXPERIENCES; they may win you a worthwhile prize.

PAS GAZ; COME SEVEN

On the night of July 14, 1918, our second battalion occupied a line of trenches in the Champagne Sector. I was a corporal in the first platoon of G Company on the left of the company and contacting the French on our left somewhere in the vicinity of Vadenay Farm. As you know, the German high command decided to march through our lines next morning and stop off at Chalons on the way to Paris and in order to pave the way they sent over a beautiful barrage all through the night, starting at midnight. Our entire platoon, with the exception of a few sentries, sought shelter in a sort of dugout which was nothing more than a tunnel under the old Roman road, but, oh boy, it sure felt good to sit in there and listen to a million shells 'faw down and go Boom.' Our platoon commander Lieut. Ogle was a bug on gas and he very soon decided that we should put on our British gas masks and, of course, we had to obey. The only light in the dugout was supplied by a candle that Nick Martone had swiped some days previously from a French canteen (co-operative if you want to be Frenchy). Well we sat there in torture until felt a dig in the ribs and a tug at my gas mask, and a careful glance revealed the fact that everyone on my left had taken off his mask. I in turn signalled the guy on the right and so it continued until the only one wearing a mask was Lieut. Ogle. Nobody could speak a word because he would get wise to us so we just sat there and laughed like blazes, but no Ha Ha's. That did not satisfy Corporal Bill Ritter's squad of which the above Martone was a member, they dug up a pair of dice somewhere (that crew would have dug up King Tut if necessary), and in a few moments a hot centime game was in progress, and if you know your dice you know you can't play the game in silence, so after a few "Ha, baby needs shoes," etc., off comes Lieut. Ogle's mask and there is the platoon without masks and Ritter's spaghetti benders running a hot crap game. We all expected a G. C. M.,

but Ogle took it in a sporty manner when he was assured there was no gas around.

WILLIAM M. CARROLL,
Co. G, 165th Infantry.

PANCAKES

Battery C of the 150th Field Artillery was composed mostly of boys from Lafayette, Indiana. One of the battery cooks was a lad named Herman, of German extraction. When rations were plentiful, Herman was popular. When the chow didn't get up the boys called him "that damned German sympathizer." On the front, Herman flew over his cook-shack a tiny flag that bore, as evidence, a pretzel and beer-mug. As he explained, "When dot Kaiser sees dot pretzel-flag, he say, 'Ach—dere's Herman, by golly!' und he don't shoot it."

In the Baccarat Sector, after a long siege of O. D. rations, the battery received an issue of white flour, and at the same time was lucky enough to buy a big jug of strained honey from a French farmer. Pancakes for breakfast were on the program and the boys from Lafayette were homesick in anticipation. Herman got his helpers out before daylight to start work. About four a. m. I was awakened by Herman and two K. P.s cascading down the steps into my dugout like so many bull-frogs dumped out of a bucket.

"Dem damn' dirty Dutch pigs, dey shoot Hell out of all dem lovely pancakes!" It was only too true. A dozen phosgene shells had well-nigh wrecked the mess-shack, had killed two horses and wounded a soldier, besides causing gas-casualties. The battery didn't particularly mind the horses or the minor casualties. But those pancakes! That was German "frightfulness" indeed!

American troops have gone into battle shouting various slogans—"Remember the Alamo!" "Remember the Maine!" and the like. But from this time on in Battery C of the 150th went into action with the battle-cry, "Remember them pancakes!"

H. D. SCOTT,
Lieut., 150th F. A.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT AT ALABAMA REUNION

Colonel Garrett, in his inaugural speech said, "I am going to visit your Chapters as opportunity permits." Opportunity, and the good offices of Dr. John D. Brock, of Kansas City, enabled our President to participate in the State Reunion of the Alabama Chapter, on August 17 and 18. Dr. Brock flew Colonel Garrett to Alabama from Kansas City, the trip making the 2107th consecutive daily flight for Dr. Brock.

"A prize of one copy of the History of the Rainbow Division will be given the veteran sending in the best photograph taken at the front in France. Send yours along. It may be the one to become famous by being published in the History." The publisher is yelling now for the photographs.

OPENING One hardly had time to register before a choice had to be made between a ball game to watch the "Tigers" chew up the "Senators" and the Crime Laboratory to see how Edgar Hoover and his "G" men clean up on the racketeers and public enemies. As usual the "G" men won and so did the Tigers, proving again it doesn't pay to fool with Uncle Sam or Mike Cochrane.

SMOKER Put on by Bill Kay the smoker held Friday evening at the Willard Hotel certainly had plenty of "color," ranging from "Sun Tan" to "Ebony Black"; with a Plethora of Rhythm from those agonizing South Side slow and easy motions up to the rapid "rat-tat-tat" of Hoofers who knew their Hoofs. Yet who cared as long as the occasion gave time for Rainbow Comrades to meet again across tables laden with cooling refreshments, and for electioneers like "Cap" Neiburg to do a little successful promoting for his friend, our new Vice-President, L. L. Whitney.

FORT MYER Roland Packard who did a swell job on transportation had his difficulties in getting the gang started Saturday morning for the trip around Washington. Some might blame the delay on the rain, but I'll give you the "low-down"—Jimmy Lenox held up the parade by stopping to sell Jack Kerrigan one of those Seersucker suits at the Murphy Stores. But eventually we did go to Fort Myer and witnessed a marvelous exhibition of horsemanship and military efficiency. The mounted drill by Troop "E", the daring cowboy stunts of enlisted men and fancy riding of officers, the display of the mounted Machine Gun Troops who, following a given signal, halted, dismounted drill by Troop "E", the daring the first round in the unbelievable time of thirteen seconds, all brought the crowd of over seven hundred to their feet in cheers time and time again. The sham battle which brought the display to an end was almost as "explosive" as the Champagne Hour sketch, and together gave the Auxiliary a picture of War as Sherman described it.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER The Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a visit to Lincoln's Monument followed. Paul Bolin of Alabama laid a wreath on the Tomb in a ceremony so simple yet so impressive that it brought tears to many an eye, including Manning Marcus', as one could note from pictures published in the Washington newspapers. Father James

Murray in a short address pictured the Unknown Soldier as the Spirit of Tolerance that pervades our country. The

D. C. REUNION

By CLARENCE



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RAINBOW VETERANS ELECT—Manning Marcus, of Washington, retiring National President of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, pictured as he congratulated Colonel Ruby D. Garrett, right, of Kansas City, Mo., the new president of the association.

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Rev. Arlington A. McCallum ended the ceremony with prayer. The Guards who are on duty day and night told us that

the "Rainbow Ceremony was the most impressive they had ever witnessed at the Tomb."

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VETERANS RECALL CHAMPAGNE FIGHT **M'ARTHUR ASKS PREPAREDNESS**

THE GENERAL AND THE CHAMP—Gen. Henry J. Reilly, retired, formerly of the Rainbow Division, judge of the "Gas Alarm Contest" for tall story tellers. The general is pictured with the winner of the contest, Ted Hagen, formerly of Company F of the 166th Infantry. His tall war tales won the leather medal at the test.



RAINBOW VET—C D Albergotti, South. Corp. first delegate to arrive for reunion of famous Rainbow Division today, is greeted by Harold B. Rodier, general chair. of fete, to be at the Willard.

PHOTOS AND CLIPPINGS

GRAND BALL One would have to be a

Society Reporter to fully describe the fashions exhibited by our Rainbow Gals. Gorgeous both Blonde and Brunette and all out in style looking as fresh and waxen as Walker Colston's moustache (Wonder how he keeps it that way?) Someone named "Ziggy" and his orchestra put on some real "Hot Ziggedy-dog" numbers and we would have all passed out trying to get in every dance had it not been for the Cafe de la Crystallerie and its soothing influence that cooled so many brows and ginned so many Bucks. Lee Langille spent the evening introducing his Beautiful bride to the Men of the Rainbow. Is he proud!

MOUNT VERNON On Sunday afternoon the Boat Trip, commanded by the other Rainbow Admiral Bernard V. Rhodes, took us down the Potomac River past old Fort Washington, General R. E. Lee's home, and the City of Alexandria; to George Washington's home. Both Rainbow and Auxiliary in appropriate ceremony laid wreaths on Washington's Tomb. On the pleasant journey back to the city as everyone relaxed in the cooling breezes, Fred Crawford and Barre Blumenthal like a couple of proud "Pa Pas," made the rounds from quarter deck to stern, filled with contentment that the Boys and Girls of the Rainbow were so happily closing another wonderful Reunion.

CHAMPAGNE HOUR Enlivened by talent from the

Headline acts of Washington's Theaters the Banquet was a joyous event. Jack Clark and Don Hennessey, just a couple of Privates, were seated at the Speaker's Table, but Don outranked Jack as he was seated between two Colonels. We know now what makes Col. "Allie" Anderson so popular. Minnesota headed by Frank West and Joe Connolly were only 15 strong but lead all outfits in amount of noise created. Maybe they were singing. Who knows? We can hear Jim Dent and his Virginians say "who cares?" Iowa had eight scouts out reconnoitering for an attack on K. C. From the way they sang "Ioway, Ioway" the blast we'll hear from the Gang those eight will bring to Kansas City will sound like one of those Kansas Windstorms.

Illinois with a mob from the Second Battalion cheered General Reilly to the echo when Ruby Garrett in explana-

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RESUME OF PROCEEDINGS WASHINGTON REUNION

With a record-breaking attendance, the 17th Annual Reunion of Rainbow Division Veterans opened at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., at 2:00 p. m., July 12, 1935; with President M. Manning Marcus presiding. Father James A. Murray, National Chaplain, delivered the invocation.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Secretary read the following message from the President of the United States:

THE WHITE HOUSE,

July 9, 1935.

"I am officially proud and personally delighted to extend greetings and congratulations to veterans of the valiant Rainbow Division assembled in Washington for your seventeenth annual reunion.

"It is a far cry back to August in 1917 when certain units of our second line of defense, the National Guard, from some twenty-six states and the District of Columbia were being organized at Camp Mills, New York, into the 42nd or Rainbow Division.

"At Camp Mills, you who came from many states and many units of the National Guard were fused into a single organization. Barely four months later, you landed in France and three months later—a surprisingly short time for such a transformation—you saw action along the Luneville Sector. Following in rapid succession you moved into the Baccarat Sector; into the Champagne-Marne operations; into the Aisne-Marne operations; into the Lucey Sector, thence into the St. Mihiel operations, and finally into the Meuse-Argonne drive. Yours was a splendid combat division and the blows you struck assisted materially in bringing America's participation in the World War to a successful conclusion.

"But your duty did not end with the War. It remained for you, with other crack divisions of the American Expeditionary Forces, to serve in our Army of Occupation in Germany and delay your return to the United States to be demobilized until May of 1919.

"Your record, spanning two years of War days, is one of continuous and extraordinary service. You did your job. As you gather here in the Nation's Capital to celebrate your seventeenth annual reunion, to renew and strengthen comradeships, I envy you the memories that must go with meeting of men who have served their country. I can understand the comradeship that is yours, born of shoulder to shoulder struggle in a common cause and developed so strongly that it has become the foundation for the building in peace-time of your great organization.

"On behalf of a grateful Nation, may I say to you that you deserve more than the high praise that goes to men who possess such service records as you do. You deserve, and I sincerely hope you will realize, increasing benefits from the peace that follows war.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Welcoming speeches were delivered by D. C. Commissioner, Colonel Daniel I. Sultan, and by Walker H. Colston, president of the D. C. Chapter. Governor Wilber N. Brucker replied for the Association in his customary felicitous style. General Leach, Col. Cooper Winn, General Reilly, Col. Ogden, Jim Striffler, and Paul Bolin each spoke; following which Mrs. J. Monroe Johnson was presented, and greeted the assembly. After committee assignments had been announced, the first Reunion session adjourned.

J. MONROE JOHNSON

At this point President Manning Marcus called on Colonel Johnson for a few remarks. Extemporaneously, the Colonel delivered one of those soul-stirring talks which have gained fame at

our Reunions. Stressing the fact that our annual assemblies are more than mere business meetings or gatherings having a material or political purpose, but are genuine reunions of old friends, whose primary object is "— to look into the eyes of those men into whose eyes we looked when friends and brothers died." He reviewed the notable military achievements of the Division; and pointed out that the Rainbow was the lone American division to participate in the decisive Champagne-Marne repulse which marked the turning point of the war.

GOVERNOR BRUCKER

Governor Wilber Brucker here spoke of the encouraging growth of the Michigan Chapter following that state's successful National Reunion. He reported that Michigan's Medal of Valor plan has been successful in objects; and had brought a notable recognition and much laudatory publicity to the Rainbow Division Veterans.

MEDAL FOR UNKNOWN SOLDIER

On behalf of the Michigan Chapter he then offered the National Association a gold Rainbow medal, to be designed and struck off in honor of the Unknown Soldier, and placed in the repository for such offerings at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

On a motion, Michigan's offer was accepted. President Clarence Houle, of the Detroit Chapter, advised the assembly that his organization would proceed promptly to the execution of the plan.

LELAND WHITNEY

Leland L. Whitney called attention to the fact the Cleveland is bidding for the 1936 Legion Convention; and said that if it is accepted, the Cleveland Chapter would make elaborate plans to entertain Rainbowners in attendance.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

National Secretary K. D. Sutherland, in presenting his report, spoke in praise of the program and arrangements offered by the District of Columbia, host chapter. He reported that during President Marcus' administration there had been a notable growth by the Association in numbers and enthusiasm. He spoke of the great part The Reveille has played in promoting this growth. He urged that chapter officers show more promptness in advising National Headquarters of the elections of new chapter officers.

BURIAL SERVICE

The Secretary also urged the adoption of a standard Burial Service, such as California has adopted.

NEW CHAPTERS

Calling attention to the growth of the organization, he pointed out two new chapters had been formed in Wisconsin, as well as a sub-chapter of the Father Duffy Chapter, in Westchester County, New York.

COL. ALLIE ANDERSON

Following adoption of the Secretary's report, Col Allie Anderson delivered a stirring speech, and was followed by Colonel Dravo, and Mangan; Major Palmer and Colonel Mitchell. Barre Blumenthal was called upon for a speech and declined so gracefully that not everyone realized he had not made an oration. Johnny Horan spoke briefly (not mentioning his duck), as did Billy Hitt, of the M. P.'s. The second session then adjourned.

FINAL SESSION

The closing session convened at 10:30 a. m., July 14th. Rainbowner Olin D. Johnston, Governor of South Carolina, addressed the assembly; fol-

lowing which the reports of committees began with the report of the credentials committee. They reported 460 duly authorized delegates registered. The welfare and disabled committee, Dr. McAfee, chairman, recommended the adoption of a uniform burial service, such as has been used in California.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee reported a paid-up membership of 1,525. They presented the following standing in the enrollment drive, South Carolina taking the Governor Brucker Cup for the second year.

South Carolina	5309% increase
Oklahoma	50 % increase
Iowa	4386% increase
Colorado	1311% increase
California	0789% increase
Alabama	0566% increase
Michigan	0307% increase

FINANCE AND BUDGET

This committee, under George L. Irwin, submitted a proposed budget as follows:

General Postage	\$ 100.00
Stationery and Cards	50.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Secretary's Travel and Reunion Expense, not to exceed	200.00
Postage and miscellaneous for President and Treasurer	365.00
The Reveille, for five issues, including address plates	1,755.00
Total	\$2,500.00

On discussion of this measure it was brought out that limitation of The Reveille to five issues would affect its 2nd class privilege. The committee's report was held in abeyance.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Comrade Rosenthaler, chairman, reported that the preceding year's receipts had been \$2,521.36, and that the disbursements had been \$2,470.97. They recommended certain changes in the accounting system, which would require a sworn statement from each chapter Secretary and Treasurer, to be sent to the National office thirty days before each annual Reunion. The report was voted approved.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

General Reilly reported the History three-fourths completed, and urged that certain material be sent to him to be incorporated in the History. A full report of the History Committee appears elsewhere in this issue.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Vice Chairman Steve Masson offered the following amendments:

By-Laws, Art. IV, Section 1: "The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services and expenses as may be authorized by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee."

By-Laws, Art. VI, Section 2: "The Editor of The Reveille shall receive such compensation for his services and expenses as may be authorized by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee."

By-Laws, Art. XII: "The official publication of this Association shall be The Rainbow Reveille."

Constitution Article IV, Section 1. There shall be such Honorary Presidents as may be named by the Association but such candidates shall only be considered upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee."

There was also submitted by National Secretary Sutherland a revised Constitution. After discussion by Comrade Whitney, Blumenthal and Johnson the assembly voted to pass the above enumerated amendment, rather than to adopt a new Constitution.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Wilber Brucker offered resolutions thanking the various national officers for their work during the previous year, commending The Reveille for a successful year, and thanking the D. C. Chapter and its Reunion Committee for a highly successful Reunion. A resolution re-

questing the return to the United States of the body of Dyer J. Bird, of Marion, Ohio, of thanks to the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Commissioners for their work on the Joyce Kilmer memorial, and urging the erection and dedication of Rainbow memorial were also introduced.

A resolution urging that all service men who were wounded, gassed or shell-shocked be eligible to receive the Purple Heart, and asking Congress to accomplish this, and one recommending a study of the organization of a "Sons of Rainbow," were introduced.

REORGANIZING THE RAINBOW

The committee then offered a resolution urging that the Rainbow Division be perpetuated by the reformation of National Guard units from the states originally forming the Rainbow and requesting the War Department to adopt the plan.

All of the above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

Chairman Barre Blumenthal reported that invitations had been received from Miami, Minneapolis, and Kansas City. Minnesota having withdrawn with the understanding that they would renew the invitation next year, the committee reported that after considering the accessibility and convenience to the largest number of comrades, they recommended Kansas City for the place of the next Reunion; the time being any three days which included July 14, 1936. Upon the presentation of this report, Jim Barney asked that Florida's invitation be considered on the floor. On the motion of Bill Hitt, of Virginia, there was a spirited discussion. After a close vote, Kansas City was selected; whereupon Jim Barney asked that the vote for Kansas City be recorded as unanimous.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Jack Clarke submitted the following names in nomination for the respective offices:

First Honorary Permanent President, General Douglas MacArthur; Second Honorary Permanent President, General Henri J. E. Gouraud, of France; Honorary President, M. Manning Marcus, of Washington, D. C.; President, Colonel Ruby D. Garrett, of Kansas City, Mo.; First Vice President, James E. Barney, of Miami, Fla.; Second Vice President, Leland L. Whitney, of Cleveland, Ohio; Third Vice President, Dr. Fred W. McAfee, of Detroit, Mich.; Fourth Vice President, Ralph L. Bryan, of Roanoke, Va.; Chaplain, Father James A. Murray, of Binghamton, N. Y.; Executive Committee, Edward J. Reikert, New York, N. Y.

The nominations having been closed, on a unanimous vote the entire slate was declared elected. President-elect Garrett having briefly greeted the assembly, and the 17th annual Reunion having accomplished its business, it was declared adjourned.

In Memoriam

PAUL D. SMITH

CO. C, 117TH FIELD SIGNAL BTN.
DIED JULY 18, 1935
KANSAS CITY, MO.

JESS KING

CO. C, 117TH FIELD SIGNAL BTN.
DIED JULY 30, 1935

EUGENE FOWLER

COMPANY G, 166TH U. S. INFANTRY
DIED JUNE, 1935
GREENFIELD, OHIO

Speech of General Douglas MacArthur

Delivered at the 17th Annual Reunion of Rainbow Division Veterans

Mr. President and gentlemen of the Rainbow Division, I thank you for the warmth of your greeting. It moves me deeply. It was with you I lived my greatest moments. It is of you I have my greatest memories.

It was 17 years ago—those days of old have vanished, tone and tint; they have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is a land where flowers of wondrous beauty and varied colors spring, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed into fuller bloom by the smiles of yesterday. Refrains no longer rise and fall from that land of used to be. We listen vainly, but with thirsty ear for the witching melodies of days that are gone. Ghosts in olive drab and sky blue and German gray pass before our eyes; voices that have stolen away in the echoes from the battlefields no more ring out. The faint, far whisper of forgotten songs no longer floats through the air. Youth, strength, aspirations, struggles, triumphs, despair, wide winds sweeping, beacons flashing across uncharted depths, movements, vividness, radiance, shadows, faint bugles sounding reveille, far drums beating the long roll, the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the still white crosses!

And tonight we are met to remember.

The shadows are lengthening. The division's birthdays are multiplying; we are growing old together. But the story which we commemorate helps us to grow old gracefully. That story is known to all of you. It needs no profuse panegyrics. It is the story of the American soldier of the World War. My estimate of him was formed on the battlefield many years ago and has never changed. I regarded him then, as I regard him now, as one of the world's greatest figures—not only in the era which witnessed his achievements but for all eyes and for all time. I regarded him as not only one of the greatest military figures but also as one of the most stainless; his name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen.

The world's estimate of him will be founded not upon any one battle or even series of battles; indeed, it is not upon the greatest fields of combat or the bloodiest that the recollections of future ages are riveted. The vast theaters of Asiatic conflict are already forgotten today. The slaughtered myriads of Ghengis Khan lie in undistinguished graves. Hardly a pilgrim visits the scenes where on the fields of Chalons and Tours the destinies of civilization and Christendom were fixed by the skill of Aetius and the valor of Charles Martel.

The time indeed may come when the memory of the fields of Champagne and Picardy, of Verdun and the Argonne shall be dimmed by the obscurity of revolving years and recollected only as a shadow of ancient days.

But even then the enduring fortitude, the patriotic self-abnegation, and the unsurpassed military genius of the American soldier of the World War will stand forth in undimmed luster; in his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me or from any other man; he has written his own history, and written it in red on his enemy's breast, but when I think of his patience under adversity, of his courage under fire, and of his modesty in victory I am filled with an emotion I cannot express. He belongs to history as furnishing one of the greatest examples of successful and disinterested patriotism. He belongs to posterity as the instructor of future generations in the principles of liberty and right. He belongs to the present—to us—by his glory, by his virtues, and by his achievements.

The memorials of character wrought by him can never be dimmed. He needs no statues or monuments; he has stamped himself in blazing flames upon the souls of his countrymen; he has carved his own statue in the hearts of his people; he has

built his own monument in the memory of his compatriots.

The military code which he perpetuates has come down to us from even before the age of knight-hood and chivalry. It embraces the highest moral laws, and will stand the test of any ethics or philosophies ever promulgated for the uplift of mankind. Its requirements are for the things that are right, and its restraints are from the things that are wrong. Its observance will uplift everyone who comes under its influence. The soldier, above all other men, is required to perform the highest act of religious teaching—sacrifice. In battle and in the face of danger and death he discloses those divine attributes which his Maker gave when he created man in his own image. No physical courage and no brute instincts can take the place of the divine annunciation and spiritual uplift which will alone sustain him. However horrible the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest development of mankind.

On such an occasion as this my thoughts go back to those men who went with us to their last charge. In memory's eye I can see them now—forming grimly for the attack, blue-lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain of the fox hole, driving home to their objective, and to the judgment seat of God. I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory.

Never again for them staggering columns, bending under soggy packs, on many a weary march from dripping dusk to drizzling dawn. Never again will they slug ankle deep through the mud on shell-shocked roads. Never again will they stop cursing their luck long enough to whistle through chapped lips a few bars as some clear voice raised the ill of Madelon. Never again ghostly trenches, with their maze of tunnels, drifts, pits, dugouts—never again, gentlemen unafraid.

They have gone beyond the mists that blind us here and become part of that beautiful thing we call the spirit of the Unknown Soldier. In chambered temples of silence the dust of their dauntless valor sleeps, waiting, waiting in the chancery of heaven the final reckoning of Judgment Day. "Only those are fit to live who are not afraid to die."

Our country is rich and resourceful, populous and progressive, courageous to the full extent of propriety. It insists upon respect for its rights, and likewise gives full recognition to the rights of all others. It stands for peace, honesty, fairness, and friendship in its intercourse with foreign nations.

It has become a strong, influential, and leading factor in world affairs. It is destined to be even greater if our people are sufficiently wise to improve their manifold opportunities. If we are industrious, economical, absolutely fair in our treatment of each other, strictly loyal to our Government, we, the people, may expect to be prosperous and to remain secure in the enjoyment of all those benefits which this privileged land affords.

But so long as humanity is more or less governed by motives not in accord with the spirit of Christianity, our country may be involved by those who believe they are more powerful, whatever the ostensible reason advanced may be—envy, cupidity, fancied wrong, or other unworthy impulse may direct.

Every nation that has what is valuable is obligated to be prepared to defend against brutal attack or unjust effort to seize and appropriate. Even though a man be not inclined to guard his own interests, common decency requires him to furnish reasonable oversight and care to others who are weak and helpless. As a rule, they who preach by word or by deed "Peace at any price."

are not possessed of anything worth having, and are oblivious to the interest of others including their own dependents.

The Lord Almighty, merciful and all-wise, does not absolutely protect those who unreasonably fail to contribute to their own safety, but He does help those who, to the limit of their understanding and ability, help themselves. This, my friends, is fundamental theology.

On looking back through the history of English-speaking people, it will be found in every instance that the most sacred principles of free government have been acquired, protected and perpetuated through the embodiment, armed strength of the peoples concerned. From Magna Charta to the present day there is little in our institutions worth having or worth perpetuating that has not been achieved for us by armed men. Trade, wealth, literature, and refinement cannot defend a state—pacific habits do not insure peace nor immunity from national insult and national aggression.

Every nation that would preserve its tranquillity, its riches, its independence, and its self-respect must keep alive its martial ardor and be at all times prepared to defend itself.

The United States is a preeminently Christian and conservative nation. It is far less militaristic than most nations. It is not especially open to the charge of imperialism. Yet one would fancy that Americans were the most brutally blood-thirsty people in the world to judge by the frantic efforts that are being made to disarm them both physically and morally. The public opinion of the United States is being submerged by a deluge of organizations whose activities to prevent war would be understandable were they distributed in some degree among the armed nations of Europe and Asia. The effect of all of this unabashed and unsound propaganda is not so much to convert America to a holy horror of war as it is to confuse the public mind and lead to muddled thinking in international affairs.

A few intelligent groups who are vainly trying to present the true facts to the world are overwhelmed by the sentimentalist, the emotionalist, the alarmist, who merely befog the real issue which is not the biological necessity of war but the biological character of war.

The springs of human conflict cannot be eradicated through institutions but only through the reform of the individual human being. And that is a task which has baffled the highest theologians for 2,000 years and more.

I often wonder how the future historian in the calmness of his study will analyze the civilization of the century recently closed. It was ushered in by the end of the Napoleonic Wars which devastated half of Europe. Then followed the Mexican War, the American Civil War, the Crimean War, the Austro-Prussian War, the Franco-Prussian War, the Boer War, the opium wars of England and China, the Spanish-American War, the Russo-Japanese War and, finally, the World War—which, for ferocity and magnitude of losses, is unequalled in the history of humanity.

If he compares this record of human slaughter with the thirteenth century when civilization was just emerging from the Dark Ages, when literature had its Dante; art its Michaelangelo and Gothic architecture; education, the establishment of the famous colleges and technical schools of Europe; medicine, the organization of hospital systems; and politics, the foundation of Anglo-Saxon liberty, the Magna Charta—the verdict cannot be that wars have been on the wane.

In the last 3,400 years only 268—less than 1 in 13—have been free from wars. No wonder that Plato, that wisest of all men, once exclaimed, "Only the dead have seen the end of war!" Every reasonable man knows that war is cruel and destructive. Yet, our civilization is such that a very little of the fever of war is sufficient to melt its veneer of kindness. We all dream of the day when human conduct will be governed by the Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount. But, as yet it is only a dream. No one desires peace as much as the soldier, for he must pay the greatest penalty in war. Our Army is maintained solely for the preservation of peace—or, for the restoration of peace after it has been lost by statesmen or by others.

Dionysius, the ancient thinker, twenty centuries

ago uttered these words: "It is a law of nature, common to all mankind which time shall neither annul nor destroy, that those that have greater strength and power shall bear rule over those who have less." Unpleasant as they may be to hear, disagreeable as they may be to contemplate, the history of the world bears ample testimony to their truth and wisdom. When looking over the past, or when looking over the world in its present form, there is but one trend of events to be discerned—a constant change of tribes, clans, nations, the stronger ones replacing the others, the more vigorous ones pushing aside, absorbing, covering with oblivion the weak and the worn-out.

From the dawn of history to the present day it has always been the militant aggressor taking the place of the unprepared. Where are the empires of old? Where is Egypt, once a state on a high plane of civilization, where a form of socialism prevailed and where the distribution of wealth was regulated? Her high organization did not protect her. Where are the empires of the East and the empires of the West which once were the shrines of wealth, wisdom, and culture? Where are Babylon, Persia, Carthage, Rome, Byzantium? They all fell, never to rise again, annihilated at the hands of a more warlike and aggressive people, their cultures memories, their cities ruins.

Where are Peru and old Mexico? A handful of bold and crafty invaders destroyed them, and with them their institutions, their independence, their nationality, and their civilization.

And saddest of all the downfall of Christian Byzantium. When Constantinople fell, that center of learning, pleasure, and wealth—and all the weakness and corruption that goes with it—a pall fell over Asia and southeastern Europe which has never been lifted. Wars have been fought these nearly five centuries that have had for at least one of their goals the bringing back under the cross of that part of the world lost to a wild horde of a few thousand adventurers on horseback whom hunger and the unkind climate of their steppes forced to seek more fertile regions.

The thousand years of existence of the Byzantine empire, its size, its religion, the wealth of its capital city were but added incentives and inducements to an impetuous conqueror. For wealth is no protection against aggression. It is no more an augury of military and defensive strength in a nation than it is an indication of health in an individual. Success in war depends upon men, not money. No nation has ever been subdued for lack of it. Indeed, nothing is more insolent or provocative, or more apt to lead to a breach of the peace than undefended riches among armed men.

And each nation swept away was submerged by force of arms. Once each was strong and militant, each rose by military prowess, each fell through degeneracy of military capacity because of unpreparedness. The battlefield was the bed upon which they were born into this world and the battlefield became the couch on which their worn-out bodies finally expired. Let us be prepared, lest we, too, perish.

"They will tell of the peace eternal,

And we would wish them well.

They will scorn the path of war's red wrath

And brand it the road to hell.

They will set aside their warrior pride

And their love for the soldier sons.

But at the last they will turn again

To horse and foot and guns.

"They will tell of the peace eternal.

The Assyrian dreamers did.

But the Tigris and Euphrates ran through ruined lands,

And amid the hopeless chaos

Loud they wept and called their chosen ones

To save their lives at the bitter last,

With horse and foot and gun.

"They will tell of the peace eternal,

And may that peace succeed.

But what of a foe that lurks to spring?

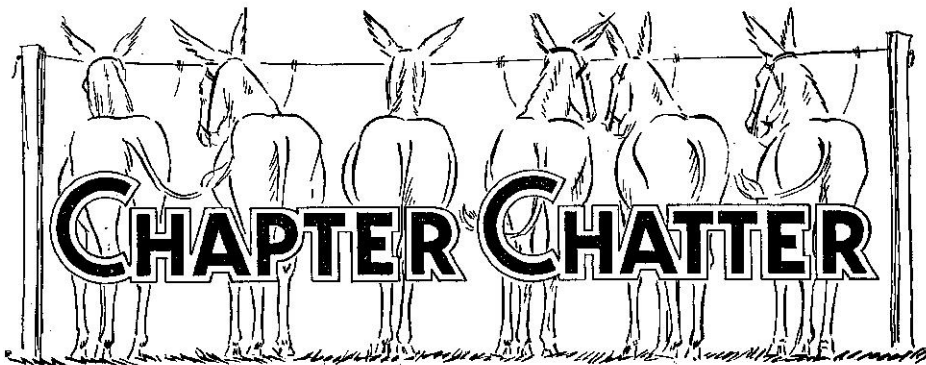
And what a nation's need?

The letters blaze on history's page,

And ever the writing runs,

God, and honor, and native land,

And horse and foot and gun."



VIRGINIA We think down here that we will live now having fully recovered from the Reunion in Washington. We vote orchids to President Marcus and the whole gang from Washington for the splendid party put on.

At the August meeting our old Sergeant, Jimmy Dent, after seven long years as secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Chapter was elected president, and he will be a good one for he surely is a working Hombre where Rainbow is concerned. Other officers are P. R. Karnes, (of Wheeler and Woolsey fame), Roanoke, first vice president; W. W. Crump, of Richmond, second vice president; E. R. Huffman, Roanoke, third vice president; R. Allan Gibbons, Roanoke, secretary-treasurer; E. B. "Rastus" Brown, Roanoke, chaplain, and J. J. Boxley, historian, also of Roanoke.

We congratulate President Garrett on his appointments and our gang goes on record as being all for 'em. Here's to Cover, Rodier, and the others. We hated to see our old friend, Slim Sutherland step down, but then we voted for Miami too.

But here's to Kansas City next year and don't forget, we'll be there.

BILL HITT.

MISSOURI-KANSAS Another National Reunion has come and gone. The naming of Col. Ruby D. Garrett of our Chapter as National President and Kansas City as the 1936 Reunion city are two highly important factors that will serve to bring out the best there is in us for the coming year.

This happens to be no purely local affair. We are counting on every last one of you fellows in Missouri and Kansas to play an important part in building for the 1936 Reunion. It is particularly desirable that Chapter Vice Presidents in various localities stimulates interest in increased membership.

The Chapter has been on the alert since early this summer when, on June 18, a highly enjoyable barbecue was held

at Swope Park, Kansas City, with an attendance of 150 of the tried and true. From the standpoint of entertainment, good eats and ample refreshment it was so successful as to cause a demand on the committee of arrangements for a duplication in September. The crowning achievement of the evening was the enrollment of 55 new paid up members. Our advice to those of you who missed this one is to be on hand in September.

More recently, on August 5, members of the 117th Field Signal Battalion were entertained by Colonel Garrett on the lawn of his home, this being the annual get-together anniversary of their induction into the Federal service in 1917. There was a splendid turnout with the usual enjoyable evening, which always characterize these parties of Colonel Garrett.

The irons we are keeping hottest right now are plans for more and more members. We are off to a flying start for the year and want to reach every available man in Missouri and Kansas. Those of you who are now signed up, pass the word along or better still, write up new memberships on the spot and send them in with the ante to the Chapter secretary.

We have our National President right here in our midst and both he and our Chapter President are working tooth and nail to have Missouri-Kansas live up to its reputation for doing things, as of old. Let's take our cue from them and help build up an organization that will make everyone all sit up and take notice.

REMEMBER IT'S KANSAS CITY IN 1936.

D. G. BURRILL,
Chapter Secretary.

BALTIMORE—The August meeting brought about the installation of our new officers which was consummated with the usual pomp and ceremony. Skeets Fanning, our new president, looked very fetching in a brown and white ensemble. Skeets says if he can't be the best president we ever

had he is going to be the best dressed or bust a blood vessel in the attempt.

At our June meeting some of the Brain Trusters conceived the idea of a constitution and by-laws and with the aid of Steve Masson's brilliant legal mind and an old set of by-laws, long ago outlawed by the Supreme Court, a constitution and by-laws has been drawn up and adopted. Now if you want to call anyone a WHAT YOU MAY CALLUM you have to look it up in the by-laws to find out if it is legal.

Most of the meeting was given over to the more gentlemanly members so they could tell the rougher element how they had acted at the reunion. The reunion was a great success. There had been no horses ahead of us in the B. & O. box-cars thanks to Jimmy Lean and everyone started off fresh and free from BO. Seriously, everyone voted it one of the finest if not the very finest reunion yet. The speeches and the Champagne Hour were most inspiring and will live in everyone's memory for a long, long time.

HARRY STANSBURY.

TEXAS At a rainbow meeting last night at the home of Colonel W. E. Talbot, twenty pledges were secured to start making preparations right now to go by caravan to the Rainbow Reunion at Kansas City next July. Invitations will be extended to all Rainbow men in the state to join the Dallas chapter, and it is expected that, at least 100 to 150, will make this trip. West Texas arrangements are in charge of J. Y. Robb, Big Spring; Central Texas, E. W. Jackson of Austin; South Texas, Sam W. Becker, Houston; North and West Texas, Milton Gaines, Wichita Falls.

Present officers of the Texas Rainbow Division Veterans are W. E. Talbot, President, Dallas, Texas; Vice Presidents, E. W. Jackson, care of Steckle Co., Austin; J. Y. Robb, Big Spring; Milton Gaines, Wichita Falls; and Marion Settegast, Houston; Secretary is Bill Braden, Dallas, Texas.

OHIO Ohians returned from Washington filled with Rainbow pep after enjoying the national reunion activities to the utmost. All agreed that "they'd been somewhere and see something."

It was gratifying to Ohio, too, that Comrade Leland Whitney, of Cleveland, was elected national first vice president and that Ohio ladies were elected president, treasurer and secretary of the national Auxiliary. Mrs. Forbes Lampman, of Columbus; Mrs. Carl Fultz, of Lancaster, and Mrs. James Kristof, of Columbus, were in order, so honored.

There is a big kick, too, in selection

of Sharon Cover, who served with the 166th of Ohio, as the new national secretary. Sharon is a guy who will work through eating and sleeping hours to keep the Rainbow clicking.

Co. D, of Marion, headed by State President Bill Laughman, showed the 166th units how to turn out to a reunion. There were ten of Dyer J. Bird's former comrades at one banquet table.

Most Chapters were on vacation during the summer months, but all have meetings scheduled for and it's going to be a big Rainbow year.

JACK HENRY.

ILLINOIS The Chapter held its annual meeting and election of officers on June 20, last, at the Club Rooms of the Civil Service Post American Legion. Refreshments and entertainment followed the election. In balloting for candidates the Australian ballot was used and the Batteries and Infantry units were allowed votes equal to the number of members in each unit who had paid their annual dues, one method used by our Honorable Secretary to worm our dues out of us. The balance of power at this election was held by "Doc"—James L. Foley, an Old 165th Infantry man who was Chairman over all Infantry units and had a lot of votes to bargain. The following officers were declared elected: President: James E. Mangan; Vice Presidents: John Campbell, George R. Savage, James L. Foley; Secretary and Treasurer: Howard Crowther, and Charlie Bindig.

Jim Mangan, after graciously accepting the honor, was kind enough to say that it made no difference who the president was, as long as Howard Crowther is secretary. We look for a good year under Jim's guidance, and Howard Smith's regime of the preceding year gives him a good mark to shoot at. We received glowing reports from the return pilgrims about the annual convention at Washington and those of us who couldn't make it feel that we missed the best convention yet, if half of what they tell us about this one is true. We understand that Illinois was well represented, with about 35 or more in attendance, not including Paul Koenig who left the convention on the day of the opening because of the exploding of a mysterious torpedo, as well as Illinois' favorite sons, and 100% conventioners, Barre Blumenthal and Fred Crawford, who arrived home sober a week later by way of Canada and Duluth. The choice of Kansas City for next year is a good one for those of us in the Middle West and that city's reputation for heat does not phase us after the last three summers spent in Chicago. The Chapter is sched-

uled to hold its next meeting on September 12, (Legion Club Rooms, 177 N. Clark St.) at which time the new officers will be installed and an interesting program has been arranged by the committee in charge. All Rainbowers within the vicinity of Chicago at that time are urged to attend. "SCRIBE."

WESTCHESTER SUB-CHAPTER

Since returning to the cool Westchester hills we have had an excellently attended get-together at Jim Whiting's Americ anCafe, at Ossining. Having given our president, Ed. O'Dougherty, a well-earned summer's vacation, our party was ably presided over by Johnny Walker, as Master of Ceremonies Deluxe. Al Haste officiated in his unique way as chaplain. However, he became too interested in the shirts worn by Rainbower Harold Frear to render the benediction. We were particularly pleased to see Rainbowers Ralph Bolles, W. T. Kelly, and John W. Reilley attend our spree.

Meyer Levey, our go-getting Federal Chairman of Entertainment, has arranged for us to have our second informal party of the summer. It is to be an all day and evening affair held on Great Captain's Island, off of Greenwich, Conn., in Long Island Sound. Plenty of chow, beer, swimming, dancing, and other sports, will be available for our members, their families and friends.

We take advantage of this opportunity to remark that our newly elected and appointed national officers may one and all count upon us to render every possible cooperation throughout this new Rainbow year. We are going to hold Colonel Garrett to his promise to visit us, too!

By the way, Meyer Levey proposed that we at once start a KANSAS CITY REUNION FUND, adding thereto weekly as our respective incomes warranted. Our members took to his suggestion like ducks to water, so K. C. we are on our way already for the Eighteenth Annual Rainbow Reunion.

BENTLEY MULFORD.

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tion of his ability to get needed military supplies called him "the greatest thief of them all." Garrett was stopped

cold, however, in the recital of his famous "Belongs to Alabama" story, "suffering" as he explained "a linguistic stymie in the presence of the Ladies."

Someone from Westchester, must have been Myer Levy or Bentley Mulford, called "lights out" when he found Gus Hughes and Bill Meade at Michigan's table, and Joe Connolly and Tom Howard at New York's, and surprising as it may be total darkness came upon us and out "pops" a battery of waiters bearing our dessert mounted on illuminated cakes of ice. Fancy that!

General Douglas MacArthur's speech followed the banquet. This masterpiece has been presented on other pages. No comment of mine need be added. However, orchids must be passed to Washington for having so successfully arranged the broadcast of the General's speech over both the National as well as the Columbia networks in a coast to coast hook up.

The Champagne Hour sketch ably presented by the Washington Community Players was put on by Paul Sebastian. The cast can be complimented on its effective presentation. They, as a group, successfully attempted to picture the proverbial Trooper in action, who while he may have been hardened in the crucible of War yet, as in the climax of the sketch, knew how to die, even though vainly, that his comrades might live.

CHAMPAGNE HOUR No one who listened to Col. J. Monroe Johnson as "Master of Ceremonies" can have the least doubt as to the real tie that bound his friendship with Father Duffy. Souls akin they are and ever will be!

Col. Johnson in forceful language depicted the place with "streets paved with gold and homes not built by hands" that shelters our departed Comrades who gather 'round our beloved Father Duffy in Spiritual Reunion each anniversary just as we do here.

So much for those planned affairs which Washington presented with such thoughtful anticipation of our desires and with such efficiency in operation. However, none could have foreseen the intense interest of the meetings which in large part made this Reunion unforgettable.

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