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LEACH TO HEAD GUARD ASSOCIATION

Major General George E. Leach has just been elected President of the National Guards Association; an organization with a membership of 14,000 officers and over 200,000 men from all states. The Associa-

tion assists the Guard units in their financial and legislative programs in the various states and in Washington. The Association is to be congratulated on its choice of General Leach. He is a distinguished soldier; an enthusiastic Guardsman, and a practical politician who will take the association places this year. He recently completed a term as Chief of the Militia Bureau of the War Department and is recognized as a leading authority on the National Guard's function in our national defense. A former National President of the Rainbow Division Veterans and life member of the Executive Committee; General Leach has always been an interested and active Rainbower. He was recently elected Mayor of Minneapolis; and in this office will assist in Minnesotas entertainment of the National Reunion to be held at St. Paul next July. As Chairman of Finance he is already busy at the exceedingly important job of lining the Reunion Committee's war chest. A grand artilleryman; a great Rainbower; a distinguished public servant and a damned good fellow—General, we salute you.

Calling All Vice-Presidents

Our Vice-Presidents, who are charged with an important mission in No Man's Land, are requested to send runners in to G. H. Q., reporting their progress. Their mission is to locate the famous Lost Battalion of Rainbowers who have lost contact with their old buddies—especially the Treasurer.

In Memorium

LESTER SHIBLA
165 Ambulance Co.
Died November 6, 1937
New Jersey

LEON MADLEM
Co. D, 151st M. G. Bn.
November 22, 1937
Lititz, Pa.

CLARENCE S. JUDAH
Co. A - 117 Amm. Train.
Died March 8th, 1937
Abilene, Kansas

RAY C. COLEMAN
Co. F - 117 Eng.
Died October 30, 1937
Glendale, Calif.

HERBERT MELVIN GRONNERUD
149 F. A.
Died August 15, 1937
Pikesville, Ky.

ROY C. COLEMAN
Company F - 117th Engineers
October 30, 1937
Ontario, Calif.



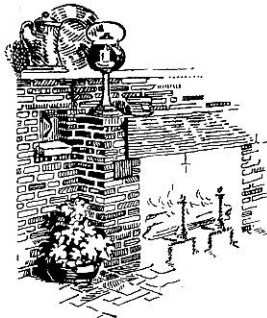
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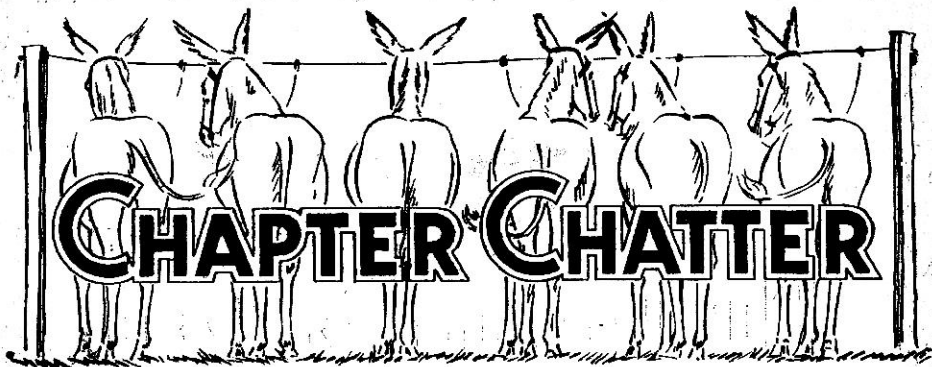
At Christmas, 1937, our thoughts turn to another Christmas twenty years ago. It was the first Christmas many of our boys had spent away from home, and unhappily, the last Christmas many of them ever saw. It was a white Christmas, but the snow was soon to be stained with blood. The twenty years that have elapsed have thinned our ranks and brought many changes. One thing has not changed, nor ever will, and that is the spirit of comradeship linking together every Rainbow veteran, and the thought of that long past Christmas will bring with it a gratitude that our comradeship has survived. As the years roll on this spirit should be more closely cemented because as we grow older we will appreciate more clearly what the Rainbow Division Veterans Association means to us and the thought occurs that an organization composed of our sons and daughters should be formed to perpetuate the memory of our old Division.

With this in mind, I extend to you the Rainbow's wishes for a

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Jack A. Clarke





MINNESOTA

This is one of the busiest times of the year for the Minnesota Rainbowers. We have our Armistice celebrations and this year it was certainly a 100% affair. The lunch room at the Covered Wagon reserved for the Rainbowers was packed, not even standing room. And when 2:30 Parade time rolled around, there was the largest turnout since we paraded down Nicollet Avenue for our homecoming in 1919. The party in the evening was also well attended and to sum up the whole day's activity, it was a "wow".

Then Thanksgiving, when we filled up our baskets, and took them to the boys who are sick or up against it through no fault of their own, everyone again, including the newly formed ladies' auxiliary, responded 100%. That is something for people to be thankful for.

On the fifteenth of December we will hold our Christmas Party which is always a great day for our youngsters. And the Minneapolis Chapter do themselves proud the way they put it over.

Our battery nights are bringing out a lot of new faces and we are always glad to see the results each one of these nights bring.

"D" Battery, under the leadership of their first-sergeant, Ed Place, will hold their annual meeting of the Last Man Club and we know from past experience that they are going to have a wonderful time and that they will bring some new faces to our next chapter meeting.

John Dunphy, chairman of the entertainment committee for the National Reunion, is working over time to line up entertainment for all of our visitors. Kelly Ware, National Vice-President is getting out a letter which he hopes will bring in lots of friendship plus a few dues.

The officers of the Officers Last Man Club of the 151st held their annual meeting at the home of General Leach. Their secretary Norm Hendrickson, promises an item for our next issue.

FRANK WEST

NEW YORK

Ed Rickert, our president, and Jack Kerrigan, the chairman, send their thanks to the men of the Rainbow who attended the dinner in New York during the Legion Convention. The gang is still talking about this affair which was by far the biggest reunion of any divisional organization held that week.

Bill Carroll, the 1938 Ball Chairman, who between committee meetings is one of Father Knickerbocker's more handsome police lieutenants, is out to make this yearly affair of our's one that will be long remembered. Scheduled for the Manhattan Opera House next April, Bill's committee is already on the job making plans for the success of this annual get-together.

Our clubroom is gradually taking on the appearance of a real swanky home. With its thick green carpet, open fireplace and richly upholstered furniture we have a place that we are proud of. Well, after all, nothing is too good for the Rainbow.

Jolly Tom Mullady put over a great party for Armistice day. Our old friends, the Police Glee Club gave us a swell musical program. A friend of Jack Ryan's aided by the influence of plenty of beer, put on a baffling show of needle swallowing and other magic. The long-distance honors go to Jim Curry of "L" Company who came from Altoona to be with us that night.

Bill Friedlander told of the very pleasant visit he had with the Detroit Chapter last month. He mentioned in particular the thrill he got out of their International meeting night. This seems like a swell idea and Detroit should tell us all about it.

Johnny (I second it) O'Neill, our pulchritudinous vice-president, has been appointed by Jack Clarke as chairman of membership for the East. Johnny's enthusiasm for the Rainbow should bring results, also, the lessons he is getting from Jack Ryan our New York chairman.

By the way, Jane Nash took charge of the shower tendered to Lillyan Hughes by the Auxiliary following her announcement

of her engagement to Mr. Lester F. Rogenstein. The shower was, to put it mildly, a great success. It is the wish of every member of the Chapter and the Auxiliary that she and Lester have a long and happy married life, and incidently we are now all looking forward to an invitation to dance at the wedding.

The next meeting of the Father Duffy Chapter will be held on Friday, December 17th. The Chapter now meets in the New Father Duffy Memorial Rooms, which it will be remembered were dedicated officially on the night of the Rainbow Reunion Dinner during the American Legion Convention.

Don't forget to start to save your francs for that trip to the Rainbow Reunion in New York in 1939 after you get back from Minnesota next summer.

JIM STRIFFLER

MARYLAND CHAPTER

Maryland Chapter has been through a series of brawls since our last letter. Committee meetings, Chapter meetings and dances, so called. Every one a masterpiece in its own way. Our last meeting was marked by a clash between two elements. The question being whether we should have the Governor or a strip tease artist at our annual dinner. It culminated in an open clash between Abe Stout who wanted "you know who" and Marvin Wall who demanded the Governor. As far as most of us are concerned we don't care as long as it is the strip tease artist.

Came the Dance. Ah, what a dance. Many of the old forgotten faces. Forgotten except in nightmares that is. Clint Davidson, Moe Cammon, Nauts Rigdon, Webby Crowl, Bill Smith and others. They come out of their holes occasionally like we did at Sommironci just for a moment and back they go again. The older and uglier Webby Crowl gets the better he dances and the better looking his girls get to be. What a system! What a system!

Rip Cairns had a bottle of seltzer backfire on him and had to go home and put on another shirt. Imagine an ex-Trench Mortarman with two shirts. Wealth hasn't turned Rip's head a bit however.

High lights of the evening were Doc McMains doing the black apple or big bottom, whatever it is and Temp Gladman mugging his partner in an adagio dance.

Need I say more?

HARRY STANSBURY

PENNSYLVANIA

It seems that an eligible Rainbower is missing something if he doesn't have contact with a chapter. You may not have served with the outfit in your community, but did you ever notice how you feel at home wherever Rainbown men are as-

sembled. That's the spirit which prevails in our organizations and that's wherein we differ from many.

If you are out of the fold or haven't turned in your dues, get connected at once with your nearest chapter.

Lancaster reports the passing of Rainbower Leon Madlem on November 22, Commander of American Legion Post No. 56, Lititz. He was always active in Legion affairs of the County and served two terms as Commander. Leon was 38 years old and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

JOHN D. BRENNER
Lancaster Chapter

OHIO

Another Chapter has been organized in Ohio, the newcomer being Sedan Chapter formed at Toledo on November 20th with Glenn Sherer as president. This brings the total active Chapters to twelve.

The game supper at Marion is December 3rd, and at Lancaster on December 16th. Many from all over the state are planning to attend those meetings, and also the Cleveland meeting on December 16th when Whitney, Darnier and Harmon speak on their trip and the latter shows his overseas movies. Eli and Harlow spoke of their trip at the November meeting.

Akron Chapter President Ray Nice, an Akron officer, was seriously injured in a crash in November while chasing a speeder on a motorcycle. His left wrist, right shoulder and nose were fractured and he was also painfully cut and bruised.

Not long before he got banged up in a traffic crash, President Ray Nice and ex-President Ed Weitzel gave blood for a transfusion to a child of a Rainbower.

Mansfield Chapter is planning a big dance after the first of the year. Akron Chapter is now meeting at the beautiful Firestone Post V. F. W. home at 280 West South Street on Summit Lake. Comrade Clarence J. Cupp of Toledo, state commander of the Purple Heart, goes soon to the veterans hospital at Milwaukee for treatment.

The state organization is sending to each paid-up state member this year one of the Rainbow insignia sold by American Legion headquarters and which are worn on caps or uniforms of various veterans organizations. Rainbowners will be able to recognize other Rainbown men at meetings of veterans and get together.

Any Rainbown veteran residing in Ohio and 166th Infantry veterans everywhere will be added to the Ohio Rainbow Reveille mailing list by writing state headquarters, 131 N. Main St., Marysville, Ohio.

Lt. W. B. (Doc) Hyer was elected recently as president of Ancerville P. C. Chapter at Washington C. H.

JACK HENRY

CALIFORNIA

Ho, hum! Here we are out here under the bright, warm sun, just full of pity for you Rainbowers back East stoking the old furnace. Pour another one, pal and let's get on with the story.

Well, it seems that the Rainbow was the talk of the town on Armistice Day. The boys turned out in goodly numbers to follow the Rainbow thru the streets of Los Angeles to the cheers of the populace. No fooling—all along the line, from Boy Scouts on up oldsters who will always recognize the symbol of our Division, the cheers of the multitude were like balm to the sore feet of the marchers!

After the parade, the boys found their way to Patriotic Hall and the poker game and beer. And, later in the evening, a short business meeting was held. Thereafter, and until too late to mention, the boys held forth in royal style.

The DECEMBER MEETING will be on THURSDAY, the 9th, in Patriotic Hall. The Ladies Auxiliary will put on a feed that ought to satisfy even the champion of the "Seconds" line, with a regular business meeting to follow about eight o'clock. Rainbowers in the vicinity of Los Angeles: paste this date in your hat, for a big evening.

December 18th is the date announced for the Annual Christmas Party for Rainbow kids. The boys will dig up a tree, and the girls will trim it up pretty. And Santa Claus himself will have something on hand for every Rainbow kid in the hall. Entertainment will be supplied by professionals, supplemented by the kids themselves. What a time is in store for all of us that night!

It is with deep sorrow that we record in these pages the passing of Roy C. Coleman, of Company F, 117th Engineers, on Saturday, October 30th. Roy was one of the most ardent supporters of Rainbow activities in California, and will be missed by his comrades. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his widow and children. A military funeral was conducted in Forest Lawn Memorial Park on Tuesday, November 2nd, jointly by the Rainbow Division Veterans and the American Legion.

All Rainbowers are asked to be on the lookout for a man representing himself as DON E. WRIGHT, Headquarters Co., 149th F. A. Notify William E. McCants, Fielding Hotel, San Francisco, who is holding a bad check issued by this man.

MARK TIME

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

"The big December event is the annual D. C. Chapter Dance to be held on the night of the eleventh at the Indian Springs Golf and Country Club. Let's back up Elmer Neagle and his hard working committee and help make this a festive occa-

sion by welcoming National President Jack A. Clarke who has promised to be present.

There was a good turn out on November 20th with dinner at Schneider's Cafe. One of our old comrades and former Chapter President Colonel Charles A. Dravo, Adjutant General D. C. National Guard was present to greet the boys and his reminiscing talk was appreciated.

Comrade Harold B. Rodier was appointed by President Reinhard as Chairman of the Tri-Chapter Washington's Birthday Party and Harold has already selected his committees, so we are assured another good time on February 22 here in the Capitol City.

Major L. A. Smith's opportunity came to bank "Bank Nite Fund". Will it knock again, wait until January meeting.

Your Secretary has some copies of History, "Americans All - The Rainbow at War". Why not do yourself and the Chapter a good turn and buy one for \$3.00 for 888 pages of good historical reading you helped to make.

Comrades Marcus and Dravo were the speakers at the Kiwanis Armistice Day Exercises at Alexandria.

The Chapter extends its sympathy to Comrade Walker H. Colston and family at the passing of his mother.

Comrade Edward Victor Kestner died August 12 at Walter Reed Hospital and was buried at Reading, Pa. He was Capt. Co. A., 149 Machine Gun Battalion.

The D. C. Chapter extends greetings for a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

WALTER E. FILLMAN

IOWA

The Des Moines Chapter gave a dinner Armistice Day, November 11th, 1937. Seventy-five Buddies attended; among them were some of the officers of the 168th Infantry, Brig. General Lloyd D. Ross, Adj. Gen. Charles Grahl and Col. E. R. Bennett all of Des Moines. Among the officers in the Rainbow Chapter of Iowa present were, Vice-President John Rissey of Eldora, Iowa; Vice-President Wilbur Gibbe of Stuart, Iowa; A. A. Montgomery, Secretary of Stuart, Iowa and Homer W. Gardner, Treasurer, Des Moines, Iowa.

President of the Des Moines Chapter Carl Kramer presided.

There was War songs by all present and believe me the boys have not lost their voices; of course every one was called on to say something and tell where they were November 11, 1918; and as you can imagine some of the stories or tales that were told; as a "Buck" in the Infantry can really spread it on.

On November 19, the Des Moines Chapter gave a "Lotto Party" at the Veterans Hospital and One hundred and thirty-five patients in the Hospital attended. It

was held in the Recreation Room and prizes were given, all furnished by the Local Chapter. The committee in charge of the entertainment was Al Davis, Chairman, assisted by Eddie Blegelid, Harry W. Warlick, Roy Goodwin, George Dawson and Carl Kramer.

JACK LANPHERE. MICHIGAN

Hello there No. 421! Have you heard that the "Bees" went slumming again? This time they were rewarded with spare-ribs "sans couteau au fouchette", but with the accent on the dark meat. All of which happened in Fort Wayne when the "Ban-tams" visited with "Chick" Fenton and the "Last Man's Club". We hear that "Chick" has another more exclusive club, "C. S. O. M." which is worth joining, if you can qualify.

But the Williams and the Lowes are not the only Rainbowers who get around. Al Powers dropped down out of a murky sky from Chicago in time for the Armistice Dance; Earl Waldon and E. Runald came in from Flint and Roy Beard from Lansing to take in the last Chapter Meeting; Bob Kersul drove down from Port Huron to attend the previous meeting, and Bartlett was down from Pontiac for both. The way we figure our Kilos, it looks as if those boys travelled about 2,000 man miles in the last thirty days to take part in Rainbow Doings.

Seems to me that we ought to start a Rainbow "Beaucoup Kilometer Club" and that these ardent Rainbowers be nominated as charter members along with that old and original Atlantic and Pacific Rainbower, Walt Michel and that distance annihilator, Ruby Garrett.

Speaking of kilometers, the 42 Allied and German Veterans at our last "International Night" came a long way from their original homes yet the distance had no effect on their appetite. One of the "Heinies" downed 7 bowls of Bob Curlett's stew—and was it good! Just ask the 125 who were present. But Bob's stew is nothing compared to the "stew" that President "Pop" Irwin is in, trying to explain to Chett Lowe why there were more Artillery men present at the November meeting than Ambulance men present at the October meeting. We'll do "Pop" a favor and let him know just why the Ambulance men were "nosed" out; Rosenthaler came down for the Artillery Night. The Armistice Dance put on by Sam Miller was just another of the long line of successes; 800 or more present, and there could have been a lot more if a lot of guys we know didn't stay at home. But success it was and again our congratulations and thanks to Sam Miller and to all who helped. Coming events; Children's Party and in January a joint meeting with the Cleveland Chapter.

C. L. HOULE.

Farrier Herbert C. George

A sophisticated rhetorician, inebriated by the exuberance of his verbosity; but one of the best goshdarned soldiers to serve the Rainbow—meet comrade Herbert C. George. An old, nay an almost decrepid National Guardsman when War broke out; Herbert served gallantly in the 165th Field Hospital during the war and since then has served in the regular army, being stationed now at Fort Bliss, Texas. With years of Guard service, Herbert had developed many talents which well served his organization. Hard working, zealous, unassuming, his homely but polysyllabic philosophy lightened everyone's task. Typical of Herbert's service was his activity during the constant shelling of the hospital the night of July 14th. Well justified by his assignment in staying safely in a dugout; without orders he worked 'topside' all night, making coffee and serving patients and corpsmen. Did Herbert get a medal for this undeniably gallant conduct? Dear me, no; he got the raspberry. As one Comrade snorted, at the time, "Just like the Farrier, the damned fool!" Sure it was just like Herbert; it was just like the Rainbow. That is why we are proud of the Farrier; and proud of the grand old Division he served so well.

HAROLD B. RODIER



Herbert C. George

The Desk of the National Secretary

Sharon C. Cover
4643 Nottingham Rd., Detroit, Mich.

"On Right Into Line" seems to best express the spirit of the Rainbow in this our 20th Anniversary of the great call to arms. The first quarter of our year has been filled with splendid activity and the formation of new Chapters at Waterloo, Iowa; Toledo, Ohio; Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Bloomington, Indiana.

Plans are under way for Chapters at Peoria, Ill.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Oskaloosa, Iowa and Portland, Oregon. Renewed activity is being evidenced at Macon, Georgia; Memphis, Tenn. and Daytona Beach, Fla.

Rainbow's outlook for this administration is nothing short of splendid. Earl E. Young of Youngstown writes that he has rounded up some fifty Rainbowers and that their application for Chapter will be sent in soon. History is repeating itself, for interest in the old "outfit" is growing by leaps and bounds. The fellows who wouldn't turn out even on Armistice Day for the past fifteen years are now getting "itchy" for the old comradeship, born in combat, which makes us all "blood brothers", to quote Col. J. Monroe Johnson. "Fess-up, old timer, is there anything you are prouder of than the fact that you served with the Rainbow?"

Come on there, fellah, and respond to that something inside of you that makes you proud every time you hear the Rainbow mentioned. Start 1938 right by getting back with YOUR GANG. Turn out to the January meeting of your Chapter or if a member at large, just tear off the little application form and send it in with your NATIONAL BUCK. There is no back dues in Rainbow. The new membership cards for this year are keen and you'll be mighty proud of yours. Your "buck" will insure keeping the REVEILLE going to every known Rainbower. It's true spirit of the old Rainbow and thanks heaps for doing your part.

RAINBOWERS EVERYWHERE AND LADIES OF THE "AUX"

With the advent of the Yuletide season ushering in Xmas and the New Year the National Officers of your Rainbow Division Veterans take this opportunity to extend to every last veteran of the old Division best wishes for a very Merry Xmas and best wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity throughout 1938.

We urge that you will not forget our less fortunate members who may be in hospitals or ill at home. To these men of the Rainbow we send GOOD CHEER and pray for a speedy convalescence.

To our Ladies of the Rainbow, who serve so splendidly in the "support position", we want you to know that you are to share generously in the above greeting.

CHAPTER QUOTAS

With the Holidays so near at hand we are going to refrain from the old "refrain" but please look the "standings" over, and then, let your conscience be your guide. Why not extend the spirit of giving to your Rainbow, TOO?

QUOTA CHART AS OF NOVEMBER 26, 1937			
State	Quota	Dues Paid	%
Maryland	62.00	52.00	84
Colorado	42.00	28.00	67
Oklahoma	73.00	40.00	55
New Jersey	72.00	39.00	54
Alabama	152.00	79.00	52
District of Columbia	71.00	37.00	52
Virginia	48.00	25.00	51
Nebraska	33.00	17.00	50
Iowa	211.00	100.00	48
Minnesota	195.00	84.00	43
Illinois	417.00	173.00	41
Wisconsin	107.00	38.00	35
Michigan	214.00	70.00	32
Ohio	585.00	184.00	31
Texas	59.00	18.00	30
Indiana	286.00	83.00	29
South Carolina	110.00	15.00	13
Pennsylvania	239.00	20.00	09
New York	679.00	51.00	07
California	296.00	21.00	07
National	290.00	17.00	06
Florida	40.00	2.00	05
Tennessee	36.00	1.00	03
Georgia	42.00	1.00	02
Missouri-Kansas	150.00	2.00	01
Oregon	31.00	0.00	00

(If you belong to a Chapter, send to Chapter Secretary)

SHARON C. COVER, Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans
4643 Nottingham Road, Detroit, Michigan

Dear Comrade Secretary:—

I am proud of being a Rainbower and want to do my part to keep the Rainbow Division Veterans Association going. So I INCLOSE HERewith \$1.00, for my National dues and subscription to the REVEILLE for the year ending July 1938.

Yours in the Rainbow,

T. E. Nelson
75 Orchard Lane
Columbus, Ohio