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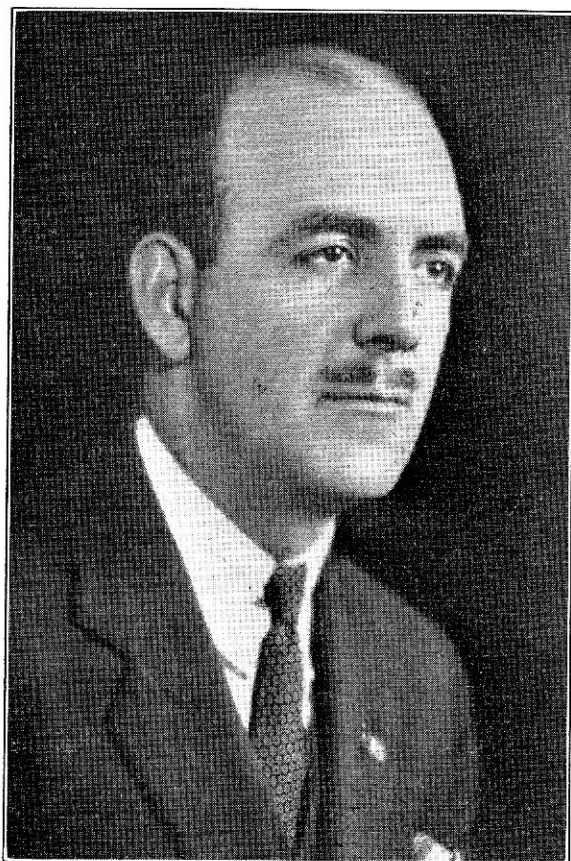
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The Reveille Becomes a Monthly

With this issue, the REVEILLE becomes a monthly magazine instead of a bi-monthly. Reduced in size to eight pages, it will come to you twice as frequently; filled with Rainbow news while it is still news. Increasingly useful to Chapters in reaching their member-

ship with notice of events to come and stories of Rainbow activities; the increased number of issues will cost you no more. But if you want the magazine to stay a monthly, it is necessary for every Chapter to meet its quota promptly.

With this issue, the magazine is printed by The Reveille Press, a printing plant under your Editor's direction, organized primarily to handle the printing requirements of Rainbow organizations.

Minnesota Looks at Reunions

After each Reunion the one thing that stands out in each mind is, "Why does this or that City or State want the next Reunion," knowing well the amount of hard work and worry which goes along with it.

Minnesota wants it for several reasons! We had many Replacements from every State in the Union who have never seen the State which they served during the War. Many of our men are scattered from New York to California and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. We want to make this Twentieth Annual Reunion a big homecoming. We want to entertain all of our Replacements and show them that we love them and that they are really a part of us.

We had the pleasure of entertaining you in 1922. At that time we had not had much experience with National Reunions. Since the first Reunion in Germany, Minnesota has always had a delegation at each Reunion. We have learned from these Reunions just what sort of entertainment you like. First Vice-President, John Dunphy, who is General Chairman, says that St. Paul is going to go the limit to give it to you.

Minnesota is centrally located in the United States and with our ten thousand lakes, our great parks and outdoor playgrounds of which we are so proud, we feel sure that you will enjoy your Reunion and vacation. (We have no need for a fire escape salesman so do not know what our Chaplain will do.)

Each Reunion leaves a different picture in our minds;

At Des Moines, Iowa, we had the large out of doors stag and party, (Two ounces with each bottle); Macon, Georgia had its Southern hospitality; Chicago had its World's Fair with Freddie and Barry; Detroit had its moonlight Boatride with Governor Brucker and his gang trying to sing "I Want to go Back To Michigan", but could not remember the words. (Minnesota Gang sang it for them.) At Washington, the whole Capital City was at our service; Kansas City we had Ruby Garrett with "Let's Be Serious"; At Columbus we had the memorial to Col. Benson W. Hough and the wonderful fireworks display. And so it has been with each and every city from the beginning, just one grand and glorious time.

For these reasons and many others Minnesota will be anxiously waiting to entertain you in 1938 at St. Paul, your host City.

FRANK WEST

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This being the first issue of the REVEILLE for the 1937-1938 term, it is my desire to express herein my deep feeling of appreciation and thanks for the great honor that you have bestowed upon me by electing me National President. It is difficult to express in words the knowledge that this honor can only be given to so very few; but the wheel of luck has fallen my way, and I have been endeavoring to find an adequate way of showing my appreciation. As I have said, words cannot express how I feel, so I will attempt by action to try to convince you of my sincerity.

It is a fact known by every Rainbow man that our Division's reputation and our Association's existence today were achieved primarily through hardship, suffering, and death. We have seen, and are seeing, some of our buddies go through this world today maimed, others we have seen die in France, and have watched more go since our return in 1919. These men were Rainbow men far greater than we are, and I know that their one cherished hope and thought was for us to continue to bring before our Country the spirit of the 42nd Rainbow Division. So, if for no other reason, our duty is clear. We must continue the existence of the National Association Rainbow Division Veterans.

To accomplish this purpose, we must have the 100% cooperation of every man, whether he be a National Officer, a Chapter Officer, or one of the men of the ranks. It makes no difference, because we are all equal; all Rainbow men. With this thought in mind, every Rainbow man with pride in the Division which has given us the opportunity to feel that we have accomplished something great in life, can show his good faith by coming into the ranks as a paid-up member of his Rainbow Chapter.

I am positive that it is carelessness, oversight, or some other small, petty reason that allows approximately 12,000 copies of the REVEILLE to be sent out every month to be paid for by less than 3,000 paid-up members of the National Association. I think you will agree with me that the success of our Rainbow since 1917 until the present day has been due to the individual who has carried his own burden, and where he knew of one of his buddies not being able to do his part, he has stepped in and carried not only his own burden but part of the other fellow's.

I trust that you, who are reading this article, will not judge me wrongly for talking money in the first issue. My job is to carry on this Association for one year. Your job is to assist me in doing whatever you can to enable this administration, and the many more administrations to follow, to accomplish the many things that your national dues are doing for the good of every member of our Division as well as for the good of your Rainbow Association.

I wish to take this opportunity of extending my congratulations and best wishes to all newly elected Officers of all Chapters of our Association, and I want you to feel that the National Officers stand ready to assist you in any way possible that will be for the betterment of your Chapter and your Association.

In closing, it is my hope that God will watch over every one of you, your families, and those who are dear to you, and that at the next Reunion which will be held at St. Paul, Minnesota, it will be my great privilege to see all of you in the best of health and enjoying happiness and prosperity.

JACK A. CLARKE,

President, Rainbow Division Veterans

"To The Ladies"

No words can quite express my profound appreciation for the great honor of being elected President of our National Auxiliary. My desire is that I may be worthy of the trust that you have conferred upon me.

During the recent annual Reunion held in Columbus, Ohio, the following officers were elected: First Vice President, Mrs. Ruth Butts of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Second Vice President, Mrs. Lilymae Weitzel of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. As our National Secretary, I have appointed Mrs. Margaret Jodel of St. Paul, Minnesota, to assist me in making this a great Auxiliary year. My other appointments are Mrs. Nora Dunphy of St. Paul, Minn., Treasurer; and Mrs. Ruth Kaster of Minneapolis, Minn., Welfare Chairman. These National officers are a fine representative group of women with

strong bonds of sentiment and devotion for all Rainbow Veterans and their families. They are quite anxious to make this year an outstanding one in attainment and success. This can only be accomplished by enthusiastic responses and pledges of active cooperation and support from you all.

To National President, Jack A. Clarke, we of the Auxiliary pledge our allegiance and whole hearted support throughout the coming year.

This year should be filled with constructive planning toward a goal which will be worth while. Let us concentrate on membership, as increased membership means increased service to our organization. Let us double our efforts, thus enhancing all of our members with the joys of service and the bonds of friendship which make our organization so dear to us all.

MRS. MABEL W. LINCOLN

Columbus Reunion Highlights

By Al Hoyt

Men of destiny—Rainbow Men—once more they gather from far and near for the 19th annual reunion in Columbus, Ohio. There is old Bill Williamson from California—seldom misses and for his faithfulness was this year elected to the Executive Committee. From Chicago, the lovable Fred Crawford and the distinguished Barre Blumenthal. From New Jersey, we have the veteran Bill Nevius, who hasn't missed a reunion, including the first one in Germany and the one in France—but called away from this one because of strike troubles—did you make the box car bill? And here's the New York delegation, headed by Eddie Reikert—twice elected president of Father Duffy Chapter—and in the delegation is Jim Stiffler and the one and only Johnny O'Neil (Ducks-Pigeons-Pigs) and who for his loyalty in seconding any and all motions as well as offering a few unique motions on his own account was elected a Vice President. There are the inseparable Jim Dent and Bill Hitt of Virginia—you can't shake those military police! There goes Walker Colston (from D. C.) There Hollywood overlooks a bet! Also from Washington our old friend Manning Marcus; and Editor Harold Rodier, who enroute almost lost his wife, his family and his trailer, but turned up smiling as usual—From Missouri that irresponsible jester Colonel Ruby Garrett—Also from Missouri, last year's National Treasurer Ramsey and his lovely lady. Here comes Leslie Langele (Men of the Rainbow) of Chicago who is rapidly establishing a reputation for comedy along with Rainbow's best. And as we expected, here's the faithful Fleckenstein of Pennsylvania who year after year carries on a one man crusade for Rainbow—without a chapter—his forces scattered—but his spirit undaunted. Who was that just flashed by?—Oh Yes, Sharon Cover (Pronounced Coover—authority Garrett) our dynamic secretary, and what a swell job he had done these last two years. Rainbow knows and appreciates Sharon—and Hello Glenna. From Baltimore comes that old smoothie, man about town and boulevardier Steve Masson, and the handsome Jack Clarke who is our new President. From Minnesota we have faithful Frank West and that splendid old warrior John J. "Top Kick" Dunphy—Dunphy who lost the reunion last year but came back this year and got it and the Vice-Presidency to boot—so next year we go to St. Paul and blessings on your Irish Soul for "you are a better man than I am." Wait a minute—there are some familiar faces missing—where are Joe Justad, Clarence Houle and Pinkey Mulford? Also Bill and "Ma" Talbot—and other faces we would like to have seen—Matt Tinley, Hank Reilly and Bill Screws (Alabama's Own in France). That was Dan Glossbrenner and Garrett Olds, two old faithful's from Indiana, who just went by

and here comes that smiling Ted Hagan—the New York lad who now hails from Alabama (allright Sergeant) and who has just been made a Vice-President. And now we see that famous convention Cane and behind it is Lawrence Wilson of Wisconsin—Fred Crawford forgot his cane this year but the jokesters swiped his pipe and harmonica and as usual the disappearance we credited to Father Murray's "erring children." Now there is a character, Father Murray—a Buck Private during the war, he knows all the ways and weaknesses of soldiers and men—so step right up and tell the truth boys, or you are sunk. Having graduated from the ranks of the A. F. A. (Assistant Pastor's Alliance) he is now a full fledged Pastor and has charge of the Sub-Diocese of Holland Patent, N. Y. Passing through the Mezzanine we see those splendid Ohio boys carrying on so loyally in memory of their "Old Man"—Their chairman and many of their committee members absent on strike duty, they fill up the gaps and go smiling through. And outstanding among them is Sammy Lichtenstein, who lost his leg in battle when only 17 years old—patiently dragging his burden and smiling he seems to be everywhere at once—and his two sons are destined for West Point, if you please! Naturally, Michigan is here in force—their gay caps everywhere—and what a crew they are. We look into reunion headquarters and there carrying on alone behind the scenes is Alice Witt, whose husband was a Rainbow Soldier and a member of the Distinguished Service Corps—last year it was Moorine Coates, who is here this year—and is she popular! We mustn't forget the lovely ladies—Auxiliary president Edna Lampman, and Columbus President Nelle Patterson—Mother and Estelle Frew.

Let us pass into the business meeting where we are welcomed by a man who speaks our language—Mayor Myron Gessaman, an oversea veteran, if you please. The time and place committee, report they had a \$20,000.00 offer from the Chamber of Commerce of Holland Patent, N. Y., but since they were unable to find the place on any map, they recommend we go to St. Paul. Steve Masson, (constitution and by-laws): "since we cannot make you guys follow the Constitution we have decided to make the Constitution follow you." And Comrade Seigel of Tennessee having declared his blood, his manhood and his citizenship, we respectfully recommend that the body politic of Knoxville re-elect him to his seat in council. The Rainbow now having been safely turned over to a new set of officers and the business being finished we join Elmer Nagle, (now of the executive committee) and repair to Ohio's Historic State Capitol to dedicate a Plaque to the memory of our first president Benson W. Hough. Here under the rotunda of this beautiful old building, built before the

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Resume of Reunion Business

The official proceedings of the 19th annual reunion of Rainbow Division Veterans opened at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, on the afternoon of July 12, 1937, President Leland L. Whitney, presiding.

The first session was, as usual, devoted to an exchange of greetings, and the usual series of brief speeches by various Rainbow men. The principle addresses were made by Father James L. Murray, our National Chaplain, and by Colonel Ruby Garrett, our toastmaster and raconteur extraordinaire. Each speech was a masterpiece in its own inimitable way.

The second session opened the following morning and after several introductions Comrade Rieker on behalf of the Father Duffy chapter extended an invitation to all Rainbowners to attend the Rainbow banquet and party to be held at the Lexington Street armory in New York City, on the evening of September 22, during the American Legion convention being held there at that time.

National Secretary, Sharon C. Cover rendered his report for the year. It indicated a healthy and vigorous growth in activities and receipts, and showed a cash balance on hand in the treasury. For his splendid and successful activities Secretary Cover was extended a vote of thanks by the reunion.

The History Committee rendered a report through its Chairman, Governor Wilber N. Brucker. The History Committee reported a wider sale of the history should be developed during the coming year both in the interests of the financing of the history, which can only be amortized through the sale of a good many more copies than have been sold to date; and further to put this splendid history into the hands of every interested party. It was urged that every chapter purchase a number of histories to keep on hand for re-sale to their membership. After several further introductions the session adjourned.

On Wednesday morning, July 14, the final session opened. The membership committee, Ted Hagen, Chairman, recommended the maintenance of a Rainbow headquarters at all National Reunions of Veteran's organizations, and the mailing of the REVEILLE to non-members for a period of three years. The report accepted.

The Budget and Finance Committee, Jack Clarke, Chairman, submitted the following budget for the year:

General Postage Account.....	\$125.00
Stationery and Membership Cards.....	150.00
Secretary's Services and Expenses (amount to be decided by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, not to exceed \$200).....	200.00
Secretary's Administrative Allowance.....	150.00
Postage and miscellaneous for President and Treasurer.....	250.00
Ten issues of Rainbow REVEILLE—\$200.....	2000.00
Miscellaneous.....	50.00
Changing address plates, etc.....	175.00

The Committee on REVEILLE and publications, Manning Marcus, Chairman, recommended that the REVEILLE be published monthly from September to June instead of bi-monthly as heretofore. The report was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee, Wilber N. Brucker, Chairman, introduced resolutions of thanks and commendation toward the following individuals and organizations:

The Governor of the State of Ohio, Honorable Martin L. Davey;
The Mayor of Columbus, Honorable Myron B. Gessaman;
Mr. Arthur L. Evans, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus;
Chief Dunn, Chief of Police of Columbus;
Ed Welch, Chief of the Fire Department, also a veteran;
Harry E. French, Director of Public Safety;
General Frank D. Henderson, Chairman of the Reunion Committees;
Franklin Post No. 1 of the American Legion;
Post No. 1598 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
Hinfline and Hinflin, owners of Gletangy Park;
Major General Cole, commanding officer of Fort Hayes;
President Leland L. Whitney;
Sharon C. Cover, National Secretary;

Reverend Father James A. Murray, Chaplain;
George B. Foerster, National Treasurer;
Harold B. Rodier, Editor of the Rainbow REVEILLE.
E. Don Hennessey, Sergeant-at-Arms.

There was also introduced:

A resolution adopting bandmaster V. D. Nirella's "The Rainbow Division March" as the official march of the Rainbow Division.

A resolution thanking John R. Vance for his cooperation with the preparation of the official history.

A resolution of appreciation to Colonel Grayson M. P. Murphy; Colonel Nobel B. Judah; Colonel Stanley M. Rumbough; Colonel William T. Donovan and Major Van S. Merlesmith for their cooperation and financial support in connection with the publication of the history.

A resolution authorizing the granting of a charter to the Ladies Auxiliary, of the Rainbow Division Veterans.

A resolution permitting the formation of an auxiliary organization to be known as the Sons and Daughters of the Rainbow Division Veterans, and authorizing the granting of a charter to such organizations upon their formation. All of the above resolutions were passed.

A resolution condemning Communism and Fascism and urging that chapters throughout the year support, develop, encourage and foster respect for law and order to the Constitution and institutions of America that mean so much to the future of America. After extensive discussion the resolution was passed after a roll call by states, by a very large majority.

The Auditing Committee, Comrade Rosenthaler, Chairman, reported that the financial records of the organization were found to be in order.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Stephenson Masson, Chairman, introduced several amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. Because the National Association has just published a revised constitution and by-laws which embody all of the changes adopted following the report of this committee, the rather lengthy changes will not be outlined here. This revised constitution it to be mailed to every Rainbow officer, and any other Rainbowner who is interested may obtain a copy by writing to the National Secretary, enclosing postage.

The report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee was adopted.

Secretary Sharon Cover moved that a formal charter be designed and engraved, for issue to all authorized chapters of the Association. The motion carried and the execution thereof was referred to President Leland L. Whitney.

The Memorial Committee, Father Murray, Chairman, recommended that a Rainbow Medal of valor be donated each year to the outstanding hero of the armed forces of the United States; the commemoration of the fame of the Rainbow Division being a part of the motive for such an award. The report was adopted.

At this point Colonel Johnson was called upon and gave his usual rousing address to the reunion.

The Committee on Time and Place, Ed Rieker, Chairman, recommended that the 1938 reunion be held on July 12, 13 and 14 at St. Paul, Minnesota. It was also recommended that the 1939 reunion be held in New York City. The report of the committee was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations, Colonel Ruby Garrett, Chairman, placed in nomination the following men for the office indicated.

For President: Jack A. Clarke, of Maryland;
For Vice Presidents: John Dunphy, Minnesota; Fletcher Ware, of Minnesota; John O'Neill, of New York; Ted Hagen, of Alabama.
For Chaplain: Rev. James A. Murray;
For Historian: General Henry J. Reilly;
For Membership in the Executive Committee: Elmer F. Neagle, Ruby A. Garrett and William Williamson.
These nominations of the committee being seconded were carried by acclamation and the new officers duly installed. After a few brief remarks by President Jack Clarke, and Vice-presidents Dunphy, Ware and Hagen, the 19th National Reunion adjourned.

HAROLD B. RODIER

The Rainbow Legion Party

New York to Entertain Rainbowers September 22nd

During the week of September 20th, New York City will play host to the 1937 National American Legion Convention. Among the 500,000 visitors expected from all parts of the country will be thousands of Rainbowers.

As is the custom, and quite naturally, these men will want to meet other Rainbowers at a strictly Rainbow affair while in New York.

The Father Duffy Chapter is prepared to satisfy this weakness that Rainbowers have for seeking the comradeship of the "Old 42nd" wherever they may be, with a dinner-dance and entertainment on the night of Wednesday, September the 22nd.

Colonel Alexander Anderson has given us the 165th Armory for this night. This is where the 165th of the Rainbow was mobilized and should bring back a lot of war-time memories.

Part of the entertainment will consist of a sham battle put on by one of the battalions of the present regiment and commanded by Rainbower Major Louis Doan.

A full course dinner will be served; there will be dancing; and plenty of beer will be on tap. We expect to have a number of enter-

tainers from various night clubs in town.

We'll show you our war trophies and also our new place for meeting, the Father Duffy Memorial Room, which we think is the finest in the country.

We'll introduce you to the governor and the mayor and a flock of other celebrities, for they will all be here that night as there is nothing on the Legion program that evening.

From the interest shown at our convention in Columbus we know that this party will be successful. Very few will want to go away from New York without having attended the Rainbow Party. We have reservation now from delegations from seven state chapters.

Tickets are \$2.50 a person and may be secured in advance from the chairman, Jack Kerrigan, 68 Lexington Ave., N. Y. C., or at the Armory the night of the dinner.

Don't forget then, your objective on the night of September 22nd is the 165th Armory at 68 Lexington Avenue and East 26th Street; zero hour 8:00 P. M. Bring your wife or friends and show them a New York Rainbow Party.

For the Committee

JIM STRIFFLER

Reunion Highlights (continued)

war between the states, has been erected a suitable memorial to an outstanding citizen, soldier and jurist. In the presence of the widow and daughter, Barre Blumenthal tells the purpose of the ceremony and the love and respect that Rainbow has for him. Then William Brucker, Hough's kid signal: officer stands and for ten minutes pours forth his very heart and soul in solemn tribute to his friend and Colonel.

The Banquet — with the longest speakers table on record. What an assemblage of distinguished persons, among the guests of honor were General Walter Kruger, now Assistant of Staff, in charge of war plans—The venerable representative of the G.A.R., "91 years young" who handled the microphone like a maestro—the silver-haired father of Dyer J. Bird, first Rainbow Soldier killed in action. Charming Mable Lincoln, over-sea nurse and the new president of the Auxiliary, and our perenial Sergeant-At-Arms Don (XXX) Hennesey, and presiding over it all of

course was that splendid leader Leland Whitney who has given us such a grand administration this past year. After the banquet we were entertained with an exceptional floor show which incidently was stolen by three small boys, stealing it from not only the other professional entertainers but Vic VanYorx as well. About eleven o'clock, preceded by a band we repair to the river bank in front of the state office building, where Colonel Monroe Johnson conducts the Champaign Hour in the open before thousands of citizens there assembled. Across the river, against the black of night, bombs burst in air and amid the gay colors of rockets a huge lighted square appears with the words "Welcome Rainbow Veterans" in rainbow colors and the final scene a pictor of Major General Hough in uniform.

As your ghost passed down the now stilled corridors on his way home from this memorable reunion, one magnificent convention figure stood out from all the rest—the figure of the man who first having sacrificed himself on the altar of Rainbow, then stood so nobly for his friend.

From the Desk of the National Secretary

Sharon C. Cover,
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Your Secretary is happy to be able to publish in this, the first REVEILLE for the year, a directory of Chapter Officers which is very nearly complete. Many thanks are due the Chapter officers who have been so cooperative in supplying the needed information so promptly. This office is also glad to be able to offer to any Rainbower who may be interested, a booklet containing a complete directory of all National and Chapter officers, together with the National constitution and by-laws of the Association revised and brought up to date. This will be mailed to all officers; any other Rainbower who may desire a copy should write in to this office. No real harm would be done if you inclosed a couple of stamps to pay for postage!

You are invited to give particular attention

to the quota chart herewith. The substantial increases in membership are not only an indication of the vigorous growth of the Association; but are a challenge to YOU, as a member of so vital an organization, to do your part to help meet the budget quotas which are necessary to our existence.

STATE	Member-ship	Budget quota
Alabama	405	\$162.00
California	794	318.00
Colorado	105	42.00
District of Columbia.....	177	71.00
Florida	100	40.00
Georgia	104	42.00
Illinois	1041	417.00
Iowa	527	211.00
Indiana	713	286.00
Kansas-Missouri	373	150.00
Maryland	153	62.00
Minnesota	487	195.00
Michigan	534	214.00
Nebraska	81	33.00
New Jersey	240	96.00
New York	1647	659.00
Ohio	1460	585.00
Oklahoma	181	73.00
Oregon	76	31.00
Pennsylvania	597	239.00
South Carolina	273	110.00
Tennessee	90	36.00
Texas	147	59.00
Virginia	120	48.00
Wisconsin	267	107.00
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