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SECRETARY BAKER DIES

It is the melancholy duty of the Reveille to report with increasing frequency the deaths of our wartime leaders. We may so classify the late Newton D. Baker, for as Secretary of War, he commanded all troops, but was especially interested in the Rainbow Division. The organization of the Division was an achievement in which he had an especial interest. In addressing the Rainbow Division at Cleveland, Ohio a little more than a year ago, he said "Because of my intimate connection with the organization of the Division, I felt a particular pride in its splendid record. When

I was elected a member of your Association, I was deeply touched, and felt it to be a great honor." This feeling of Secretary Baker for the Rainbow Division was made apparent on every occasion, and in turn the Rainbow felt that he was one of their own. In the newspaper account of his funeral, the following quotation is significant of this association:

"Of the many magnificent pieces sent by organizations, a flock of white chrysanthemums in which the red, yellow and blue insignia of the 42nd Division, was worked with colored blooms of the same flower, was one of the outstanding." This was the only mention made of any Veterans' Organization, and we may feel the honor that in death as in life, this great war chief was linked with the Rainbow.

NEW YEARS' RESOLUTIONS

It is interesting to observe that while the New Year is synonymous with new resolutions, we find generally that those new resolutions relate all too frequently to a rather narrow and limited perspective respecting our future activities. The general indictment, of course, catches me in its net. And yet reflection must tell us that of the all too few pleasures which come to us through a harried year, those pleasures generally proceed from the wider implications of our association with our fellow men.

The fact that I may make resolutions for the New Year tending to correct what I regard as personal errors of mine, may still leave me, even with the correction, a cold, unfriendly person so far as those about me are concerned.

My soul rebels at any recollection of the late unpleasantness excepting the purely personal relationships which were created through my slight association with it. I remember when the organization of the division of the association was being considered, there were many who felt that our preamble should again proclaim in no uncertain language our undying patriotism and our fealty to our country, etc., and I think perhaps the most fitting monument that could remain to the memory of those who originally organized the division was that the organization was ultimately dedicated to the perpetuation of friendships created in the division during the war.

Many of us feel that the auspices under which friendships are created are an important, integral part of that friendship. Personally, I do not feel so. I think that friendships per se are too important and too valuable to be tempered by the auspices of their origin because friendships if worthy of perpetuation at all derive their worth from their ever-recurring experiences.

Were I to attempt to paraphrase for the divisional organization a resolution for the new year, it would be that, with every fibre of heart and soul that friendships of the individuals in the group be made the all-in-all of its continued existence; that the association stand or fall by the strength of those friendships; that it do nothing to inject any element which might tend to injure those friendships and that it commit itself solely and only, as our preamble indicates, to that perpetuation of friendship. In the past there have been occasions, fortunately rare, when it appeared that a new element might be injected, that the association might become a vehicle beyond that for which it was intended. It seems to me that every person having Rainbow at heart should reject every attempt along that line in the hope that at least one association arising on the ashes of a sordid experience can survive its origin on the basis of gleaming from its origin and its early experiences that one virtue in life, viz., the unalloyed spirit of good will and kindly and friendly interest between man and his brother.

No one can deny that fundamentally that is the touch-down of the organization. In its larger elements it is not as easily apparent as it is in the smaller groups. The friends that I have through my initial experiences with them in the division are those that I prize most because not in the slightest degree does that friendship carry with it the slightest sense of obligation. It has that fundamental virtue on which all true friendships must stand—a purely formed association of one with his kind in the mutual interest of good feeling and without any hope or expectation of compensation or reward.

BARRE BLUMENTHAL

RAINBOW TRIBUTE TO GOURAUD

Leland Whitney makes Presentation

At the annual reunion at Columbus last July, it was decided to make a gift on behalf of the Division to General Gouraud, Military Governor of Paris, upon the occasion of his retirement from active service in the French Army on his seventieth birthday, November 17, 1937. The writer was designated to make the presentation and a committee to select the gift and provide the necessary funds was appointed as follows: Dan Glossbrenner of Indianapolis (Chairman), S. J. Neiberg of Cleveland and Fred Crawford of Chicago. In September the gift—a beautiful hammered silver tray—was ready. It was etched with the crest of the Division and the following inscription in French:

"To General Henri Joseph Eugene Gouraud from his Comrades of the Rainbow Division upon the Occasion of his Retirement from Active Service the 17th of November, 1937."

The presentation took place at Hotel des Invalides on the morning of October 5th. It had been hoped that a public occasion might be available but the only suitable public occasion during the period of the French entertainment of the visiting members of the American Legion was the mid-day banquet in the courtyard of Hotel des Invalides at which Marshal Petain was the chief guest of honor. General Gouraud did not feel that it was proper for him to be particularly honored at this occasion in the presence of his superior. Therefore, with appropriate words conveying the love and good wishes of the Men of the Rainbow for their Permanent Honorary President, the silver tray was presented to the General in his spacious office with General Reilly (the General's guest in Paris at this time) acting as interpreter.

He was deeply affected by the kindness of the Division which he loves with the affection of a father. He expressed his heart-felt gratitude and appreciation. At the same time the writer delivered to the General a kind message from the Honorable Newton D. Baker, war-time Secretary of War, which was gratefully accepted.

Following the presentation General Gouraud showed us about his office suite. Conspicuously displayed in his anteroom are the framed original orders of July 7th and July 16th, 1918. In the hall is an interesting souvenir. It is a wooden eagle about four feet high studded with hobnails, standing on a wooden pedestal bearing in German the inscription, "To the Eagle of the Champagne." This hard-looking bird was given to the German General von Einem (General Gouraud's adversary in the Champagne) by his men and was taken by the French in the last drive of the war. The General particularly cherishes a huge canvas sign sent him from Birmingham,

Alabama, at the time of the first reunion of the Division which expresses the hope that the French will stay on the Rhine until the reparations have been fully paid. The sign hangs prominently in the hall.

That evening Mrs. Whitney and I were General Gouraud's guests at dinner in his personal quarters in Hotel des Invalides, an apartment originally provided by Napoleon for one of his marshals. Upon arrival we were surprised and pleased to meet General Frank Parker who commanded the First Division at the end of the war. The other members of the party were General Gouraud, his aide, and General Reilly. The dinner was delightfully informal. The silver tray was proudly displayed on the table, piled high with the fruit which was the dessert.

After dinner coffee and cigarettes were enjoyed in the General's drawing room which is literally filled with mementoes of his African service—weapons, saddles, mats, household utensils, pictures, art work and innumerable souvenirs. The Generals' eyes lighted up with enthusiasm when he recounted anecdote after anecdote of his experiences. He related the incident of the night of July 14th, 1918, ending with his remark to his officers after the German barrage fell, "You can all go to bed now." He showed us a map of Chalons indicating the spots where a thousand or more German bombs fell during the war. It is characteristic of the General that he highly prizes an autographed picture of Colonel Lindbergh whom he rescued from the joyous French mob the night he landed at Le Bourget. He is a kindly man with a fatherly manner—a gracious host and real comrade. We took our departure from des Invalides after midnight. It was a thrilling experience and the high spot of a very happy trip abroad which included visits to the battlefields of the Marne-Aisne country, the chateaux of the Loire, the St. Clement and Baccarat sectors, and a tour of Switzerland and Italy.

Upon our return home the writer received the splendid letter from General Gouraud which is published elsewhere in THE REVEILLE. I know that he means every word of it. Retirement from active service of fifty years is not easy, particularly when a man has no family. The army has been his life. Hotel des Invalides has been his home. His soldiers have been his children. Sacrifice of self in service of country has been his religion. In the years to come may he find the happiness and contentment which he so richly deserves!

Leland L. Whitney

General Gouraud's Letter

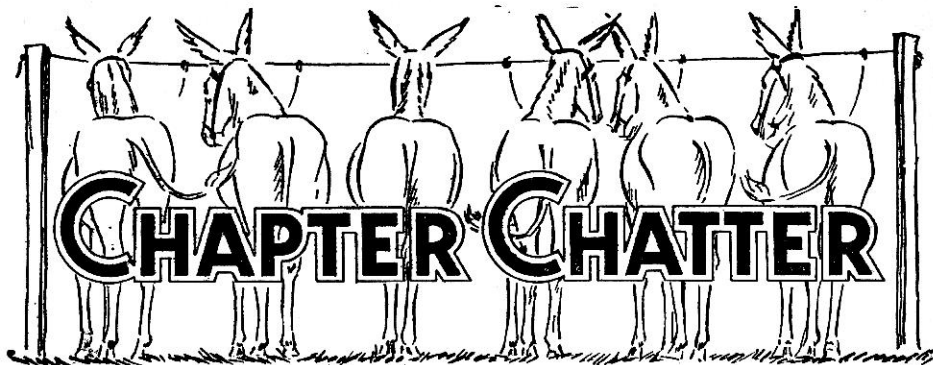
Paris, le 8 Octobre 1937.

LE GENERAL GOURAUD

My dear Comrade:

In coming to France with the gallant men

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ILLINOIS

The new administration put on its first party in celebration of Armistice Day—and really “did it” with a bang. George Savage and his “staff” did their “stuff” in a big way. The food, drink and entertainment was the tops.

Now then, you birds who missed that party can start anticipating the next big event which will be held on or about February 22nd. Tentative plans are as follows: The 202nd C.A.C., located at the Broadway Armory has agreed to “turn out the guard” for the Rainbow on that night by giving us a regimental review and Band Concert.

Our hosts will provide suitable quarters so that we may listen to the proposed Rainbow Hour. This plan of getting together for the Rainbow Broadcast proved highly satisfactory last year, and with the added attractions, promises to out-do all previous efforts, and a large turn-out is anticipated. Red Hots and Beer will help satisfy the inner man and the price will be the lowest in the History of our get-togethers.

So put that date down right now!—

TIME
February 22nd, 1938
PLACE

The Broadway Armory

We are pleased to report that our energetic and hard working Howard Crowther is recuperating nicely, after having gone through an operation at St. Lukes Hospital, and he will be very much on the job at our February meeting.

We'll Be Seein' Ya!

NEW YORK

Tom Lacey, our aggressive vice-president, and Ed Scanlon who operates the Regimental Grill, made a wager on the outcome of the municipal election. The chapter won because the stakes were two kegs of beer. We enjoyed these kegs of brew at the last regular meeting at the expense of Ed Scanlon. Let's have more of these “Heads-we-win, tails-you-lose” bets.

On Saturday afternoon, December the 18th, the Chapter held its yearly Christmas party for the children of the Rainbow at the Armory. Harry Mclean, as chairman, had planned

to entertain about seventy-five boys and girls. When two-hundred showed up instead he had to dash out and get more refreshments. “Seconds” had to be provided because most of the boys take after their fathers.

George Conboy of “L” won the high honors of having the largest brood with his seven and Bill Judge of “B” was second with his three lovely girls and two boys. Bill Hanley and George Utemehle with eight children between them represented Headquarters Company very well.

Tom Lacey was slated to play the role of Santa Claus, but Millie Thompson of the Auxiliary had secured a size 36 suit so Joe Comiskey of Supply acted the part. He did such a swell job that he even fooled Paddy Burke who used to sleep with him and the mules in the army. Mary Brown's two nephews furnished some very delightful music with their concertinas while Kitty Riekert and Marion Joyce harmonized with Marion Nugent over in one corner.

Colonel Meaney and Bill Carroll tried to get into the children's games when they heard there were cash prizes but Nora Thynne gave them an icy stare and made them behave. Al McAdams and Bill Nugent had a tough time deciding the winner in one game when eighteen kids pinned the donkey's tail on the same spot. Matt Devlin consulted his army manual on mules and picked the winner.

The parents who attended had as much fun as the Kiddies. This party gets bigger and better every year regardless of fellows like Jack Ryan and Johnny O'Neil, the handsome bachelors.

The philosopher of the Chapter, Jimmy Brennan, says that in ten years we will have to run our affairs in Madison Square Garden. He figures with two-thousand Rainbowners in this area with an average of three children to a family that makes seven thousand people without counting all the other relatives and friends. Bill Carroll our ball chairman for 1938 figures that we should have about twenty thousand at our ball in 1947.

Thru our president, Ed Riekert, New York

sends its greetings to all our national officers and chapters thruout the land for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

JIM STRIFFLER.

WESTCHESTER

On Sunday, December 5th, the Westchester Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans of the State of New York placed markers and wreathes on the graves of our late Comrades James H. Whiting, Co. B, Alan Boyle, Co. L, and Charles H. Fox, Co. F., all of whom were former members of the 165th Infantry, Old 69th New York.

There are many members within our territory who have various excuses for not coming out and joining us. The most prominent of these excuses is that they are not financially able to pay their dues or they have no means of transportation.

The former excuse is easily remedied if you will just remember you are always welcome to join us at our meetings whether or not you can pay dues. It is your comradeship we need and this can only be had by your presence.

Those of you who have the latter excuse are requested to notify the Secretary by post card who will endeavor to have some Rainbow in your vicinity who has a car transport you to and from the meetings.

Having had so many requests for the famous Rainbow song "The Rainbow's End" we have had some copies printed. Same can be secured from the secretary upon receipt of Twenty-Five Cents postpaid.

President Röberg extends New Year Greetings to the Chapter at the same time requesting the presence of all members at our next regular meeting at the Elks Club, White Plains, N. Y., on Friday evening, January 28, 1938.

W. J. FERGUSON.

IOWA

The boys of Iowa should be planning now not to miss next March 5th at Des Moines. As there is going to be a real surprise for you. To each Rainbow man that registers March 5th for the Banquet will be given a book that he will want to take home with him—keep—and pass on to his children. More about this in a later issue.

Have no information on what other units in the state did for Christmas. But the Des Moines Chapter gave a Christmas party at the Northwestern Hotel on the evening of December 23rd that was well attended.

Harry (Baldy) Warrick and Charley Gilchrist were kept busy all afternoon filling bags with candy and nuts, but Baldy was not too tired to be Santa Claus that night.

Mrs. Charley Gilchrist, president of Des Moines Auxiliary Chapter was in charge of the Program assisted by Mrs. Wickcliff. The Program was made up from the children in the Rainbow chapter. And if the writer is any judge of talent, Hollywood is overlooking some real Junior stars.

Homer Gardner received an answer dated December 14th from Newton D. Baker (former Secretary of War), in reply to an invitation to be a guest at our March 5th Banquet. Mr. Baker stated in his letter that he could not accept on account of poor health but was deeply grateful to us for the invitation and that he held a tender feeling for the 42nd Division and was very sorry he could not attend our gathering.

This no doubt was the last letter from him to any Rainbow unit.

JACK LANPHERE

INDIANA

The writer recently enjoyed a visit to the new Rainbow Veterans' Chapter at Bloomington, Indiana. A splendid turkey dinner at the Legion Home, was enjoyed by the 56 members present.

The Bloomington boys are a real live bunch and I hope to see their chapter well represented at St. Paul, next July.

I regret that it was impossible for me to attend the Last Mans' Club, composed of Rainbow men, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Reports are that there was a good attendance and reported favorably on organizing a new Rainbow Chapter at Fort Wayne.

Marion County Chapter will hold its last 1937 meeting, with a Dinner at the Hotel Washington in Indianapolis, December 30.

DR. J. R. BURLINGTON,
President, Indiana Chapter.

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Chapter members wish for every single Rainbow, where ever he may be, the Happiest and most Prosperous New Year.

The First Company, Virginia Coast Artillery Corps, (later a unit of the Rainbow), held its annual banquet at Hotel Patrick Henry on December 27th in Roanoke and it was by far the swellest banquet we have ever held.

Mr. J. B. Fishburn, a leading banker of Roanoke, who took us under his wing at Fort Monroe in 1917, was host, having banqueted us in 1917 and in 1927, and he really didn't spare the Horses.

Also present were Colonel C. A. Thompson, U. S. Army, retired, our first instructor, Henry K. McHarg, first company commander, Ceasar Massei, who commanded us at Fort Monroe, Henry K. Tice, war time commander, and several associate members of our company.

Highlights: The dinner and "Vin Rouge", Burton Guy's handling of the bunch even after several snorts, Nubb Lemmon's speech???? and the old "remember when" bull sessions until far into the night.

The next event of interest to us is, The Tri-State meeting in Baltimore and we are marking time until Maryland sends us travel orders, SO LONG.

BILL HITT

MARYLAND

*It's the night after Christmas
And all through the house
Not a thing without a headache
Not even a louse.*

A few things we are all thankful for at this season:

That no more do we drink coffee sweetened by the manner covered foot of Emile Letzer.
That no more do we have to hike for miles

behind Locknauer.

That reveille did not blow this morning.

That as a member of our Chapter, Jack Clarke, the National President, has to pay his two bucks at our dinner.

That Elmer Shea is Secretary.

That Alan Stout is Treasurer.

That Marvin Hall is Vice-President.

That my term is half over.

That no longer do we have to hike our stockings into spats.

That now the Panay case is settled, Jack Clarke will never have to learn to say Singlewire in Chinese.

That our annual dinner is just around the corner, January 15th.

That after 20 years John Horn and Steve Masson can give up trying to discover what the duties of an ordinance corporal or a supply sergeant are.

That we do not have to pay Particular attention to Earl Carson any more unless we feel like it.

That George Weber and Elmer Schultze no longer cooks for us.

Happy New Year

HARRY STANSBURY.

OHIO

Another Chapter has been added to the Ohio roll. The Youngstown Rainbows got together for organization on December 12th and effected a preliminary organization and qualified for a charter.

At the meeting, D. W. Penny was elected temporary president and Earl Young, temporary secretary. The permanent officers are to be elected at a meeting January 15th—a meeting to which all Rainbows are invited to attend.

The full list of officers of the newly organized Sedan Chapter at Toledo are: President, Glenn Sherer; 1st vice, Clay Grounds; 2nd vice, Kahle Teetrick; secretary, Herbert Wright; treasurer, Louis Conrad, chaplain, Frank Temple; sgt.-at-arms, F. G. Miller.

Lancaster and Marion held game suppers during November, and Akron and Columbus Chapters held Christmas parties. Cleveland also had a gift exchange at the meeting at which C. J. Harmon showed his overseas movies. Akron threw a big New Year's Eve party with eats, favors, floor show and dancing.

Eli Whitney and Harlow Darner, as well as Comrade Harmon are in demand to tell of experiences on their tour. Whitney spoke at Marion as well as Cleveland. Many from other Chapters saw the Harmon movies at the Cleveland meeting.

Ohio Rainbow "chipped in" with the national organization for the beautiful floral tribute to Hon. Newton D. Baker, and Cleveland Chapter also sent a spray. Ten Clevelanders represented the Chapter in a special section at the funeral. Brig. Gen. Frank Henderson, chairman of the last national reunion, was also present.

Comrade C. J. Cupp of Toledo, state commander of the Order of Purple Heart, is now in the veterans hospital at Woods, Wisconsin, and State Chaplain John L. Lilley is in the veterans hospital at Dayton.

A number of the Akron, Cleveland and Toledo boys are planning to attend a party to be staged in Detroit by the Michigan bunch on January 8th.

There are all sorts of odds and ends and some major items of interest that must be omitted due to space limitations.

JACK HENRY

MICHIGAN

Nigh on to 20 years ago the Rainbow and the Red Arrow fought side by side in two of the greatest battles of the War. On Sunday afternoon,

December 19, in the Veteran's Building the children of these veterans were entertained by the Auxiliaries of both Divisions at Christmas Parties held in adjoining rooms. Methinks it was most appropriate.

And did the children have fun! And did they turn out! 127 present and most all accompanied by their proud fathers, of whom we counted 40, plus a few who went "down the hill". But the credit belongs to the Auxiliary and in particular to Mrs. Marie Irwin, who was Chairman, and to Mrs. Hazel Goodman, Auxiliary President. There was a mammoth tree and all the fixings, plenty of oranges, candy, pop corn balls and gifts galore. Jack Kelley presented appropriate Movies and the Kids cried for more. The Brightmoor Civic Center, through the courtesy of the Community Fund, put on several orchestral numbers, an excellent childrens tap dancing act and to the children's greatest delight—a "Kitchen Symphony" which made music with the oddest collection of "K P." tools one ever did see. It reminded us of Tom Howard's famous Tin Pan Orchestra at Camp Coetiquidan, which again reminds us that the entire Chapter and Auxiliary joins in wishing Tom a speedy recovery. But it was a grand afternoon for the children and one of the best parties ever put on by the Auxiliary.

Coming events. "Infantry Night" with a big Delegation up from Ohio on Saturday evening, January 13. Time, 6 P. M.; Place, Veterans Building. Supper, a short meeting, special features and plenty of refreshments. Please note this meeting takes the place of regular meeting usually held on the second Tuesday of the month. Comrades Brucker and Cover are in charge of arrangements, Nuff Sed.

C. L. HOULE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Under the able management of Chairman Elmer F. Neagle, the Annual Autumn Dance was a great success, socially and financially.

The D. C. dance is now a pleasant memory. Too much cannot be said for the untiring efforts of Comrades Shultz and Witherite in making it one of the most successful parties held in years.

Jack Clarke and his charming wife headed the Baltimore contingent with Rip Cairns and "Hairad" Cooney. The "Old Timers" are returning to the fold for it was good to see Scoop Wilkinson, Bill Stacom, Dave Arnold, Paul Demonet, Joe Cohan, Alsen Chesser and Billy Richardson. It might be added that "Old Weatherboarded" was there in person.

From latest information Mucker Black has caught up at long last.

Comrade Harry Shultz journeyed to Alabama to be with his wife during the holiday season.

Can't you hear our genial Jack Reinhard break out with the Stein Song spreading his Christmas Cheer. Your Greetings were "Tops" Jack.

A Prussian Guardsman, William Hahn now a naturalized citizen attended the dance with his American bride.

Let's begin the New Year by attending the Chapter meeting at Schneider's Cafe, Saturday 7 P.M. on January 15th. It will be a dinner meeting.

WALTER E. FILLMAN.

ALABAMA

The Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter at Birmingham, Alabama celebrated the signing of the Armistice with a stag banquet in the pine

November 10. About fifty comrades enjoyed this formation. Among the visitors from other room of the Tutwiler Hotel on the night of chapters were Comrades Dickerson, Alexander, Powell and Freeman of the Julien M. Strassberger chapter, Montgomery, and Wallace McCreery, Gadsden, Mortimer H. Jordan, Jr. local Attorney and son of Capt. Mortimer H. Jordan in whose honor our chapter is named was the guest speaker. State President Simpson presided as toastmaster, Comrade McLane served as entertainment chairman and Comrade Ragsdale as Mess Sgt. A real old fashion good time was had by all.

The December meeting was held in the Legion Chateau in Ensley with Comrades Jackson and Shelton as hosts. About thirty comrades including several from Pell City attended this meeting. It was decided that a Christmas party be held for all members in good standing and their wives or girl friends, Vice-President Fay W. Fallin was appointed Chairman of the committee with power to act as to the time, place and kind of party to have. Chairman Fallin and his committee composed of comrades J. Euclid Smith, Eugene Beasley and Jos. M. Simpson selected the Club Rex and the party started at 7:30 Saturday night December 15 with cocktails preceding a delicious turkey dinner and dancing by a 15 piece orchestra was enjoyed by the following members:

Dr. and Mrs. Armour, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. McCartney, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey, Dr. and Mrs. Dabney, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, J. Euclid Smith, Joe Romano, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Fallin and Mr. and Mrs. Houston.

JOSEPH W. SIMPSON.

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of the American Legion to see again the battle fields where they have poured out their blood for the sacred cause of independence, you desired in the name of the Rainbow Division to present to me a remembrance.

At the moment when I am going to experience the regret of leaving the service to which I have given all my life, this tray of hammered silver, a veritable object of art, will remain for me and after me a most precious souvenir because of its beauty, its richness, the affecting testimony of Franco-American friendship.

The loyalty of the sentiments that your comrades of the Rainbow Division have thus wished to express to me goes to the depths of my heart. It will be my consolation at the time of my departure from Des Invalides.

I beg you yourself and all your Comrades to accept the expression of my entire gratitude and of my sincere affection. My respects to Madame Whitney and my compliments.

(signed) GOURAUD.

MR. LELAND L. WHITNEY

UNDER THE RAINBOW

David S. Carpenter, who served with the Rainbow, should communicate at once with A. W. Fortune, Superintendent of Schools, 2nd District, St. Lawrence County, Morris-town, N. Y., or with the Editor of THE REVEILLE.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Owen D. Davis, formerly with Co. "F", 166th Infantry, please communicate with H. A. Welch, 411 Whitney Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

"TO THE LADIES"



Mrs. Margaret Jodel

President of the St. Paul Auxiliary, and is also our National Secretary. It is most fitting that she assume the leadership of the Hostess Chapter for the 1938 Reunion.

Weeks are slipping into months and before long July and another Reunion will be here. Many enthusiastic plans are now underway. The gateway to the vacation country opens wide and all of St. Paul thrills over the great privilege and opportunity to serve and entertain you.

If you have never attended a Rainbow National Reunion, make this your first. If you already have the habit we know you will be with us. Let's all get together in the "State of ten thousand lakes".

Best wishes for the Holidays and we'll be seeing you—next July.

MRS. MARGARET JODEL,
National Secretary, Auxiliary.

The Desk of the National Secretary
Sharon C. Cover
4643 Nottingham Rd., Detroit, Mich.

THE "RAINBOW"
*"That gracious thing made up of
 tears and light"*

—COLERIDGE

The "Rainbow" was the accepted "Good Luck Omen" of the Division. Its first significant appearance was during our voyage overseas when someone remarked, "Well, we're in luck". Prior to, and the day of our landing it rained day and night but just as we started ashore, the clouds broke and a rather small and distant Rainbow appeared over St. Nazaire.

Even on the darkest days when ever we reached a new station our emblem was born on high. In the Lunneville area, near Lorraine, a beautiful Rainbow appeared over the German lines with a thrill to all while shortly thereafter at Baccarrat the heavens again displayed our banner and again we felt our destiny had been guided. Good Luck, soldier.

Following a hurried move to Champagne to meet our first real test we were greeted with summer showers, rain and mud and we felt foreboding trouble. Something was coming! It came but Rainbow measured well up to the test. Red were the poppies, white were the daisies and blue were the cornflowers on the plains while arched high overhead was a glorious Rainbow. With the colors of the U. S. and our own banner so generously displayed by Nature's great color-bearer, how could bad luck come? The Prussian guard didn't even dent out lines!

A hurried train trip—long marches and then the Marne. In we came—and it began to rain. A cold dreary evening—a wet miserable night—a march through trackless woods—morning came through the mists with the sun behind dull clouds. Suddenly a rift in the clouds let the sun through and rising mists formed that great melange of color and again Rainbow attained its heights.

Then came St. Michiel—days and nights of mud, rain and horror in bivouac. Never did it rain harder than the night of September 11

—never mud deeper in roads—never a night blacker—never did Nature set more against our success but Rainbow moved forward! Watches were set for 5 A. M.—men forgot the rain—over they went determined to surmount Mount Sec, never taken by the French—forgetting self, even a moment later when again our banner unfurled its self as the sun crept through proclaiming, good luck, soldier!

In quick sequence followed the great woods of the Argonne—days of waiting—orders to go in on the left—a night in wet foxholes—morning and a brilliant sun shining in spite of a light rain and then "The Rainbow" to again inspire the Division on. The Krehilde Stellung was broken followed by a dogged defense as Buzancy, and Stenay fell. November 11th found us at the gates of Sedan. Twice more during the advance did the Rainbow appear. Just once after that our Rainbow appeared on the Rhine—all who saw it said, "the old luck has brought us here and she is still with us." "The Rhine is ours!"

THE END OF THE RAINBOW? NOT YET! The choice of a name for us was most fortunate. The Rainbow will always have a deeper meaning for all of us. As it comes and goes we will ever remember our men of the Rainbow, who, forgetting self and trusting in the great Commander, but believing firmly in the Good Luck of the Rainbow, so willing made the supreme sacrifice. It was because of such men as these, in the first wave, that our Division lived up to all the standards and symbols of the Glorious Rainbow.

To these advance Color Bearers, of the Rainbow, we proudly pay just and high tribute by perpetuating that comradeship, born in combat, through our civil organization, THE RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS. As a fellow Rainbower, and member by virtue of your service with the Division, won't you PLEASE take an active part to at least the extent of contributing your NATIONAL DOLLAR, that our Association may continue to stand as a living monument to our dead. May 1938 be your happiest year is the wish of the entire staff of your Rainbow Division Veterans

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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 REVELLE for the year ending July 1938.

Yours in the Rainbow,

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