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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Much has been spoken and written recently about the morale of the newly raised American army. It has been pictured as being distressingly low and as gratifyingly high. The truth appears to lie between these two points. Apparently troop morale is not dangerously low, even if not fully up to the proper American level. Various elements enter into the causes thereof, but they appear to center around a fairly general lack of understanding of the views of those leaders who advise of the need of maintaining a large Army at this time, and of the explicit fact that service with an Army must necessarily entail sacrifices. Under varying stages of completion are a number of different plans and projects being undertaken by the Army and by the United Service Organization to ameliorate the leisure-time activities of the men. These measures are of tremendous importance and will beyond question work a vast improvement in troop morale and add much to welfare of the troops. Rainbow Veterans are, as individuals, contributing much to the work of the U. S. O., and will undoubtedly do much more. As citizens and as men with much more than ordinary understanding of the problems the U. S. O. is endeavoring to solve, they should do so.

But before the morale of our soldiers can attain the highest possible level they must come to realize and accept the necessity for much sacrifice and much submergence of their individuality into the general good that no effort of the U. S. O. or anyone else can save them. This temper of the troops is quickly attained in the heat of war; it is inevitably a much harder state of mind to achieve by the average sort of individual when the nation is neither actually at war nor enjoying the blessings of peace.

Veterans of the Rainbow Division are under a peculiar and inescapable obligation to improve this situation insofar and to the full extent that they are able. As one of our leaders has often said, "... when we placed our lives, on the altar of our country's needs and that life was spared us, it was not nor could it every be fully released to us." We still belong to that cause for which we in our time suffered and died; though decades have passed since we doffed the olive drab we know by the lift and the exaltation in our hearts as we hear the notes of the bugle and see the flag waving in the sunlight that our hearts are still in the service of our nation and our duty is still to the flag. One day this feeling will fill the breasts of every one of these men about whom we are concerned, but that day is here for us. Some of the tradition, some of the selflessness, some of the greatness of spirit that characterized our service to our nation must be passed on and implanted in the breasts of these men who stand today where we stood so many years ago at the threshold of our service. Be sure the seed is planted and you may be sure that it will grow. These are fine, American boys; solid, dependable material for the job to be done. What they need is the flaming spirit of service; the spirit which actuated us, whether we knew or realized it at the time or not. It was there in our hearts; it is in our hearts today and must and shall grow in their hearts.

What can Rainbow Veterans do to accomplish this end? Unhappily there is no formula which we can pass on to you. We can say, and do, that there is an important field of service which lies at your hand, for which you are greatly fitted by reason of your understanding, and because of the genuine respect in which a veteran of our division is held by the fledgling soldier. How you can bring your influence to bear must be an individual problem for each to work out in his own fashion; but we think every Rainbower should put his shoulder to the wheel in an effort toward improving the morale of our troops. It seems fitting to close with the recollection that while we cannot too greatly emphasize the importance of the task, we should not by any means exaggerate in our minds or otherwise the extent of the ground to be gained. The spirit of our soldiers can advantageously be lifted; but they are not by any means dragging. These are American boys and therefore very little can be wrong with them.

WALKER H. COLSTON.

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National Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, are standing by awaiting the institution of this "keep 'em coming" campaign. We know you will do just that but we're asking that you get started with us today.

Your new president is endeavoring to acclimate himself to the responsibilities, duties and honors that go with the office to which elected. The many generous offers of assistance are typically Rainbow and as such are most soothing and warming to the hearts of the officers, chosen for this term, to guide the destinies of the grandest organization of fighting men in existence today. The membership enrollments have been showing an upward trend during each successive administration when those relinquishing office have pitched in and assisted the newly-elected to surpass records set by each preceding administration rather than relegating themselves to the sidelines. Such is the true and most wonderful spirit of Rainbow and such is the assistance being rendered today by those who have previously held offices under the 42nd banner, of which we are so justly proud. But now we're asking the cooperation of every Rainbower everywhere. Enroll now during our "keep 'em coming" campaign. We know you'll feel better because of it. Each and every membership will be a source of inspiration to your present slate of officers who are so happy after being chosen to serve you during this present Rainbow administration. WALKER H. COLSTON.

WHAT MAKES RAINBOW REUNIONS A SUCCESS?—There is some quality possessed by our Association which makes for success: which other organizations recognize, envy, and fail to understand. And yet it is not difficult to understand. It is the quality of fellowship, mutual affection, and of mutual confidence. We meet in Reunion from every State, every vocation, from every variation of political and religious belief; and find every difference dissolving, and achieve a complete harmony in our simple faith in one another. It is as easy as that.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN—Fellow Rainbowers: Ready—aim—fire. The battle is on and we're firing the first round in our membership campaign. Here and now we're asking Rainbowers everywhere to enlist at once and assist this administration in its efforts towards an enrollment such as is being visualized by the present slate of officers whose optimism and aspirations are beyond the comprehensions of those not entitled to the honor and privilege of carrying and proudly displaying a membership in Rainbow.

We are agreeably pleased with the paid-up enrollments to date but being aware of the human tendency to put off till the morrow unless reminded today, we beg your indulgence and cooperation in response to this appeal. Ed Weitzel and Bob Hayward, your

It is not what we have been or said that makes reunions a success, or on how many committees we have served or of how many we would have liked to have been a part. It is not the proposals or amendments we wanted or tried to make. It is the way Rainbowers think and what we will do for Rainbow. It is the abiding faith we have in local, state and national officers. They are all essentially sincere and honest fellows, respected in their communities. They are working, not for remuneration, but to perpetuate Rainbow, in a genuine spirit of comradeship. Look to these men in the next year. Support them. Above all, note what they are doing and how consistently well they've done it for 23 years.

This is Rainbow, and to me seems the guide to the success of future reunions.

JOHN D. BRENNER.

National Rainbow Division Monument to Be Unveiled at Camp Mills, Garden City, L. I., October 12, 1941

The committee appointed at the Atlantic City Reunion to cooperate with the Long Island Chopter in completing their arrangements for the erection of the National Rainbow Division Veterans' Monument to be placed at the birthplace of the Division, Camp Albert L. Mills, Garden City, Long Island, is busily preparing for the dedication ceremonies, which should be most colorful.

The foundation for the monument was laid the first part of August, and this work was generously donated by a friend of the Rainbow Division Veterans on Long Island. In the foundation there has been prepared a niche in which a copper box will be placed containing the names of all who have contributed to this monument, together with a history of the Rainbow Division. This box will be sealed about the first of October so that the monument itself can be placed on the foundation.

A parade will form shortly after noon at the 4th Regiment Armory in Hempstead and proceed along Clinton Road, which is directly in front of what was Camp Mills, to Rainbow Plaza at the Clinton Road Station, Garden City, which is the site of the National Rainbow Division Monument.

The parade will be preceded by police escort and followed directly by Grand Marshall and troops from Mitchell Field. The units in this parade following the regular Army will be as follows: a composite battalion of the new 69th State Guard composed of all former Rainbowners now in service will be led by Brig. General Alexander E. Anderson. The new guard regiment consisting of approximately 450 men will follow National Guard units from Hempstead and Jamaica will complete the first section of the parade. The second section will consist of Rainbow Division Veterans led by the Nassau County Police Band, consisting of 100 pieces. This will afford an opportunity to all Rainbow Veterans to march once more along the street they did so often when they were at Camp Mills and should revive many a memory.

American Legion Posts throughout Long Island will mass their colors directly behind the Rainbow Veterans and there should be at least 20 units and drum corps participating. Veterans of foreign wars, disabled war veterans and so forth will also be in line, and it is expected that certain high school bands in the vicinity of Hempstead will also participate.

The parade will disband at Rainbow Plaza and directly after the Master of Ceremonies, Judge Corland Johnson, will start dedication services. The committee intends to hold the speakers to a minimum so that the ceremonies will not be unduly prolonged.

Letters are being sent to all former unit commanders of the Rainbow Division requesting their presence at the unveiling and it is felt that a goodly number of them will attend.

Arrangements are being made to have a suitable rendezvous available for the Rainbow Division Veterans to meet directly after the dedication ceremonies so that they may be able to renew old ties once more at the scene of the commencement of their great adventure.

Moving pictures have been taken of the quarrying of the stone, laying of the foundation, and the parade, unveiling, etc., will also be taken, and after they have been edited they will be loaned to any chapter desiring to show same to their members. This will afford other Rainbowners throughout the country the opportunity of seeing the National Rainbow Monument should they not be able to visit it in person.

Up to the present time, we have made two payments on the monument amounting to \$1,400.00, but we need double this sum to completely cover the cost. Donations have been received from but a small percentage of the Rainbow Division Veterans and if the cost of this monument is to be borne entirely by Rainbow Division Veterans, each and every one must do his part and send his donation as quickly as possible to the monument treasurer, Colonel William P. Cavanaugh, at 49 Wall Street, New York City.

We know every Rainbow Veteran is proud of his association with the Division and will want to have his name placed in the base of the monument as a contributor to this memorial. We need substantial donations from chapters such as those made by District of Columbia Chapter of \$100.00, Father Duffy Chapter \$100.00, Women's Auxiliary of Father Duffy Chapter \$100.00, Long Island Chapter \$400.00. Do not delay but forward your contributions at once and help us make this a Rainbow Monument entirely paid for by Rainbow Veterans.

George Seaman

Legion Convention in Milwaukee

REGISTRATION AND HANGOUT WILL BE AT 1432 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLUB HOUSE. THIS WILL BE IN OPERATION DURING CONVENTION. JAMES F. BURNS.

+ Chapter Chatter +

ALABAMA—At the July meeting of Mortimer

H. Jordan Chapter, Birmingham, a new line-up of officers was installed. Philip Lacey heads our local chapter for the coming year. Roy Henson was chosen first vice president; H. S. Foster, second vice president; J. B. Thigpen, secretary; B. O. Russell, sergeant-at-arms, and A. L. Northrup, historian.

Col. Henry C. Wood gave an interesting review of his trip as a delegate to the national convention, and also spoke on the true meaning of comradeship. He said:

"We have traveled through the Valley of Death and fought side by side in a foreign country. Let us forget our differences and preserve harmonious relations, which is the foundation of this organization."

Other delegates who attended the national convention were: Philip Lacey, Clift Young, Ted Hagen, John Winningham, Gaines Burnett and John D. Sheldon. All made splendid talks on their trip to the convention and said that before their departure from Atlantic City they gave Burney assurance they would attend the 1942 convention in Orlando, Florida. Barney, congratulations! Your untiring efforts at the past two conventions have been rewarded. Add "Juice of Juices!"

Several members of this chapter and their families attended the dramatization of the "Rainbow" at WAPI Broadcasting Station in the Protective Life Building, Birmingham, with Clint Bonner, creator of the newspaper and radio feature, "Alabama Oddities," as master of ceremonies.

The drama of the unusual appearance of the Rainbow just before the Division went into action was portrayed by a superb cast, and the realism of the sound effects of machine guns barking and the whine and burst of shells gave us the impression we were back in the front lines.

President Lacey has appointed an arrangements committee so as to put on an elaborate affair for the occasion.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will serve a supper for the hungry and thirsty.

All Rainbowners and their wives are cordially invited.

I wonder what progress chapters throughout the state are making.

ALBERT L. NORTHROP

CALIFORNIA—Well, well, we feel the Maestro of the Blue Pencil, sometimes referred to as Editor of the Reveille, has "gone coy" on us in his mature age when he sends out announcements to his stoogies couched in terms of Buglers, Pups and what have you.

Also, we suggest Ye Editor get his nose out of the proof sheets and take a look at the map of the U.S.A. We received our request for copy on August 25 and the deadline for receipt of same in Washington is August 27. Los Angeles being about 3000 miles from Washington, this is rather a large order to

fill in forty-eight hours even with the aid of Air Mail. After all, there are several other things of more or less importance that have to be attended to during that time; the old job, for instance.

Be that as it may, we have gotten out the typewriter, limbered up our two best index fingers, revamped the old hunt and peck system and started in to carry out the assignment in true Rainbow tradition.

As you all know we are beginning a new Rainbow year. The one just passed was the best yet. It is up to all of us to put our shoulder to the wheel and assist the new officers to attain a new high for the 1941-1942 year.

With wars to the right of us and wars to the left of us, let us set our course straight ahead, giving our full support to our officers, our country and our flag in true Rainbow spirit.

We may be accused of going back to the "horse and buggy days" but in effect we still subscribe to the sentiments of Stephen Decatur when he said: "My country, may she always be right; but, right or wrong, my country."

Unity of spirit and effort is the only thing that will carry us safely through this period of world chaos. To paraphrase the quotation of one of our founding fathers—"We must all stick together or get stuck separately" and the best way to begin sticking together is to pay your dues to your local chapter and to the National Association and become an active paid up member of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association.

The first meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter for the new year is September 11. Installation of officers will be held at that time. News of this meeting in the next issue.

Congratulations to William McCants of the San Francisco Chapter upon his election as National Vice President to represent the Pacific Coast. The National Association selected an earnest Rainbow worker in electing "Pinky" for the 1941-1941 year.

WARNER H. GRASSELL.

INDIANA—Marion County Chapter elected the following officers for the coming year at the State Reunion which was held in June at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis—President, William C. Jackson; Vice President, Norman Shortridge; Treasurer, Theo V. Corbin; Secretary, C. K. Gregg.

Indiana held the largest reunion since the war and we had for the guest speaker at the banquet Alvin C. Owsley, Past National Commander of the American Legion. Sidney S. Miller was toastmaster and he was only too glad to introduce as honored guest of the banquet Fred Crawford of Chicago, Randolph of Pittsburgh, Chet Lowe of Detroit. Come again, fellows, we will always be glad to have you at our reunion.

This is the first time that Indiana held a three-day reunion, stag party Friday night was well attended and the Memorial Services held in the World War Memorial Building

the following Sunday were very well attended.

Meeting held August 3, Karl Erath was appointed chairman of the membership committee with 25 members of the Chapter on the committee. This is to notify the other chapters in Rainbow that Indiana is out to increase its membership, and watch us go.

Your correspondent was unable to attend the Reunion in Atlantic City as he was organization chairman of the aluminum committee in Marion County. We collected 38,000 pounds here in Marion County. How did the rest of you do?

E Battery, 150th F.A. hold third annual reunion Oct. 24, 25, 26, Hotel Washington, Indianapolis, Indiana. All Rainbows invited.

Ever in Rainbow, KEITH GREGG

IOWA—After attending the Atlantic City Reunion we can settle down, dig in with all we have to help make 1941-1942 the greatest year in Rainbow. Like the National Association, Iowa had its greatest year in 1940-1941 and we, too, hope to make this an even greater year.

The Executive Committee of the Iowa Association held a meeting in Des Moines August 10 and set quotas for the eleven Iowa Chapters. We were pleased at that time to find that 25 per cent of the quota was already in. There was plenty of evidence at this meeting that enthusiasm still exists and with the election of new officers in all the chapters things will hum right along. All Iowa chapters are urged to get their membership drives under way at once. Get Rainbow dues in before everything else falls due. Let us urge that whenever or wherever you see a Rainbow Vet ask him for his dues and collect.

The State Association held open house at the Iowa Legion Convention August 11-13 in Des Moines and made many friends among Iowa Legionnaires. It is estimated that some 300 took advantage of the open house. Naturally we were bidding for Legion support when Iowa brings the Rainbow Reunion to Des Moines.

The Ottumwa chapter held its annual reunion August 3 with the turnout up to expectations. Ottumwa is probably the only chapter in the Rainbow that has already exceeded its last year's paid-up membership. State President Davidson changed trains at Ottumwa on his way to Atlantic City and the Ottumwa Chapter officers met him at the train with a check for 52 members. This kind of action helps to make Rainbow the grand association that it is. More power to such fine chapters.

The Des Moines chapter held its installation August 8 with Homer W. Gardner as the installing officer. The usual impressive ceremony was carried out and climaxed with the presentation of the Past Commander's badge to retiring President Colonel Tillotson. The Colonel is to be congratulated on the fine service he gave the Des Moines Chapter during the past year. The new officers have a job on their hands to exceed the work of the Colonel.

To all of you Iowa Rainbows who paid dues in 1940-1941. If you have not paid your 1941-1942 dues, get your \$2.00 to your chapter officers right now; don't wait for them to run you down. You pay up and give the officers a chance to work on the fellows who haven't been paying. Rainbow is yours. Keep it alive by active membership. Remember this: Every one who served in the World War over 90 days is eligible to membership in the American Legion; anyone who has served outside the United States in any war is eligible for the V.F.W., and anyone serving with any division and was wounded is eligible for D. A. V. Well, brother, you had to serve with the Rainbow in order to be a member of the Rainbow Veterans Association. **EXCLUSIVE?** Brother, it is about the most exclusive organization in the world. Join your chapter and get into this organization wholehearted. Here's to the greatest Rainbow year in history.

HOMER W. GARDNER

MICHIGAN—

It ain't the kind o' clothes you wear,
Or whether or not you've got any hair;
It ain't what you've done along Life's way,
But—What are you going to do today?

One thing really important is to pay your membership dues NOW, tout de suite. Muy pronto, etc., etc. You might forget it tomorrow. Send checks or Money Orders to Arthur Gibson, Secretary, 3791 Blaine, Detroit, Mich. This appeal is addressed primarily to Michigan Rainbows, but anyone else wanting to join a live chapter will be welcome.

A fellow some of you may know, by the name of Marx Rosenthaler, is our new President. He's from the 149th F.A., but the rest of us don't hold that against him. From the way he's taken hold, things will hum this year. Don (3-Star) Hennessey is entertainment chairman. One of his brain children has already given our wobbly treasury a shot in the arm.

The annual Five-State Get-together, held last year in Fort Wayne, Ind., will be held in Detroit October 4. There will be a banquet, entertainment and reunion a la Rainbow. A supply of soothing syrup has already been donated. Bids have been sent to Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Inasmuch as this is the day of the Michigan-Iowa game, we will attend as a group, if sufficient advance reservations are made. Here's a chance for you Midwestern Rainbows to meet our new National President, Walker Colston. He's promised to be present if it is humanly possible.

Your dues are due. KURT FREDERICK.

MINNESOTA—Capt. Cross. Fred Niemann, Leo Kammier, Otto Martin, Cousin Hugo, Russ Mitton, Clarence Lilly, Asa Boatman, Nurdy Reisdorph, Bill Andreas, Jim Wright and a flock of others. Do you wonder why the annual picnic was such a success? Who won the ball game between Minneapolis and St. Paul? We don't know, as they haven't

had time to count the score yet. The babies, the papas and mamas, the grandpas and grandmas, all report that they had one swell time.

The triple installation Wednesday, the 20th, in St. Paul, was just short of a State Reunion. Even Kenny Mack and Jim drove in for the affair. No one knows where they all came from. A very enjoyable evening was spent with the St. Paul Chapter putting on some nice entertainment and a swell bean feed. To State President Russ Mitton; Nurdy Reisdorph, St. Paul President; Andy Wolfe, Minneapolis President, and all their committees, we say "You did a swell job." The incoming officers are going to have to do a lot of work to live up to what you boys have started but they are a good bunch of fellows and I know they are going to turn in a grand year. The new State President is Ray Quinlan; the new St. Paul President is James Keough; the new Minneapolis President is Lee Harrison. What more could you fellows want.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, under the leadership of its new President, Bee LaJeunesse, opens its new year September 10. Anyone with the personality that the new President has is bound to have a very successful year. We wish her and all the officers the best of luck.

FRANK WEST.

OHIO—There have been picnics all over the landscape as Ohio Rainbow gets underway for a new year. Mansfield, Marion, Columbus, Newark and Mansfield have each had one or more outings.

Ohio's state reunion at Lancaster was a standout in all respects with splendid entertainment every minute and more than 300 at the annual banquet and Memorial Service. Out-of-staters at the reunion included National President Bill Nevius and Past National Presidents Brucker and Marcus, and Pittsburgh's President, Randy Randolph came over to see the Buckeyes. Lancaster Chapter and Auxiliary are entitled to highest praise and congratulations.

Mort Rooney of Columbus was elected new state president and Earl Massa, Mansfield, and Roy Grant, Cincinnati, as vice presidents, and that combination will really go to town.

Ohio feels highly honored by the re-appointment of Past National President Whitney, Cleveland, as national judge advocate and appointment of Ed C. Weitzel, Akron, as national secretary and the latter's re-election to the national executive committee. Al Hoyt did a magnificent job as national secretary and Ed will carry on in the same laudable way.

Charles Baskerville, ex-Co. A, 166th Inf., noted New York portrait and mural artist, spoke over WGAR, Cleveland, on a flying visit to Ohio on August 27 . . . Marion and Newark are leading in dues to date . . . Officers in the Ohio State Guard are Rainbow Vets Lt. Col. Louis Houser, Lt. Col. Albert Rankin, Lt. Col. Raymond Cheseldine, Capt. Leo M. Scheider and Capt. W. B. Hyer . . .

The 166th Infantry chrome shield at Camp Shelby, Miss., with a huge Rainbow across it is still bringing in compliments to Ohio Rainbow, which donated it . . . it is on an elevation and lighted at night . . . We all missed Dan Glossbrenner's smiling face at the state reunion; don't miss next year, Dan.

JACK HENRY.

PENNSYLVANIA—After struggling through the following you will agree with me that Walt Michel, master reporter and state scribe, should be given a general court martial for going AWOL. All of which again convinces me that the Engineers had nothing to do with winning the war. "Papa" Bill Nevius is a teacher par excellence and I have learned a lot about combining business with Rainbow. Profiting by this teaching I attended four Rainbow affairs during the first two weeks of August. Saturday night, August 2, our Lancaster Chapter held a short business meeting and elected the following officers: J. Denlinger, president; H. Stouffer, vice president; J. Brenner, secretary-treasurer; J. Mahler, sergeant-at-arms; E. Dennis, historian. After an enthusiastic discussion regarding their membership drive and plans for the Lancaster Reunion the meeting adjourned.

The next day, Sunday, August 3, the Reading Chapter held a combined business meeting and Reunion in the club rooms of the Goodwill Fire Co., Hyde Park. What happened? Have you ever attended a "Dutch" party? If you have, you know; if you haven't, come to the next one! State President Brenner with appropriate remarks presented the Reading Charter to Louis Wanner, Chapter president. Our fair ladies were present "in volume" and after a most enthusiastic talk Mrs. Kool of Bethlehem presented the Auxiliary Charter to Mrs. Wanner of Reading. The Sweetheart of the party? Mrs. Riekert (Edie's mother) of course! The Darling? Barbara Wanner, who entertained with songs and readings. If you think that Rainbow Soldiers have grown too old to jitterbug to a hot three-piece orchestra then you were not in Reading. Bethlehem, Lancaster and Philadelphia Chapters are to be complimented for their fine turnout.

Saturday night, August 16, our baby (measured only by time) chapter in Philadelphia promoted a "Little Rainbow Reunion." Bill Nevius, Honorary President, presented the Philadelphia Chapter charter to President A. S. Schall; Past President Elmer Neagle put his usual Rainbow punch in his remarks; Past National Secretary Al Hoyt, plus his silver tongue, plus Webster's unabridged, was under a full head of steam; Prexy Colston made a determined talk for Rainbow progress; John Brenner, State President, was at his best. Lancaster and Reading Chapters had splendid delegations present, headed by their respective presidents, Denlinger and Wanner. After a short business meeting we adjourned. Where did we go? Attend the next one and you will find out.

Lancaster Chapter has held an Annual

Reunion for several years and Sunday, August 17, was no exception. I was there last year and the best I can say is that they get bigger and better. If you want to know what happened just find out what we really mean by a "Dutch" party. Those who were in Philadelphia Saturday night just rented a trailer and rolled into Lancaster Sunday noon; Bill Nevius, Elmer Neagle, Al Hoyt, Prexy Colston plus "Worcestershire" Stout and two Rainbow Comrades from Baltimore. Philadelphia and Reading both had fine turnouts. Bill Nevius presented the Pennsylvania State Charter to our State President, John Brenner. If you of you "dues collectors" want a lesson in "painless pulling" you should just watch Earl Dennis easing out the bucks. I was "drafted" for this detail of "omission and commission" and when ye editor finishes with his blue pencil you will probably find nothing left but my name.

Thanks, you snipers, for those "pot shots" at my shirts in the last issue of the Reveille. Better remember you are playing with the "heavies" and we aren't firing "duds."

Yours in Rainbow, RANDY RANDOLPH

FLORIDA Rainbow Veterans take this opportunity to thank their comrades for the kind assistance given in their effort to secure the 1942 Reunion for Orlando, Florida. Since returning to Florida your comrades have been busy. The General Charles P. Summerall Chapter held a meeting at Orlando August 17. On the same day Bill Rheney, our State President called a State meeting at Orlando.

The General Summerall Chapter held their annual election and the writer became a Past President, turning the gavel over to Louis French, (165th Inf.) Louis is a fine fellow and is connected with a banking firm in Orlando so the Chapter should never be short of cash. Frank Hastings, (150th F. A.), was elected Vice President. Frank is a newspaper man, so we shouldn't be lacking in publicity. C. C. Wright, (150th F. A.), was elected Secretary-Treasurer. James A. Rolfe, (149th M. G. Bn.), was elected Historian. The one and only Maj. Dave Wiley is brushing up on his prayers as he was elected Chaplain. Hood E. Wilkerson was elected Judge Advocate and C. D. Callo-way is Sergeant-at-Arms. This group of officers will be your hosts at the next Reunion but the success of the occasion will lie with the Reunion Corporation, made up of Rainbows from all Chapters in Florida.

The State meeting was presided over by Bill Rheney, (117th Engrs.), who made a swell presiding officer. We in Florida are extremely proud of our State President. It was decided to form a corporation to handle all business in connection with the Reunion. Harold A. Stein of Orlando was elected President; Hood Wilkerson of Eustis, Vice President; Barney J. Sullivan of Orlando, Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Directors is made up of Louis French, Orlando; Robert Burton, of Jacksonville; Bill Rheney, Homestead; Elliott B. Hadley, St. Petersburg; Major Dave Wiley,

Mt. Dora; and Colonel Noah Butts, of Cocoa. Lloyd Boyles, (149th F. A.), is legal advisor.

At the State meeting a resolution asked Florida members who have \$5.00 to spare, to pay their registration fee now. Many have already done so. If any Rainbows outside of Florida wish to send in their Reunion Registration fee, we will be glad to credit them with this payment and forward a receipt for same. If for any reason they fail to attend the Reunion we will refund in full their fee. For further details write in to the Reunion Secretary.

On August 18 I attended a meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter. This was a slight matter of a 360-mile trip. About twenty were present, eleven paid dues, and a number paid their registration fee for the Reunion. Jacksonville has a great gang. Marty George has been president for several years. He is to be congratulated on his selection for a Secretary. He is the one and only Robert Burton, of Jacksonville, one of the finest Rainbow Secretaries I have had the pleasure of knowing. He is a quiet fellow until it comes time for dues, and, brother, How He Gets the Dues.

On Tuesday night, August 19, the Miami Chapter had a meeting. I received a communication from Jim Barney, Secretary, in which he states that about 24 from Miami have paid dues so far, and that a number were forwarding their registration fee.

You boys and girls who plan on attending the Reunion at Orlando, start saving your pennies because we are really going to put on a big time. Just a bit of advance dope at this time. You are going to be agreeably surprised at the moderation of hotel rates during the Reunion. There will be hotel rooms available as low as 75 cents per day per person; rates in the Reunion Headquarters Hotel will be \$2.00 to \$2.50 per person. And this is really the price you will pay; not just publicity. Meals will be equally moderate in price; you can get a good lunch, in an air-conditioned restaurant, for 35 cents.

In closing this Florida article, will every Chapter President and Secretary write me so that I will have the names and addresses on our mailing list? Kindest regards to all the gang.

B. J. Sullivan, Reunion Chairman

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—John Shiles, newly elected President of the D. C. Chapter, has appointed a committee to plan a program of activities for the Chapter during the ensuing year, to be submitted to the next regular meeting on September 20th. If the proposed program is approved by the Chapter President Shiles plans to appoint committees at once to promote the scheduled events and activities. The membership committee has already made a good start, and entertains hope that the goal of 100 paid members for D. C. will be promptly reached and exceeded. On one of the hottest nights of the year fifty Chapter members turned out at Burts Translux Restaurant to honor Walker H. Colston, elected National President at the Atlantic City Reunion.

From the Desk of the National Secretary Ed Weitzel, P. O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio



ED WEITZEL

We were simply overwhelmed with the many hundreds of kind letters received by Rainbowers from all over the United States congratulating us and wishing us success in our present assignment. We will at some future date answer each one personally, but at this time may we use the medium of the Reveille to thank each and every one of you for your good wishes, and advance the hope that we may in some measure merit the confidence you have placed in us.

The transfer of equipment, records, etc., having been completed we are all set to do business. To be more exact, we are already doing business in no small way. Your requests for membership cards, immediately after receipt by your of the first issue of the Reveille was most gratifying. You definitely confirmed President Colston's opinion that you are "rarin'" to go if given the opportunity. As for the Secretary, it is quite obvious, you will agree, that with the earlier than usual start of placing the membership in good standing, peaks in the distribution of membership cards will be materially levelled off. This naturally puts us in much better position to give you the service we pledged, "KEEP 'EM COMING."

One of the most essential functions of this office is to keep the Memorial file complete and up to date, we urgently request, therefore, that Chapter officers forward to the Sec-

retary immediately the name and complete history of every Rainbower who passes on.

We are happy to announce that a group of Seattle Rainbowers, through the efforts of Earl Isensee, Wm. J. Bain, Donald Corlett, R. R. Cunningham, et al, are putting forth every effort to organize the first new Chapter of the 1941-42 year at Seattle, Washington. Success to you Washingtonians. We will welcome you.

We have had a marvelous response to our personal letters and appeal through the Reveille for the names and addresses of Chapter officers for the year 1941-42. We are very desirous of completing this list at the earliest possible date. We urge, therefore, that these Chapters which have not yet complied with this request do so by return mail. This is important. "KEEP 'EM COMING."

Requests for Lapel Buttons and Windshield Decals have been numerous, many accompanied with remittances. Your request and orders are on file and will be filled as soon as this merchandise reaches us, which according to our most recent inquiry will be about September 15. Through a very fortunate purchase we can again offer the Lapel Buttons at 75c apiece, the Windshield Decals at 15c apiece, or set of two for 25c. In the case of Lapel Buttons in lots of ten or more, write this office for price. "KEEP 'EM COMING."

Your Secretary enjoys the various Chapter publications and bulletins immensely, and very often through these papers gathers essential information that is passed on for the good of Rainbow. May we ask that you place him on your mailing list? Thank you.

ED WEITZEL.

(Tear off and mail with \$1.00)

E. C. Weitzel, National Secretary,
Rainbow Division Veterans,
P. O. Box 42,
Akron, Ohio

Dear Ed:

I enjoy the Reveille, but do not live in a Chapter Area—please find enclosed \$1.00 for which send me 1941-42 membership card and continue to send me the Reveille. I am proud of being a veteran of the 42nd Division.

Yours in Rainbow.

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