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Rainbow in the Argonne

By Matthew A. Tinley

During the final phase of St. Mihiel, plans had been made for a combined attack in the Argonne. The Kriemhilde Stellung confronted us. To mislead the Germans as to where the blow would fall, all front line positions were quietly evacuated and the artillery of our entire force turned upon enemy positions. General MacArthur had

been living in the Chateau Benoit during this period of preparation. The Germans finally opened fire upon that chateau with incendiary bombs, and we watched it crumble to ruins.

An order was received moving our troops into positions in the Argonne. With a map as guide, we were given free hand in the choice of billeting territory. Division headquarters selected the town of Avacourt. Coming to that town, we found it completely destroyed, the only evidence of its former existence being a cellar where the first floor remained as cover.

We approached the historical city of Montfaucon. It was near this place that the lost battalion of another division made its stand. We passed through the Bois de Baulney. In our advance, after relieving the First Division, we passed Arietell Ferme. On a high point overlooking this farm there was a narrow road beside a few



Lieut. Gen. Mathew A. Tinley

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isolated houses. In one of these we saw a tragic picture. An American soldier of the First Division had done execution on eleven German soldiers lying dead in the house. The soldier lay with them, having met his death by a bayonet thrust from behind.

New York, on the extreme left, made a gallant fight, and her men were hung up in the wire. By reason of cross-fire from Cote de Chatillon, it was an impossible movement so long as that high point remained in the hands of the Germans. Cote de Chatillon was in the immediate front of the 167th and the 168th. Be it said to the credit of both regiments, the hill was reduced and the way made clear for the advance of the 165th Infantry.

During these days, German aviation was very active. Many of our observation balloons went down in flames.

On October 31, 1918, orders were received for the advance of the 42nd Division to pass through the 77th Division, then on our front. There we saw the results of the gallant fight made by our brothers of the New York regiment and the 83rd Brigade, crossing as we did through the wire where we found their heroic dead.

On November 6th, the Division advanced to a position near Sedan. The Ohio regiment was in position fronting Sedan. They had given a very excellent account of themselves in their advance. They had stopped in the vicinity of the stone house known as the "Dernier Cartouche." In order that the French might avenge the loss of Sedan in 1870, they were permitted by the Ohio regiment to make the first entry into Sedan.

Then came the great day of November 11, 1918. For those of us at the front it was a never-to-be-forgotten experience: The incredible, oppressive silence which settled upon us as the firing ceased; the feeling of unreality; in the night, the strange sight of cars moving with headlights aglow; of shelter-halves torn from billets to let the light stream out (and the cold stream in); of men milling about, unable to feel that the great moment had really come—no more bloodshed, no more wounded comrades, no further chance to win honors or to correct possible mistakes.

It was too big a thing to grasp as it was taking place and only time could make us sense that the war was over at last.

THE RAINBOW DIVISION WELFARE COMMITTEE

In order to get a clear idea of how the Rainbow Division Welfare Committee might function most advantageously for the present 42nd Division, I went to Camp Gruber on September 18, 19 and 20 to discuss this subject with General Collins and his executive officers. I also visited smaller units, battalion commanders, members of the Cadre and also new inductees. Just before leaving Camp Gruber I had a discussion with the chaplains of the Division. I came away with two well-defined ideas:

1. Although they want it understood that they ask for no immediate financial help, yet such help would facilitate many of their present problems which are no different from those of any other division. The Government presumably furnishes complete equipment but there are still many items that are vitally necessary and can only be obtained by voluntary contributions from the officers and men. To name a few, band instruments, sheet music, hair clippers, pads of paper, etc.

We have already given them a tremendous boost in their morale by our attendance at their Activation Ceremony and by many individual efforts and offers of help. We have gone on record as stating that we wish to do more than give them moral support. Such

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ARE YOU PREPARED TO PAY OFF?

Twenty-five years ago this month we laid aside our arms and shouted, "La guerre est finie." That November morning at eleven o'clock was a memorable occasion for us—one that we will remember all our lives.

Now, twenty-five years later, most of us are engaged in civilian pursuits. Yes, brother, we're just too old. Sure, we'd like to be in there fighting but this time we can do our bit in other ways. There is a new batch of Rainbow men who will carry on for us but if they are to do their best we MUST back them 100 per cent. Elsewhere in this issue you will learn how we plan to give these men of Rainbow support and in a manner that will be greatly appreciated.

We will need the cooperation of all of YOU and we know that YOU will come through for Rainbow.

BOB RENO

CONGRATULATIONS, MAJOR GENERAL HARRY J. COLLINS

All Rainbow takes great pride in the recent announcement of the promotion of the Commanding Officer of the 42nd Rainbow Division to Major General.

Promotions of this kind only come through the hard way, as we well know, and are the result of years of intensive study, application, hard work and outstanding ability as a leader of men.

General Collins' selection by the War Department to lead the Rainbow Division in this war was made only after it had decided he would "mould a division that would live up to its rich traditions."

We know that the well-being and the training of Rainbow troops are in good hands and so to you, Major General Collins, your officers, and all men of the 42nd, go our very best wishes.

ROBERT R. RENO, JR., National President,
Rainbow Division Veterans.

"THE 42nd DIVISION." A pictorial booklet of the 25th Reunion at Camp Gruber, July 14, 1943, and condensed sketch of the Division of '17 with remarks about the 42nd of '43. "It affords proud recollections for the veterans and a happy outlook for the men of today," says Gen. C. P. Summerrall. For sale by Johnson Printing Company, P. O. Box 1725, Tulsa, Oklahoma. 35c per copy, or three for \$1.00 postpaid. Stamps accepted.

Recordings of New Rainbow Division Reactivation Ceremonies Now Available at Low Cost

During the Rainbow Division reunion at Tulsa, July 13 and 14, radio station KTUL, Tulsa, broadcast the reactivation ceremony during the full hour and a half period. To those of us who were there, it will be remembered always as the most impressive and important occasion in Rainbow history since World War I.

The complete ceremony is now available on three records, one-quarter hour on each of six sides—including music, speeches, and all the attendant colorful sidelights.

These records are recorded at 33 1-3 revolutions per minute and must be played on regular radio recording equipment, which, if not owned by Rainbow chapters, can be obtained for a very low rental charge at a local station or radio supply store. The equipment is portable and is no larger than a small overnight bag.

The cost of the complete set of three records is \$25.00. Orders should be sent to the National Secretary of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, Mr. Edward C. Weitzel, P.O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio. Check or money order should accompany the order for the records. The National Secretary will handle the details, and each chapter or individual will receive the set of records direct from Station KTUL, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALABAMA—A large number of Rainbow Veterans attended the dedication of the S.S. Sappa Creek which was dedicated in honor of the Rainbow Division Veterans who served in World War I.

The doughboys and their families gathered in Mobile from many parts of Alabama, Florida and Louisiana, Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Alabama dry docks at 11:30 to watch the launching of this 21,680-ton tanker, the S.S. Sappa Creek.

The dedication speech was made by Lt. Col. Henry C. Wood, of Birmingham, Ala., national committeeman of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association, who gave a brief history of the division in World War I. He was introduced by Frank Bunkley of Mobile, a prominent Rainbow man.

Col. Wood read a telegram from Robert R. Reno, Jr., National President of the Rainbow Division Veterans, in his closing remarks, which was as follows: "Delighted to learn that a Victory ship is to be christened named in honor of the Rainbow men serving in the last war stop regret exceedingly my inability to attend on this momentous occasion stop my salutations to all Rainbow men in attendance and particularly to Miss Carroll."

The sponsor of the 21,680-ton tanker, the S.S. Sappa Creek, was Miss Martha Carroll, of Ozark, Alabama, daughter of the late Maj. John W. Carroll, who was commander of the first battalion of the 167th Infantry of the Rainbow Division, co-sponsor was Wave Ens. Elinor Unger, of Mobile, daughter of D. S. M. Unger, state vice commander of the American Legion and a Rainbow Veteran.

After the launching ceremony a luncheon was given by the Major Carroll Chapter of Mobile, which was attended by a large number of distinguished guests. They were welcomed by the Mayor, to the city of Mobile, the Hon. Ernest M. Messinson, and the response was made by Mike O'Hara, of Tuscaloosa, the State President, for Alabama Association. On the program also were Rear Adm. George D. Murray, commandant of the Pensacola Naval Air Station; Chaplain Lewis E. White, of Brookley Field; John H. Winningham, president of the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter, of Birmingham. Gifts were presented to the sponsor and co-sponsor of the Sappa Creek, by the State Association at the luncheon program.

ALBERT L. NORTHRUP.

OHIO—The Buckeyes are going "all-out" for the Rainbow Division Welfare Fund, with lots of enthusiasm being shown over the state in the nation-wide Rainbow move to show the Rainbow soldiers of today that the soldiers of 1917-18-19 have all the divisional loyalty of which they have long boasted.

The state Board of Trustees has voted \$100

from state association funds for the welfare fund and are taking a personal responsibility in collection of individual contributions toward the project . . . Bill Belhorn, mayor of Lancaster, won his party nomination for reelection and Rainbows are with him 100 per cent regardless of politics for election . . . We missed Randy at the state reunion . . . Despite the shortage of shells, we hear Marion and Lancaster are planning on holding their annual pheasant and rabbit suppers . . . State President Roy Grant's chapter at Cincinnati has already sent in 52 memberships.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, ex-captain and regimental adjutant of the 166th Infantry, is believed to be the only National Guard officer now in command of a division in this war . . . his outfit, the 37th, made a brilliant record on New Georgia Island at Munda . . . Cleveland Chapter undoubtedly set a record last year when both the president and first vice president received commissions—Jules Schwalb and John Bahl . . . It has been decided the 1944 reunion will be in Columbus on June 9-10, but the place has not yet been selected.

Out-of-state membership this early in the year includes Florida, New York, California, Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Washington, West Virginia and Michigan . . . we don't count Kentucky out-of-state as there are so many Kentuckians who belong to Cincinnati Chapter and are very active in it . . . but what we are getting at is that we'd like all 48 states represented this year . . . State-national dues are only \$1.50 and the cost is little more when you join through a chapter instead of through state headquarters and that method will give chapters support . . . but no matter how, when or where you join up—join up—let's make this the biggest Rainbow year in history everywhere.

JACK HENRY.

NEW JERSEY—The New Jersey Chapter's meeting on September 26 was well attended, indicating a growing interest in Rainbow affairs. Frank E. Mitchell, the Chapter's new President, assumed his duties with a determination to make this a top year in membership and activity. National Treasurer Bob Hayward and Chapter Treasurer Jack Gaul gave the boys an interesting account of the Reunion at Tulsa and the events and activation ceremonies at Camp Gruber. Supplementing their remarks, Art Slattery read the stirring speeches delivered thereat by Col. Ruby Garrett and Brig. Gen. H. J. Collins.

A lack of detail information concerning the new division's welfare fund delayed action in appropriating this Chapter's contribution thereto. This matter will be acted upon as soon as this information is received. A motion to send Christmas gift boxes to chapter members' sons and daughters in our country's service was unanimously passed. Mem-

bers having such sons and daughters are requested to promptly inform Art Slattery, giving their full name, rank and complete mailing address. This should be done immediately so that gifts may be mailed sufficiently early to reach them by Christmas. A committee was appointed to assist Reginald Van Brunt, Chapter Historian, in formulating a plan for preparing a progressive chapter history and procuring and compiling the necessary data. It is intended that a Year Book will be published. All members are urged to cooperate by submitting photos, letters and news items or any information possessed pertaining to past and present chapter activities, incidents and personalities. Treasured articles will be returned.

A number of New Jersey Chapter members who have received membership cards for this year have not submitted their dues. It has been said, and truly, that "Once a Rainbower, always a Rainbower." That is a privilege which cannot be denied you. But it is a hollow one if not exercised to its full measure. This can only be done by paying dues, attending meetings and being active in your chapter affairs. If you can't be active, at least do your part in support of those who are, by PAYING DUES. This will be appreciated. Please send 2 bucks NOW to Art Slattery, 107 McLaren St., Red Bank.

At the last meeting of the Gen. Charles T. Menoher Chapter, held in June, the following new officers were installed: F. Sacksteder (149 FA), President; E. P. Bryan (168 Amb.), 1st Vice President; G. Coburn (149 FA), 2nd Vice President; E. Huber (165 Amb.), Secretary and Treasurer; J. Vance (149 FA), Advocate; F. Enos (117 SC), Chaplain, and L. McGrath (149 FA), Sergeant-at-Arms.

Work for Victory and Rainbow!

STAN BARROW.

VIRGINIA—The Virginia State Chapter is off to a good start for 1943-44 under its new officers, who were installed at the August meeting. They are Coleman H. Nelson, president; John W. D. Carter, 1st vice president; Alex B. Sheen, 2nd vice president; Percy R. Karnes, 3rd vice president; R. Allen Gibbons, secretary-treasurer, and Charles W. Muse, sergeant-at-arms.

At this writing 55 paidup memberships have been brought into the fold. It is hoped that by Christmas we shall be able to report at least 100. Any unaffiliated Rainbower man in Virginia should send \$2.00 to P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va., and get his membership card. Thus can he show that he is behind those Rainbower boys who are now training at Camp Gruber, Okla., for battle duty in World War II.

How I wish that every one of you boys could have been with Jim Dent, Percy Karnes and myself on July 14 when the Rainbow was activated! It would have done your hearts good, even if it did bring a lump into your throats, to have seen what a fine body

of men now have the custody of our old battle flags.

Chairman "Bob" Reno, Ruth and Bill Butts and all those who had any part in making the arrangements for the Tulsa Reunion are to be congratulated for the fine job they did.

It will be of special interest to members of the Virginia State Chapter who cannot often attend meetings to learn about those members of the chapter who are back in the armed services. Col. M. S. Battle is in the office of the Provost-Marshal General, Washington, D. C. Lt. Col. Erskin Hill is with the Coast Artillery at Camp Pendleton. Lt. Col. Charley Nerren, formerly of the 167th Alabama, now holds that rank in the Marines. Major Henry I. Thomason is with the Air Transport Command in Washington and Major "Ash" Wilborn is there, too, with the Air Corps. Major Burns Derflinger is with the Air Corps somewhere in Africa, Sicily or Italy, who knows? Captain Ralph S. Bryan is Assistant Provost-Marshal at Baltimore; Captain Curtis R. Davis is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. Sgt. Stanford Jarrett is with the M. P. Corps at Miami Beach, Fla. E. D. Butts is said to be in service somewhere, but repeated efforts have failed to unearth a line on his rank or station. Greetings, Rainbowers!

President Nelson has appointed your correspondent as liaison officer between the chapter and the National Welfare Committee. You will hear more about this activity in the days to come.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS.

ILLINOIS—The Bob Reno night held in the ballroom of the new Rainbow National Home, alias the Swedish Club of Chicago, on September 24, was a colorful affair. There was a sizeable smattering of Rainbowers who are now back in the armed forces, representing all branches of the service from the M. P.'s to the Navy. Also, boys on furlough from Camp Gruber, looking as neat and doggie as Marines, sons of Rainbowers who are doing their bit with the airforce and other branches of the service.

The meeting was opened by President Johnson. Eskil Bjork was master of ceremonies and official greeter. Barre Blumenthal welcomed Bob into the realm of National Commanders as only Barre with his inexhaustible vocabulary could. The speaker of the evening was District Chief, Chicago Ordnance District, Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Hammond (ret.) (formerly Lt. Col. 149 FA), whose subject was Big Business in Ordnance. He explained the workings of his office and had with him a carload of the latest equipment from a bazooka down. None were loaded so he let the boys play with them to their heart's content. Lt. Col. George Richardson also gave us a talk on how it feels to be back in the Army with a bunch of kids that are so far ahead of you that they take you off your feet before you get started.

The highlights of the evening were: Freddie

Crawford coming in very late, having a vice-like grip on three official Rainbow swagger sticks as he elbowed his way through the mob of handshakers to gain his objective on top of the highest chair at the speaker's table. After presenting Bob with the swagger sticks with the compliments of the officers at Camp Gruber, who must have been tipped off that Bob is a very busy man and has been known to take three suitcases to Reunions just in case one or more go astray. Fred had a good alibi for coming in late as it was his birthday. He being just past thirty, went into seclusion, hanging onto the old year up to that moment when some years back a lot of sunshine and good fellowship were brought into the world.

Tom Finnegan's melodious voice stood out like a sore finger when they played the National Anthem. It was beautiful. When words failed him he just yodeled. If he doesn't lose his voice and can hold that inspiring look on his face until the next reunion he will be acclaimed the Sweetheart of the Rainbow of 1944.

Howard Smith put over his Iowa theme song in a big way with the help of a crowd of artillerymen who followed him from table to table. He had what it takes in an innocent-looking quart bottle.

We also had the honor of having with us one of Rainbow's best and most sincere workers, none other than Past National President Bill Nevius.

Barney Sullivan, who had planned on being with us to give the meeting the final national touch, was grounded somewhere between Orlando and Chicago.

You lugs that have any doubts about the new Rainbow going to town under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Collins can relax after reading an excerpt from a letter sent by one of the new Rainbowers who was not aware that his friend's father was in Rainbow No. 1:

"I left Camp Grant a week ago Friday and found myself here in Camp Gruber, Okla. I'm in the toughest outfit of its kind in the world. It's the famous Rainbow Division. You remember they were the ones who turned the tide in the last war. The Rainbow is bound to see action soon. Our training is to be quick but complete. You see, the Rainbow was founded by General MacArthur and he wants us over with him to fight Japan."

DAN AVERY.

MINNESOTA—On August 2, 1943, the "Big Three of the Minnesota Rainbow" met in St. Paul—The State Department, the St. Paul Chapter, and the Minneapolis Chapter.

The St. Paul Auditorium has furnished the various veterans' organizations of that city a very convenient, comfortable and well-equipped meeting hall with appurtenance and here was held this ceremony, inducting the newly elected officers into the duties and privileges of these respective offices.

The ceremony was conducted by Colonel Jerome Jackson, State Historian for many

years. Adding a touch of the military, he compared the three Presidents to Generals commanding advisors, and the rest of the officers as members of that staff divided among the usual four staff sections, and outlined the duties of each group.

Outside of this induction ceremony, the entire evening was a social one. The St. Paul Commander furnished an excellent and well served lunch. Comrades, long absent, were introduced and World War I was fought over again, and World War II promised a speedy end since the Rainbow Division lives again.

Minnesota Chapters are getting off to a grand start both in attendance and dues. The first order of business of our new State President, William Andres, was to insist on co-operation and an extensive drive for dues. Let's all help him out.

The St. Paul Chapter under its new President, Frank Kolar, will meet at the Veterans' Hall the first Monday of each month. Clifford Jensen is the new secretary and George Morgan the new treasurer.

The Minneapolis Chapter got off to a flying start last Wednesday with its new President, Emil Kroboth, following right in the footsteps of the State President and asking that the boys turn out and bring a friend with them and everybody consider himself a delegate to collect dues.

The Minneapolis Chapter meets at the Legion Hall at 35th and Chicago the first Wednesday of each month. Listed below are the new officers:

President, Emil Kroboth; First Vice President, Otto Martin; Second Vice President, Walter Wickland; Third Vice President, William Allen; Secretary, Stewart Segerstrom; Treasurer, Dave Rockwood; Chaplain, Joe Justad; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank White; Historian, Jerome Jackson.

Cousin Hugo sure throws wicked knives and forks. To him and the entire group goes the success of the party.

We have four new champions: Elmer Faatz, Captain Cross, Frank Horton and Hy Flours, who is the champion work finder. For further information contact Harry Benson when he is about.

FRANK WEST.

PENNSYLVANIA—The recent meeting which was preceded by a dinner in honor of National President "Bob" Reno was one of the outstanding affairs held by the Pittsburgh Chapter and was a swell climax to my year as President. It was swell to have presided over this gang in western Pennsylvania and to all who so wholeheartedly gave of their time and effort I say "Thanks." I promise, however, that I shall still stay on the band wagon and lend whatever help I can to the administration that follows.

The dinner and meeting was held at the ultra-swanky Duquesne Club here in Pittsburgh. Vince Fleckenstien remarked that he was surprised to find flies in the place, whereupon I assured him that if any one of

them bothered him I would arrange to have that particular fly ejected from the room. Randy asked if it would be proper to blow on the coffee, or saucer it first. I suggested he watch the guy next to him. It happened that that fellow was using a straw. But anyway, we had a fine evening and a nice turnout. The speech-making was extremely good, particularly Bob Reno's message. Thanks for being with us, Bob, and hope you can stop the next time you are in these parts. After the reading of the stuffed and well-crammed ballot box, here are the officers of the Pittsburgh Chapter. I am proud to present: Leo F. Moquin, president; George Winslow, 1st vice president; Ronald Rigby, 2nd vice president; Dan Gordon, 3rd vice president; Vince Fleckenstien, treasurer; Randy Randolph, secretary; Alden Koch, chaplain; Walter Stover, sergeant-at-arms; John Lotz, service officer; Pete Mackinaw, executive committee at large. There they are, gentlemen, for your edification. Give them all you've got for the honor and glory of our Rainbow.

I have just heard from Barry Blumenthal out in Chicago. Okay, Barry, so I'll stop in for a visit on my way to the coast in November. Also had a swell letter from Warner Grassell out in Los Angeles. He said that at the chapter meeting out there in September they had as guests four Rainbows from Camp Gruber. Grassell states those fellows were still talking about the July 14th ceremonies. Had you, and you, been there, you would be talking about it, too.

On November 5th I leave for the West Coast and hope to see many of my friends along the way. See you then. So long.

WALT MICHEL.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

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being the case, let's relieve them of these early financial problems insofar as we can. Once having done this, there probably will be no further occasion to help them financially.

To cover the above, my suggestion is that every chapter send a donation in whatever amount they may see fit, making the check payable to the Rainbow Division Welfare Fund and sending it to Judge Cornelius J. Harrington, Treasurer, 706 County Building, Chicago, Ill., as quickly as possible for their IMMEDIATE USE.

2. We can perform a service for the duration that will be of untold value to the new Division and this service does not involve finance; it is purely a welfare service. I quote from General Collins' wire to me which clearly states this activity on our part:

"Fred E. Crawford, Jr.
400 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Reference our conversation, this is my impression of your plans and what I propose to publish when and if you

approve them. The Rainbow Division Veterans Association is planning welfare contact groups for dependents of the enlisted personnel of the Division. These groups will be located in every state in the Union and the District of Columbia. The purpose of these groups will be purely in the interest of welfare. They will be dedicated to looking after the wives and children, dependent parents, sisters, and brothers of our enlisted men. Through these groups your dependents can ask for counsel, advice and guidance. Notify them that wherever Rainbow Veterans are, they may go to them. A list of Rainbow Division Chapters will be published shortly in the Rainbow Reveille. You may ask your dependents to look up these veterans so that in the event they are needed, contact will already have been made. The Rainbow Division Welfare personnel who form these welfare contact groups are not in a position to render financial aid, but through and by their assistance financial aid may be obtained when needed." Signed Harry J. Collins."

The above speaks for itself. We can render an invaluable service by being understanding and sympathetic counselors to the families of these boys who find themselves in the Army and in our Division.

I find that there is a high percentage of married men amongst the enlisted men and a fairly high percentage of married men who are fathers. It will be very comforting to them to know that they are in a Division that has a veterans' organization with chapters all over the country—veterans who are vitally interested in them as Rainbow soldiers. The probability is that we will be asked to do very little but the mere knowledge of our being available is, as I say, comforting to these new soldiers and a great contribution to their morale.

I have been in contact with the Red Cross and they will cooperate with us. I will appreciate it if this information is passed on to all members in your chapter so that they will be properly informed if called upon. A list of chapters, together with the names and addresses of their secretaries, is being sent to General Collins and this will be published to the Division. If, after having read General Collins' message, a Rainbow soldier writes to his wife or other member of his family and asks them to get in touch with a local R.D.V. Chapter, I know that they will receive a true Rainbow Veteran's consideration.

To sum up, let's send them some money as quickly as possible and then let's, for the duration, be big brothers to our Rainbow soldiers' families.

FRED CRAWFORD,

Chairman, Welfare Committee.

400 North Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

From the Desk of the National Secretary

Three thousand Rainbowers have now answered the call. One-fifth of our mailing list. Are you one of them? One thousand members per month is a good average in any league, but, WHY WAIT. Eventually you will do it, so why not now. Start at once to enjoy the complete satisfaction of being in there ON THE LINE. We are geared up to handle remittances just as fast as you will send them in. Twenty-four-hour service is our motto, just shoot them to us, Buddy. Your local Chapter Secretary is ready to pass along your remittances if you will just give him the opportunity.

Requests for information to organize new chapters have been received from several localities: Boston, Mass., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Los Cruces, N. M., Rainbowers in these sectors are determined to organize. If you live in these cities, or nearby, please contact the following men: At Boston—William H. Rodgers, 17 Goethe Street, Boston, Mass.; at Chattanooga—Robert G. Allison, Hamilton County Court House, Chattanooga, Tenn., and at Los Cruces—C. R. Hinkle, Los Cruces, New Mexico. These men have all the information, just give them a ring or drop them a line stating that you wish to join with them. They will be ready to serve you. Do not pass up the opportunity of becoming a Charter Member.

New York is on the march. Father Duffy, Long Island, and Westchester Chapters, comprising Rainbow in the State of New York, are determined to lead the parade for membership this year. Jim Mason of the Father Duffy Chapter, says: "We are ninety ahead of last year at this time—if anyone beats us this year they deserve to be the Champion Chapter." But listen, Jim, Cliff DuBois, President of Iowa State, Mike O'Hara, President of Alabama State, and Roy Grant, President of Ohio State, all reply, "That ain't the way we see it, Jim."

In an effort to locate Rainbow veterans confined in Government hospitals, the Association has written letters to the managers of every hospital, center and facility in continental United States. Bulletins are now posted in each one of them requesting Rainbow patients to contact this office.

Rainbow Lapel Buttons are now available. Chapter Secretaries are urged to place their orders now in sufficient amounts to take care

of anticipated requirements. This merchandise is difficult to obtain. The buttons are made of sterling silver with a hard fired polished enameled top using the characteristic Rainbow Division Veterans colors. The new price of the buttons is One Dollar. Send your order with remittance for prompt delivery. While they last. Remember the new price—One Dollar Per Button.

We learn that renewed interest is noted in the far Northwest. This report is contained in letters from Dwight Alderman of Portland, Oregon, and Jack Faulkner, of Seattle, Washington.

Rainbowers who are not now associated with a chapter in their state are urged to do so at once. Contact the Secretary of your nearest chapter. If you do not have name and address, write us and we will gladly furnish it. But, do it today. Fifteen Thousand Members means that every last Rainbow Veteran must respond. For your convenience, if there is no chapter in your locality, tear off and mail to this office the coupon at the bottom of this page. Contributions to the Rainbow Division Welfare Fund may also be included if you are remitting direct to this office. The time to meet your Rainbow obligation is Right Now!

Individual Chapter Progress will again be posted on this page starting with the January issue. Time to mark up new highs in membership in the very first issue. From then on it will be yours for 15,000.

ED WEITZEL

"BUT YOU DID A LOT"

She may have been from the North or she may have been from the South. I wouldn't know. All I know is that she sold magazine subscriptions.

She spied a couple of MacArthur's pictures on my wall, and then she saw my Rainbow membership card sticking up some place. "Oh!" she cried, "I see you were in that much-talked-of Rainbow Division."

"Sure," I said, "and——" Well, she cut in.

"That outfit got a great deal of publicity, and is still being talked about a lot. But, after all, I suppose you did do a lot."

"Thanks, lady," I said. "Being talked about a lot twenty-five years after you did it is proof enough. Thanks a million."

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