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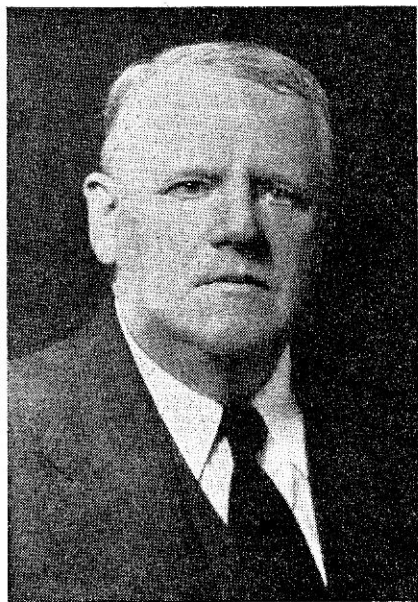
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Let's Learn Our Lesson

By BRIG. GEN. HENRY J. REILLY



General Reilly

Twenty-seven years ago this month we went to the front for the first time. Those of us who knew Europe and knew history knew that we were not there to fight a war to end wars. We hoped that we would fight and win a war which would settle the questions which caused the war and do it so thoroughly that another general war would not happen until after our deaths.

We didn't decisively defeat the Germans nor did the peace treaty with the League of

Nations which we set up decisively settle any of the questions which caused the war.

After that war we settled down into a comfortable optimism, while allowing women's clubs and the ministry to organize societies which disarmed the United States on land and at sea. We refused to furnish the money necessary to build up the war power of which we were capable of building. We were taught to put our faith in scraps of paper. Words, words, words on parchment, signed by brilliant meetings of diplomats surrounded by appealing ladies and gentlemen crying peace, peace, peace. This despite the fact that year after year it was very evident that not only had the questions which caused the last war remained unsettled, but also that the people who were dissatisfied were arming to get what they wanted by force.

In the Orient, Japan worked steadily as she had done since the end of her successful war with China in 1896, to undermine the white man and secretly preached the gospel that she was prepared to help the Yellow races by force of arms in a coming war to throw the white man out of Asia. In my eight years at different times in the Orient, I, with many others, made confidential reports and also wrote in newspapers and magazines what Japan was doing. As far back as 1910, I personally arrested two Japanese spies (Kawada and Suganami) in the act of buying the fortification plans of Corregidor from a sergeant of intelligence who was a traitor. Year after year, what Japan was doing was fully reported but no attention was paid to it. We left Hawaii with an insufficient garrison. We failed to properly fortify Corregidor and Bataan Peninsula

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HERE IT COMES

In World War I, the United States had been in the war for a full year before our troops were engaged decisively on an extensive scale. In the present struggle we were engaged in epic battles from the moment that Japan's treacherous attack opened the conflict. Rainbow Veterans have too experienced an understanding of the way the war is working out not to realize, however, that the fighting in which we have been engaged on all of the far flung battle fronts has been but a "tuning up" in comparison with what is to come. And the daily press gives unmistakable notice that the crescendo phase of the war is at hand. In the days immediately ahead of us this nation must be prepared to meet heart-

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though the plans to do so had been under consideration since 1909, to my personal knowledge. We failed to put the proper garrison in the Philippines. At the Washington Arms Conference, 1921 and 1922, we agreed not to continue the fortification of the Philippines; not to fortify the Aleutian Islands and destroy 13 capital ships then being built.

In general, the military situation today runs parallel to that which existed when we entered the lines in February, 1917, except that the German position today is far stronger than it was then.

Then the Germans were shut up in Germany with only a small piece of France, most of Belgium, a slice of Russia and the Balkans down to a line north of Salonika. Italy was on our side and was keeping probably a million and a half Austria-Hungarians busy. Japan was on our side so we didn't have to worry about fighting both in Europe and the Pacific at one and the same time. Germany, as is true today, had lost the initiative; that is, the power to strike when and where she pleased. She had to meet as best she could the Russian attacks in the east and the Allied attacks in the west in France.

The Allies were planning, as they are today, a general offensive from both sides of Germany to crush her. Then Germany put Russia out of the war, thus freeing all the troops on the Russian front for transfer to the western front.

There is no need here to tell what happened because the Rainbow Division Veterans know from personal experience.

The German army today still consists of 324 divisions. The evidence is that she has been putting as many of these divisions in reserve as possible to be used when we land on the continent of Europe to establish a second front.

Similarly we know that she has been saving her aviation and building more and more fighting planes and fewer and fewer bombers as against the day when the British and American aviation will support the invasion of the British and American forces. Let us hope that a continuous United Nations offensive from both the east and west can be started and kept up unrelentlessly until the Germans unconditionally surrender and then all the United Nations, without exception, will use their full ground, air and sea forces for a combined attack on Japan to be kept up until she also unconditionally surrenders.

Then, this time, let's insist that no emotional people be allowed to settle the peace terms; that they be based on the realities of the world as it is and not as it ought to be. Human nature, being what it is, if we do this we will not gain everlasting peace but it will be much longer between the present war and the next one than it was between our war and the present one.

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It will be a fifteen-minute broadcast, presumably on a coast-to-coast network, but we are not yet certain as to the time of day or evening.

We have been advised by Major General Harry J. Collins, commander of the new Rainbow Division now in training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, that he will be glad to participate. It would seem best to have him speak directly from Camp Gruber, as we believe this will add value and interest to the broadcast.

Other prominent men will appear on the program.

When the final details have been worked out, we will try to advise you, but be sure to look in the newspaper on February 22 to determine the time and station.

BOB RENO

CHAPTER CHATTER

CALIFORNIA—"Round and round she goes, and where she stops no one"—oh, yes, they do know where she stops—right at Top Davis' front door. All of which is a prelude, an introduction, or what have you, to the fact that yours truly is again scribe, pro tem, for Warner Grassell. Any statements to the contrary, we do produce a vast number of aircraft in these parts, so being connected with said industry, Warner has two strikes against him in the matter of attending meetings and gathering news. Being usually present, yours truly submits the following gleaned from hither and yon.

Of prime importance has been the prolonged absence of the old "Watch Dog of the Chapter Welfare," one William William-son by name. Bill is not as young as he used to was—who the heck is?—and it seems as though some of these bugs that have been gnawing at people generally must have found good hunting in his carcass. When Bill misses two or three meetings you know there is something wrong. Well, he promises to be back on the job in February, so here's hoping.

We, as did all Chapters, received the greetings from General Collins speaking for the new Rainbow and the more we have to do with him and his outfit the more we are convinced that when they really get going somebody on the receiving end is going to catch plenty of trouble. Wonder when they'll shove off?

Just as a matter of record, the L. A. Chapter is compiling a roster of all of the sons and daughters of our members who are in service. Yours truly, who is doing same, can say that the number is large and the

services as well as fields of action are spread well through the world. Sort of makes one feel his age when he sees what the younger fry is doing.

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birth of a new Rainbow Division at Camp Gruber last July. They gave it their life's blood in tradition, reputation and spirit. They are proud of their new Division. They will be more proud when its battle flags have been furled and its history inscribed in the Halls of Rainbow.

As we now enter the home stretch of this year, we have important unfinished business. Unfinished is our task of creating a Rainbow Welfare Fund. Yes, I know that March 15 means taxes, and that the Fourth War Loan is upon us. But, Rainbowners can always find that little extra amount, or sacrifice if need be, for a good cause. Bob Hayward, you know, has the job of collecting from N. J. Chapter members for this fund. I met Bob the other day and broached the subject of Jersey's response. He said that the early responses to his letters for contributions, sent out before Christmas, were substantial, indicating that Jersey, as usual, would rally 100 per cent. He revealed, however, that only about 25 per cent of the members have been heard from, all before the first of the year. Failure to contribute can't be due to a shortage of dough, for there is plenty of that floating around. It can't be due to lack of interest, for that is inconceivable. It can be attributed only to an oversight, caused by the intervening Christmas holidays. So rectify this oversight NOW by slipping a few bucks in an envelope and sending it to Bob. You will make a Rainbowner happy! That's something worth while!

STAN BARROW

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—D. C. anxiously looks forward to February 22, and the annual Tri-State Reunion (Md., Va., and D.C.) which will be held in Baltimore as per plans. Complete and final details will no doubt have been received and the local membership advised before we go to press.

The Chapter continues to hold monthly meetings in the famous National Press Club where Chapter President "Ziggie" Silverberg presides with dignity as befits numerous gatherings held in the same quarters and attended by the President of the United States and other great luminaries. The Chapter is highly indebted to Bob Litchfield for securing the above-mentioned meeting quarters.

May we mention to his numerous friends that Elmer Neagle is feeling quite well again. And may we sign off as "OLE TOUT"

IOWA—The annual reunion of the Iowa State Association is fast approaching. The big event will be March 4 and 5 at Hotel Fort Des Moines. Like last year, the reunion will be somewhat streamlined but this is not expected to cut down the Rainbow enthusiasm that is now manifested throughout this great Rainbow state. Cliff DuBois, state president, has called a meeting of the executive com-

mittee to perfect plans and many highlights will be produced from this meeting.

Iowa's membership drive continues to roll on towards new heights. Besides the State of Iowa we have paid-up members in the following states: Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Michigan, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, making twenty-one states represented in the Iowa Association. What about the Rainbow covering the country from coast to coast. That's Iowa!

The youngest Iowa chapter, Northwest Iowa, is bound to grow up and be one of the best. On January 6 they had one of those rousing chapter meetings and really set things going. Outside of Des Moines they plan on being the next largest in the state. With the secretary-treasurer from Alabama, F. Max Wiltsey, they certainly already have the steam up. State President DuBois got the thrill of his Rainbow life at the December meeting of the Cedar Valley Chapter at Waterloo when he was handed enough dues to put that chapter over the top. Those boys there have also done a big job and with such workers as Harm Aries — well, they don't come any better than that any place. And rightfully, DuBois sticks his chest out a little farther as his home chapter put on a drive that sent them over the top. Eleven of Iowa's chapters are out to climb on top and by the time our reunion rolls around we will have the largest paid-up membership in the history of Rainbow in Iowa.

The success of the 9x12 Rainbow ready for framing was beyond expectation and Homer Gardner, who thought up the idea, was simply snowed under with mail. He has to date received over 200 letters of all kinds and most of them had \$2.00 worth of dues in them. Yes, Iowa wants a Rainbow in the home of every Rainbow veteran in the state. Why not make it nationwide? And how can anyone add more color to their home than with a Rainbow? Yes, the idea was right and the drive continues on with a bigger Rainbow at the end.

HOMER W. GARDNER

VIRGINIA—At the meeting on August 11,

1943, of the Virginia State Chapter, a goal of 100 paid-up members by Christmas was set. Therefore it is gratifying to report that a check was mailed to Ed Weitzel on December 24 covering the dues of the 100th member of the Chapter. This is 24 more than the previous high mark in membership achieved during 1942-43. It also leaves Virginia with only 64 names on its mailing list who have not come into the fold. Our first order of business between now and the Chicago Reunion in July is to get those sixty-four lined up in the chapter behind the boys at Camp Gruber who are training to carry on the battle flags of Rainbow.

National Vice President Bill Hitt has recently accepted a position with the Pepsi-Cola Company which will require that he travel over most of Virginia; but he will make his headquarters in Roanoke, where his address is most appropriately P. O. Box No. 42, and we expect to see him as usual at Chapter meetings on the second Saturday of each month.

New members of the Chapter since our last report include "Bob" Powers, 293 Peachtree St., Atlanta 3, Ga., formerly Co. A, 117th TH&MP; "Bill" Phillips, P. O. Box 688, Albany, Ga.; J. W. Shields, 407 King George Ave., Roanoke 16, Va.; Rev. M. O. Clark, Atlee, Va.; Corpl. Stanford Jarrett, 825th Guard Squadron, Air Corps, Miami Beach, Fla.; J. Warren Beckham, 316 Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.; E. Muse Foster, P. O. Box 1025, Norfolk, Va.; Lt. Col. Erskin L. Hill, Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach, Va.; Major A. E. Wilborn, 1824 G St. N.W., Washington, D. C.; W. C. Saunders, Jr., 1630 Pope Ave., Richmond, Va., and Charles A. Ward, P. O. Box 204, Laurel, Mont., all former members of the same Co. A, 117th TH&MP; Lt. Col. Charles B. Nerren, USMC, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., and Charles S. Maas, 1019 Warrington Road, Roanoke 15, Va., formerly of the 167th Infantry, and Captain E. D. Butts, 16 Franklin St., Richmond, Va., formerly Co. B, 117th TH&MP.

Including an appropriation from Chapter funds of \$25.00, a total of \$70.00 has been raised for the National Rainbow Welfare Fund. As soon as we get the five cases of Rainbow matches which have been ordered now for to these many weeks, we shall have \$30.00 additional to add to the jackpot. (I still say those Chapters which have not taken hold of that match deal have passed up a "natural.")

The Chapter certainly appreciated the thoughtfulness of Major General Collins in sending greetings for the holiday season from the officers and men at Camp Gruber, and also for the beautiful copy of the Official Rainbow Prayer received from Chaplain Kinney.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS

INDIANA—Yes, Indiana State Chapter is still alive to those members who are willing to pay their dues and receive their membership card with something more to follow.

So far your editor has been able to hear of two Indiana men who are in the new Rainbow, namely—Charles Jackson, a member of the 742nd Ord. Co., and a former resident of Indianapolis, while the other member is Perry East of Norman, Indiana, his outfit not known.

Another very interesting letter was received from Russell P. Cottingham of Crown Point, Indiana, relating in part that he would send in his 1918 sketch books for the proper display in the cases in the Rainbow Room. These will be remembered by those mem-

bers who had the pleasure of seeing them before when he had them in the outfit but to others they will be of still greater interest as these sketches depicted his everyday happenings instead of writing out his diary. Might as well for some of the rest of the "gang" donate some of their collections for the Rainbow cases.

Also glad to announce that another old-timer was back in town on his furlough and he might be remembered by some of the old members of Battery D, Staff Sergeant Curtis Perkins, who has been in the service continually since his return in 1919 and has been in many foreign stations. He, too, was good enough to contact the writer to call at his sister's home and get some things for the Rainbow Room, which have been marked and displayed in the cases. Some time ago the writer received a letter from Chet Lowe of Detroit that he would like to contribute the old regimental censor stamp, but up to the present time it hasn't arrived, however it is believed that from this mentioning of his name he will now send it in (Detroit members please remind him).

To my surprise one day recently, our old Supply Company Supply Sergeant and now Lt. Col. Glenn Crawford, happened to be home on furlough and is now going to the Military Government School at the University of Michigan. He, too, will soon follow in the occupied countries for some important job that must be done by someone that knows what to do and he will do it for his prior training and position in addition to the government schooling will make him an efficient member.

Our Southern gentleman from Miami is still teaching the recruits in the Air Corps as the writer received a greeting card from Lt. Keith Gregg of Miami Beach, Fla. Good luck to you and we trust that you are doing a good job down there and we know it is warmer there than here in Indianapolis.

Understand that our old resident of Indianapolis, Lt. Col. Garrett Olds, has changed his station to somewhere in California, however haven't heard directly from him. Incidentally while informing you about these members would appreciate having anybody please contact the writer about members who they might know about or come in contact with as it would be a pleasure to keep everybody informed.

Last but not least, please pay your dues for 1944 and help increase our membership for Indiana.

KARL ERATH

ILLINOIS—Now that we have celebrated the

New Year with its promises of great events to happen, one of the outstanding will be the Rainbow Reunion in Chicago. We hope that the skies will have cleared to such an extent that all of you will be able to attend.

National President Robert Reno wishes to report that there will be an all-day executive meeting on February 22 to be followed by a national broadcast in commemoration of our

entry into World War I. After that the Chapter will throw a party.

C Battery held its annual luncheon December 31 at the Bismarck Hotel. Those millionaires always start early to get in stride for the big show at midnight. From all reports they got off to a flying start.

Through the combined efforts of Commander Eubanks and Harold Finer a Christmas party for Rainbowners convalescing at Hines Hospital was made possible. The buddies entertained were: Grover Winter, 149th F.A.; Frank L. Baker, Company C, 168th Inf.; Amos Henninger, 151st Machine Gun Battalion; Ernest T. Rasmussen, 117th Supply Train, and Henry R. Bird, 168th Inf. Tom Davis, Hdys. 149th F.A., alias the Village Smithy, was AWOL. He was pretty chipper the last time we were out and was trying to locate Slim O'Meara so that he could play the Anvil Chorus on Slim's nose.

Not wishing to go any deeper into James Thomas Aloysius Mason's bag of candy, we sent out an SOS to which Harold Sullivan responded with a donation of sixty pounds. Harold, along with his other financial ventures, is in the candy business and has advised us to proclaim that all New Yorkers bringing shopping bags to the '44 Reunion will have them filled with Hi Macs, they being the best sellers.

DAN AVERY

ALABAMA—On November 30 an Alabama Flag was officially presented the Alabama regiment of the new Rainbow Division. Mrs. Edith Gillett, wife of R. W. Gillett, of the Mortimer Jordan Chapter, presented the State flag on behalf of the Alabama Association and the State of Alabama during a divisional review at Camp Gruber.

Julian Strassburger Chapter in Montgomery saw the old year out and ushered in the New Year with a real Rainbow New Year's party at the National Guard Armory. Among the out-of-town guests was State President B. J. O'Hara, who wished all Rainbow Veterans and their families and members of the "Baby Rainbow" at Camp Gruber "the happiest of New Years and an end of the war in 1944." President O'Hara praised the spirit of the Strassburger Chapter for keeping active, in spite of difficulties and for their excellent membership record. The Montgomery Chapter has exceeded all previous membership records with 95 paid-up members, and Joe Dickerson, official membership "getter-upper" says, "Fella, you ain't seen nuthin' yet." Julian M. Lyon presided and Joe Dickerson served as Master of Ceremonies.

State President O'Hara urgently requests every Rainbowner in Alabama to make a contribution to the National Welfare Fund for the new Rainbow in Camp Gruber, so make the "Baby Rainbowners" happy by kicking in a few bucks, which will give them a little extra pleasure while they are still on this side. The Florida Chapter sent them a solid

carload of fruit for Christmas. We salute the Florida Chapter for this Rainboow deed and President James Rolfe and that good Rainbowner, Barney Sullivan. Don't forget that we have a Alabama regiment in the new Rainbow Division. Send in your contribution to the State Secretary, Arden R. Allen, of U. S. Veterans Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Julian Strassburger Chapter contributed \$50.00. The Mortimer Jordan Chapter \$25.00 to this fund. Rainbow's thanks go to both Chapters.

Wake up! Lanetts, Gadsden and Anniston, and let your State President know that all of you are still alive.

ALBERT L. NORTHRUP.

MICHIGAN—Introducing "Buck" Reilly, erst-while cannoneer and evacuee from the Yards along the south branch of the Chicago River, who will attempt to give you news of the Pill Rollers, Ambulance Drivers, motor and mule, and those other gents from most all the regiments who make the Michigan Chapter the variegated Rainbow unit that it is.

Our first story is about "Bucks"—not the kind that George Irwin and Sam Miller tried to capture by salting their tails up in the wilds of Marx Rosenthaler's Lodge, nor the variety that Fred Eckhout tells about in his story of "One buck, two bucks, Timbucktoo"—but real "bucks," folding style. The boys surely opened up the purse strings. Tom, "Pinochle Chief" Hanson reports \$175.00 was contributed to the Rainbow Welfare Fund, and some counties are still to be heard from.

All of which enabled Dr. Arlington F. Lecklider and his Division Contact Committee to get a flying start on the public collection of plenty more "bucks" through the distribution of the jars labeled "Cigarettes for Men in Service." Sharon Cover, who has completed his hibernation, reports that 75 jars have already been distributed including 20 in selected Kroger Grocery and Baking Company Stores through the efforts of George Irwin. The Auxiliary has taken a dozen jars. Marx Rosenthaler has been appointed treasurer of the fund. "Bill" Nevius has been contacting the Division for names of Michigan men, Clarence Houle reports the letter is ready to go with the first package and so does Julius Hesse for his committee of the Sons and Daughters of Rainbow. "Bill" Hemme, who donated the jars, punched the holes big enough for "hafabuck" to slide through, so our returns should be enough to gladden the hearts of all the "G.I." Joes and Josephines.

Random Shots . . . "Fire at will" said the old sergeant, and here we go, one shot at a time. First shot—and we have verison stem at last meeting prepared in most tasty style by Fred Eckhout, Don Henessey, George Irwin naming others. Seems to me, sitting here sniping from the side lines, that a lot more Rainbowns should have been in attendance to relish such a sumptuous stew, and

enjoy the interesting meeting. The old "Gin-a-ka-fizz" is starting to brew, bubble and boil in the Chapter again, so you better get down, Soldier, and join in the doings. . . . D'ja ever hear of the original "G.I."? He's our own George "G.I." Williams . . . or of the guy who promised to get to the next meeting if he had to break a leg to do it? Well, Byron Fields finally did both, although it took him 20 years to do it. That's what we call persistence. Welcome "By" and come down again but save the leg and give the "breaks" to the Chapter . . . Jerry Prather again takes up his pen to enliven the pages of the "O.P." He's not quite as good a guy as his son who recently won the heavy-weight boxing championship of the Pacific Fleet but he sure punches out an interesting sheet for the Chapter . . . Rainbow Ambassador Rosenthaler reports he found more Rainbowers in Boston than beans and Tommy Tomlinson gave the meeting a dissertation on the value of Rainbow Friendships, and the enjoyment he finds in looking at the "Old Familiar Faces." (Editor's Note: When he looked at me, I thought, it's true—I enjoy the funnies, too.)

Lieutenant Lester La Victor of the 232nd Infantry up from Camp Gruber on furlough home enlivened a recent meeting at the Fort Shelby Hotel with first hand reports of the Rainbow Division, and former Lieutenant Jud Shuh back from the wilds of New Guinea with the 32nd Division gave us personal news of Captain Harry Northrup and Colonel Carl Hanna, who for some time have been "Down Under" where the beer comes in quarts and everyone wants to take a little "Nip."

"BUCK" REILLY

MARYLAND—The regular monthly meeting of the Maryland Chapter was held on the first Thursday of December at the usual time which was one hour later than it was supposed to have been. As half the members come late and as the other half left early the meeting didn't know whether it was coming or going.

It had been suggested at a previous meeting that we organize a Welfare Committee to raise funds for delicacies and so on to be sent to members of the new Rainbow Division. It was felt that in view of the fact that the enlisted men of today receives pay approximately equivalent to that received by a bank president and that unless the eye deceives there are no enlisted men of a rank lower than a technical sergeant, the new Rainbow Division should organize a Welfare Association to send goodies to us.

The chairman of the sick committee announced that Jim Cassidy had just had an operation on his—well, anyway an operation. He is doing nicely and is again able to hold his end up.

The Armistice Dance was held at the Country Club of Maryland and was a mod-

erate success. The committee had succeeded in discouraging the attendance of members of the Battery as usual and therefore every thing was very refined. The part of the clubhouse where the dance was held was divided up into two rooms. As the husbands always managed to be in the other room, matters were somewhat complicated for wives. Obvious relief at being rid of husbands was offset by the almost certain knowledge that without proper supervision, said husbands would imbibe too freely, swing from chandeliers, break furniture or degrade themselves in every way possible.

The committee had presence of mind enough to drain the outdoor swimming pool before the dance which doubtless prevented several drownings. The Veterans Bureau were terribly disappointed as it had counted on eliminating several of its most expensive burdens. Nevertheless the dance was a financial success and when last seen the chairman, none other than Ossion E. Wickman, "who has hung up more juries than any living man" was running the receipts through his fingers gloatingly.

Oh well, let us forget all in the spirit of Christmas. If we can get the spirits.

HARRY STANSBURY

ORANGES ARE SWEET

Yes, sir, boys, I know that oranges are sweet, for I have just eaten 152 of them. I don't know why I haven't noticed this before, but, somehow, I had never really paid much attention to oranges. I had orange juice every morning for breakfast, it is true, but either Marian did not put sugar in it or my taste was different than it is now, for that orange juice was sour.

Then again, it may be because the oranges that juice came from were from California. But maybe I had better not go too far into this orange question. All I had better say is that oranges are sweet, or at least, the 152 I have just eaten were.

They came all the way from Florida, and they were sent by none other than our Rainbow friend, Barney Sullivan, God bless his old soul and all the other Rainbowers who had anything to do with it.

And God bless all Rainbowers, everywhere.
FRED CORNELIUS.

HERE IT COMES

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rending losses of its fighting men with fortitude and increased devotion. And as the tempo of war is stepped up in the theaters of war, on the home front our citizens must achieve new measures of sacrifice and new peaks of accomplishment. Rainbow men will not fail to assert their well earned leadership in setting the pace for the home front. The big thing is here; let us meet it like Rainbow men.

CHAPTER STANDING CHART AS OF JANUARY 11, 1944

EVERYBODY OUT!!! yelled the old top kick in no uncertain terms to the tune of the shrill whistle. And you all came out—that is, all but the "gold-bricker".

EVERYBODY IN, requests your Secretary with dignity. We know that there are no "gold-brickers" anymore. The COUPON at the bottom of this page is provided for your convenience. If you have not already done so, USE IT.

ALL RAINBOWERS must have their 1944 membership card to really enjoy the ANNUAL BROADCAST. Yours for 15,000. ED WEITZEL.

Chapter	Progress	Goal	Chapter	Progress	Goal
Alabama State Association	5	391	Minneapolis	59	150
Crawford Z. Ables	3	33	St. Paul	23	50
Major John W. Carroll	44	76	Minnesota Total	82	350
Mortimer H. Jordan	68	118	St. Louis	2	25
William M. Peters	24	33	Missouri-Kansas	93	100
Dallas B. Smith			Missouri-Kansas Total	95	125
Julian M. Strassburger	95	82	Nebraska	23	100
Durward Crowder		17	New Jersey	102	100
Alabama Total	239	750	Gen. Charles T. Menoher	19	50
Los Angeles	146	200	New Jersey Total	121	150
San Francisco	100	200	New Mexico	1	25
Joyce Kilmer	16	30	Father Duffy	411	700
James Daugherty	4	20	Long Island	27	50
California Total	266	450	Westchester	14	50
Colorado		21	New York Total	452	800
Denver	41	39	Ohio State Association	27	324
Pueblo	1	15	Ralph Berger	3	27
Colorado Total	42	75	Cincinnati	75	85
District of Columbia	89	88	Columbus	51	56
Florida State Association		19	Newark	28	23
Jacksonville	1	27	Luther Swigart	18	19
Miami	8	24	Akron	29	26
Pensacola	2	15	Dyer J. Bird	27	29
St. Petersburg		15	Paul Hume	4	15
Gen. Charles P. Summerall	85	100	Sedan	1	16
Florida Total	96	200	Edison H. Miller		15
Georgia Chapter	9	33	Lancaster	41	53
Frank Joerg	25	27	Ancerville		15
Cooper D. Winn	37	40	Cleveland	14	42
Georgia Total	71	100	Ohio Total	319	750
Illinois	642	700	Oklahoma State Association	1	25
Danville	27	50	Oklahoma City	25	50
Illinois Total	669	750	Tulsa	55	75
Indiana State Chapter	85	150	Oklahoma Total	81	150
Bloomington	75	75	Oregon	9	25
Fort Wayne	14	40	Penn State Association		15
La Fayette	22	40	Easton		15
Martinsville	21	25	Pittsburgh	77	100
South Bend		20	Bethlehem	56	75
Indiana Total	217	350	Lancaster	61	100
Iowa State Association		25	Reading	21	60
Col. E. R. Bennett	155	200	Philadelphia	37	60
Cedar Rapids	13	50	Pennsylvania Total	252	425
Oskaloosa	42	35	South Carolina	5	250
Creston	32	40	Tennessee	20	100
Lee County	14	30	Texas	105	100
Fort Dodge	5	25	Virginia State Chapter	100	100
Mason City	35	35	Lynchburg	33	25
Red Oak	3	50	Virginia Total	133	125
Mathew A. Tinley	30	50	Washington (Seattle)	16	25
Cedar Valley	33	50	Wisconsin State Association	6	50
Ottumwa	18	75	Appleton	1	50
Southwest Iowa	11	50	Gen. Douglas MacArthur	30	50
Northwest Iowa	13	35	Fond du Lac	19	50
Iowa Total	404	750	Oshkosh	34	50
Louisiana (New Orleans)	19	25	Wisconsin Total	90	250
Maryland	62	100	National Chapter-at-Large	19	7412
Massachusetts	51	50			
Michigan	114	150			
Minnesota State Association		150			
			GRAND TOTALS	4162	15,000

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