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Christmas—1946. Holiday and Holy Day. The "frosting on the cake of the year", but more, the festival of the Star, the Manger, and the Child.

As on that memorable night in Bethlehem, centuries ago, when Eternity broke into time with its message of hope, Christmas comes to a world in sore need of its spirit of love, its carols of goodwill, and its message of righteousness and peace.

This year, we of the Rainbow, who plucked that glorious symbol out of the skies and carried it victoriously in two great struggles for freedom and humanity, will gather around our Christmas trees with thankful joy, seasoned with memories that bless and burn. And then, when the lights of the tree go on and the children's eyes are shining, we shall look up, see the radiant star, and renew our faith in all things High and Holy. And there, arching the star, we shall see the Rainbow symbol of the great Hope, that the better world for which our comrades gave the "last full measure of devotion" may indeed become a reality.

Greetings, Rainbowers everywhere, at this joyous Christmas season and may we be led by the Christmas Star to paths of helpful service, and deeds of human kindness, which shall hasten the coming of the "age of gold."

A Merry Christmas, and may "God bless us every one."

JOHN A. CALLAN, Chaplain



Christmas Greetings from the President, his staff and members of the Executive Committee.

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George Isn't Happy

As a general rule, I am a happy bird, that doesn't do much worrying, but of late my job is adding more grey hairs to an abundant crop. This change in my nature is due solely to the fact that I am not receiving nearly enough membership dues. As a watchdog of your treasury, I don't want to see our receipts exceeded by its disbursements, and this will happen as surely as

God makes little red apples, unless we all get busy and secure members.

Your officers are keeping all expenses to a minimum and anticipate being well under the budget set-up, unless something unforeseen arises. In the Chapter Standings on the last page, it clearly indicates that only a few Chapters have done anything much to secure War II members and these are the boys we need, as most of our expenses apply to them.

This problem of securing memberships is not one only for your officers but is the duty of each Rainbower and until each and every one does his share we will not accomplish our mission. To absorb the new Rainbowers in Chapters, it is my suggestion that each Chapter have a list mimeographed containing the names, addresses and outfits of the names sent them by our National Secretary and mail a copy of this list to each one thereon. Suggest to these Rainbowers that those living near a Chapter join there, and those not close to one contact the boys on the list living in their vicinity and form a new chapter.

The efforts of most Chapters have met with little support from the new Rainbowers and to them I say, that they stand to lose far more by not joining a chapter than letting their membership lapse. We are eager to have you in our Chapters or one of your own and want especially to keep your addresses current but unless you join with us we will lose track of you.

We have just received a request from Colonel Luongo, former Commander of the 222d Infantry that we distribute, gratis, the history of the 222d Infantry to all former members through our chapters and we have replied that we would be happy to do this. These histories will evidently not be received from Austria until some time in January or February, but if former members of the 222d Infantry want to make certain to secure a copy they should get in contact with the nearest chapter.

This is just one example of how the National Association Rainbow Division Veterans may be helpful in aiding you to secure something you desire, and may not otherwise obtain. By being a member you may never receive anything tangible, but if you value Rainbow friendships then you must become a member.

A Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year to all.

GEORGE E. SEAMAN,
National Treasurer.

RAINBOW ON THE AIR

The February executive committee meeting and annual broadcast will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on February 22, 1947.

According to tentative plans the broadcast will be sometime between 6 and 7 P.M. and immediately after, a banquet will be held at which our special guests will be introduced.

At the conclusion of the banquet we will adjoin to the Liberty Memorial Building where the Rainbow (42d) Division Colors, etc., will be formally presented to the Liberty Memorial Association for preservation and display.

More detailed information will appear in the January issue of the Reveille.

WESTWARD HO!

Prexy Takes Greeley's Advice

As the wheels of the plane left the runway at the Des Moines airport on Friday, October 25, a new experience was in the making for Rainbow Chapters in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. It was the beginning of a visit by the National President to these fine Rainbow Chapters which had not had a call by a president in many years. As the plane passed over the plains of Nebraska, the peaks around Denver and on across the deserts of Nevada and Utah and finally over the mountains into California, it was with eagerness that the billions of lights of Frisco and the surrounding cities were greeted. As the plane settled down and unloaded, there to greet the president was Fred "Doc" Edwards, Frisco Chapter president, and Joseph Hood, secretary. After chewing a lot of Rainbow fat, to bed at 3 A.M. Up early again and did a lot of sightseeing under the guidance of Doc who was all set to take his usual Pullman run. Then in the evening to the Veterans Center where we had the first of the Rainbow meetings with Pinky McCants in charge.

The president gave a short talk, welcomed WW II Rainbowers into the association. A luncheon followed, enjoyed by all. Enjoyed visiting with old 168th Infantrymen who had found their way to Frisco. Bidding the gang a fond farewell, up early Sunday morning, loaded aboard a four-motored American Airline and in Los Angeles in two hours. All the way above the clouds and lo, landing in L.A. in a downpour of that so-called California dew, there to be met by genial Harold Browere, L.A. Chapter president. (With Doc Edwards, president of Frisco, and Browere of L.A. and both of the 149th F.A., how did these guys horn in on the engineers?).

Arrived at the hotel and soon a host of Rainbowers began calling and a steady flow kept moving for four hours—what a time our aching jaws had. Then to the Elks Club for a few snorters and a fine banquet with a most gracious cousin as the president's lady (hadn't seen her for 15 years but Harold was most efficient in his plans). Later upstairs to a speech by the president and followed by a 16-act show.

A splendid crowd of Rainbow folks and so enjoyable to be with them. A late trip to the Hollywood Brown Derby and a late hour in get-Pasadena, Huntington Park, Arcadia and so to bed. Next two days visiting in Pomona.

Enjoyed seeing old-time Rainbowers Bill Williams, Larry Gibbs and many others. Tuesday downtown to a little luncheon with a great gang and then on to Frank Cline's for a game with some card boards. (Hook Young and his gang take note. These L.A. boys are soft, plenty easy. You can make expenses easy if you get in the right game with them.) After lunch on the 30th was off to Dallas, a most beautiful sight up and over the mountains and then on over the deserts with one stop at Tucson. Eight thou-

and feet up at 275 per hour and wasn't long until the lights of Fort Worth and Dallas hove in sight. At the gate to greet the president was his old-time hometown buddy Ralph Kilby, together with stalwart chapter president Everette Hale and gentleman Ben Schmid.

It was a first visit to Texas and a most royal visit it turned out to be. On Thursday a luncheon with the officers and old-time boosters like Penniman and others took place at the YMCA and fully enjoyed by all. Being turned over to Royal Ferris for an afternoon of getting acquainted with Dallas in company with Ben Schmid and Kilby. A sumptuous dinner with Ferris and Kilby and then on to the meeting. It was good to see such a splendid group of WW II Rainbowers and to know that Dariel Burns, vice president, and Art McCarthy, secretary-treasurer, are so ably carrying along with President Hale of Indiana's 150's. Great things are in store for Rainbow in Texas. A continued round of enjoyment with Ferris and then breakfast with enjoyable Ted Jones of L Company 168th. More time spent with Ferris and out to the country club for luncheon and then on to the airport where a sad adieu was bid to Texas and a desire to again partake of the Texas hospitality. Take note: Texas is to be heard from and the eyes of Texas are on an annual reunion. Off to Oklahoma City and graciously welcomed by General Key just returned from service and a friendly supreme Rainbow Judge (gosh, can't recall his name now) and easy going Mel Hall of long standing in Rainbow in Oklahoma.

Say, these Rainbowers of the southwest do things to you and things moved right along. Bill and Ruth Butts came over from Tulsa and brought Leonard and Jean Hill with them. The dinner was typical of Rainbow with lovable John Callen and his gracious wife Irene present; Larry Wood was out under a "Christmas tree" somewhere but Frances was on hand with her table arrangements and usual hard work in spite of a broken finger of that day. It was a most pleasant occasion with several WW II Rainbowers and their wives present and with an apparent desire to be a part of the association. Then back to the hotel with more of the enjoyable Rainbow reminiscing until the wee hours.

Up early, and off to Tulsa with the Hills and Butts (plane was grounded) in a downpour of rain and a wonder that Bill kept the road and finally landed us in Tulsa at the memorable Hotel Mayo, scene of activation reunion of '43. Visits by several 168th Infantrymen and others, followed by a most hearty Rainbow gathering around the dinner table. Again it was good to find WW II Rainbowers in the group and actively engaged in Rainbow spirit. A jovial group gathered in the president's hotel room and as the spirit ran high came a knock on the door with

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CHAPTER CHATTER

ALABAMA—For more years than most of us care to remember Rainbowers in Alabama have been keeping a standing date with Birmingham and the Mortimer Jordan Chapter on Nov. 11. On this day, each year the Birmingham Rainbowers hold forth with their annual Rainbow Party at the Bankhead Hotel. Armistice Day of this year was no exception to any other year. At 2:30 P.M. those white Rainbow caps began to bob up all over the lobby of the hotel with everybody greeting everybody else with a "hello"—where the hell you been since last year."

At 8 o'clock we adjourned to the Pirate Room and after a hearty meal Mortimer Jordan Chapter President Joe Dec Adams turned the affairs of the evening over to John Winningham, Past State President and National Committeeman who presided as Toastmaster. He welcomed Rainbowers and special guests to Birmingham and expressed deep regret that it was impossible for our National President to be present.

Space will not permit giving Reveille readers a report of all the fine speeches made during the banquet but you may rest assured they were very well received.

Henry Wood, who is Department Commander of the VFW, introduced his guest, George D. Kelley, Senior Vice Commander VFW. Said Comrade Kelley, "Rainbow must have been a great outfit because everywhere I go I'm told that the 42d won the war."

Our main speaker, Otis Cooper, Department Commander of the American Legion although a member of the Alabama National Guard, was not given the privilege of going over with Rainbow. Commander Cooper's talk was spiked heavy with humor which always makes him a welcomed speaker everywhere he goes. Comrade Cooper said he knew something about the 16th; said when he arrived at Camp Mills he found they had had a fight with the Yankees; when he arrived in England they had whipped a whole Regiment of English Tommies and then left their tracks all across France and half-whipped hell out of the Jerries.

A glowing tribute was paid Dr. Long, one of our most beloved members who was absent for the first time in many years by Dr. Armour. Dr. Armour stated that although illness kept Dr. Long at his home in Lewisburg, Pa., he knew he was with us in spirit.

A Rainbow party wouldn't be complete without the ladies and some of them present were: Mrs. E. G. Vines, Mrs. Vernon Gordon, Mrs. J. G. Sheldon, Mrs. Otis Dodge, Mrs. Bernard Ray, Mrs. L. Y. Boyd, Miss Betty Boyd, Mrs. Tom Hill, Mrs. William S. Butts, Mrs. John Carroll, Mrs. Henry C. Wood, Mrs. Ray Hinson. — O'HARA.

CALIFORNIA—Sunday evening, October 27, was a big night for the Los Angeles Chapter when it spread out the welcome mat for our National President, Homer Gardner.

Several hundred Rainbowers gathered at the Elks Temple for a banquet at 7:30 p.m. and then moved on to the Ballroom at nine where they were entertained by topnotch vaudeville acts until midnight.

All who met Homer were charmed by his gracious smile and engaging personality. This of course was no surprise to those of us who have known Homer 'lo these many years.

Tuesday evening the 29th a dozen of us met Homer at Chapter President Harold Brower's office and then went to a nearby restaurant for dinner and a good old-fashioned "bull" session. We hope it will not be too long before Homer visits us again and whether as National President or just plain "Rainbower" he is always most welcome.

We close with a toast to the Rainbow (Numerical designation 42d): May its arch ever extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific and its protective rays shine from the Great Lakes to the Gulf!—WARNER H. GRASSELL.

—BUY A RECORD—

GEORGIA—Cooper D. Winn Chapter, Atlanta, Georgia, extends Christmas Greetings to all Rainbowers everywhere.

Our Chapter has had a few setbacks owing to our president, Buddy Chalmers, having to resign on account of illness shortly after having been elected. Our First Vice President, Buddy Albersson, got the chicken fever, and is now in the chicken business in Florida. This necessitates our holding an election, which we will go on the night of December 21, after which we will have a Christmas dinner-dance, the dinner being prepared by the good wives.

We are all looking forward to this night, as we expect to elect World War II boys to fill the vacancies. Anyway, this party is really to welcome World War II boys into our Chapter, and we want to turn everything over to them as fast as they will accept.

Our Secretary, Buddy Adams, is a World War II boy, and our two Associate Vice Presidents are World War II boys. With these young fellows in the driver's seat, we are expecting a big year, and we older members are looking forward with pleasure to the good job that we know they will do. We feel sure that you will be hearing a lot from Cooper D. Winn Chapter in the future.

J. K. CALLAWAY,

Chairman, Executive Committee.

—EVERY LAPEL NEEDS A BUTTON—

ILLINOIS—Ve Svedes start Christmas early and keep on long, so last night Eskil Bjork an I went to da Svedish Club to start ours. Ve had glogg, an lut fisk an more glogg an ven ve felt gud and happy ve started home and stopped in da bar for von more glogg. A member introduce a stranger an da bartender he say "Dese are Fainbow fellers from da 'World's Greatest Chapter.'" He is smart feller,

dat bartender. Da stranger say he vas Rainbow too from New York—I guess he was a Irisher—and he says “Vot do you mean, da Vorld’s Greatest Shapter?” Vell, Eskil he just drank his glogg and smile little, but I got hot under da collar—by yumpin yeminy, I got mad. So I told dat feller a few. I told him ve ha 710 paid members, but dat was not vot made us Greatest Shapter. ‘I told him ve ha members in 79 cities in Illinois and ha members in 36 udder States, but dat vas not vot made us Greatest Shapter. I told him ve ha 122 Vorld Var II members, more dan twice any udder state got, but dat vas not vot made us Vorld’s Greatest Shapter. I told him ve vere Vorld’s Greatest Shapter because ve ha Greatest Rainbow men. So I saw, now take Eskil here, he runs our paper, da Svasancans—2000 copies a month. He is reporter, editor, business manager, circulation department and damf I don’t tink he would print it too if ve let him. Some months he has items about more dan 100 different Rainbow men in dat paper. Besides dat, ven he is not vorking for Rainbow, he runs da big gas company here, and Eskil is not da only vun—ve have lots of udders dat vork night an day, in season and out of season for Rainbow, so dat is vy ve have such a hell of a gud Vorld’s Greatest Shapter. So I say, “Now vot have you got to say?” Vell, he looks kinda shamed so Eskil say, “Have a glogg,” and did he? Believe me dose Irishers like Svede drinks. Vell, anyhow, ve all drank a toast to all Rainbow everywhere and ve parted gud Rainbow friends, but I guess Shapter enemies, if you know vot I mean. Glad jul! —KALLA YONSON.

—BE PROUD OF RAINBOW—

INDIANA—The Martinsville Chapter (Medics) with their families, relatives, and dogs held a cooperative turkey dinner Sunday, November 10 in the Recreation Room of Bernice and Floyd Harper.

This was a gala affair with 34 in attendance. The Medics really turn out but why shouldn’t they after realizing the important role they played in the war.

Floyd presided over the card game and the pop stand while Bernice held fort with the gals at Bingo.

It was good having Sidney (Bo Bo) Smith and Mrs. Smith with us from Cincinnati. Bo Bo hasn’t attended for years.

Harmon (Hook) Young, Secretary of Indianapolis Chapter and Editor of Snow, and Mrs. Young, were guests. We enjoyed the Youngs and it will give Hook something to talk about.

Dr. Frank Robinson of Florida, our Commanding Officer, sent greetings.

Homer Gardner, Iowa, National President, also sent greetings.

Thus ended a swell time, a day to be remembered. “Paint ’em with iodine and mark ’em duty” sure was a grand slogan in 1917 and 1918 and is paying off well now as it shows we Medics practiced what we preached in keeping ourselves in the pink of condition and by abstain-

ing from the use of those horrible liquors they had in France.

FLOYD L. HARPER

—EVERY LAPEL NEEDS A BUTTON—

MICHIGAN—After a lapse during the war years, Michigan Chapter will resume the Washington Birthday Party on Feb. 21, 1946, at the Fort Shelby Hotel, Spanish Gardens. All the young Rainbowers have been asking for a party and this is it. Any Rainbower from anywhere is invited and we would like to have some from our surrounding states.

Dues, after a spurt during the summer, have slowed down. War II men are leading the old-timers. Looks like we will have to get after the old-timers.

We are gradually building up a regular attendance among the War II men. December meeting saw the following present and all have been attending for some time: Mickey Krajewski and Blackie Czysinski (232d Inf.), Pete Misuraca (122d Med.), Sam Russo and Vance Hulst (132d Sig. Co.), Chuck Seisser, 542d FA), Ray Banka and Bob Brown (242d Inf.) We hope to see more at future meetings.

Wilber Brucker, Tom Hanson and G. I. Williams went to Toledo for the reactivation of the Toledo Chapter. They had about 40 men out and it looks like they should be able to go places.

Maj. Gen. “Wild Bill” Donovan addressed the Economic Club of Detroit on Dec. 2. Around fifteen Rainbowers were on hand to greet him. Several from the 165th were among those present.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Rainbowers everywhere is the wish of the members of Michigan Chapter.—“G. I.”

—PUT A DECAL ON YOUR WINDOW—

MINNESOTA—As you werc, fellows! That’s not General Hendrickson—it’s your new alderman, George Todd.

Speaking of General Hendrickson, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal (the only one issued, I think, to one of our old-timers who was also in World War II.

The Armistice Party this year was a real success; the largest we’ve had at our noon luncheon. Although it looked like a “D” Battery meeting, it really was the whole outfit. We were very proud of all the old-timers who were also members of World War II. And what a display of brass they showed us: General Norman Hendrickson, Colonel Jake Ware, Lieutenant Colonel Keith South, Lieutenant Colonel Don Jenkins, and Captain Ordemann. Sounds like Eisenhower’s staff, doesn’t it, fellows? Along with them was Chief Officer Mudge, Officer School Candidates Borseth and Brady, Captain Bill Cross and Captain J. E. Soper, who sat at each end to keep them straight. We mean it, fellows, when we say Rainbow is proud of you.

St. Paul Chapter really meant it when they said: “Welcome home, Rainbow No. 2.” At their meeting this month they had as their guests all Rainbow boys from World War II. At

their next meeting they and the Auxiliary will entertain the wives of World War II veterans. Joe Julkoski, World War II, is their secretary. We wish President Filippi and his St. Paul gang a very successful year.

State President Joe Connolly has announced the State Reunion has been set for the Rainbow Club rooms on exactly the day we went to the front—the 22d. Joe says we are going to have a big time and, knowing Joe, we are sure we will.

To Harold Rodier (who is sick in the hospital) we wish a speedy recovery.

This will be the last issue this year. The State Chapter officers, Minneapolis Chapter officers, and the St. Paul Chapter officers, want to wish all Rainbow men of World War I and World War II wherever they are, a very Merry and Happy New Year.—FRANK WEST.

—BOOST RAINBOW—IT'S FOR YOU!

NEW YORK—With the approach of Christmas there has not been much activity in the Father Duffy Chapter. At the next meeting on December 13, there will be shown the movie "The Fighting Sixty-ninth" and it is anticipated that there will be an overflow crowd.

Matt Devlin, Chairman of the Annual Ball, has been holding meetings of his committee to set up the groundwork for the largest ball ever held by the Father Duffy Chapter. It will be held during the month of April at the Commodore Hotel in New York City.

More and more of the new Rainbows are making their appearance at each meeting and it is anticipated that they will be a large factor in making the ball a huge success. It will afford them the opportunity of a get-together of the boys who haven't seen each other since their discharge from the Army.

The Rainbows from New York take this opportunity to wish all of their Rainbow buddies throughout the country a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—GEORGE.

—PUT A DECAL ON YOUR WINDOW—

OHIO—Under the co-chairmanship of Paul W.

Austin and John M. Houk, the Rainbow Chapter formerly known as the Sedan Chapter, has been reorganized as the Toledo Chapter, with a present membership of 19. This happy event occurred on November 18 in the "Toledo" Room of the Commodore Perry Hotel and was graced by the presence of Past National President and current President of the Ohio Association, Wilbur M. Brucker of Detroit and Past National President Al Hoyt of Cleveland. A third member of the organizing committee was Frank J. Vollmayer, Jr., formerly of the 142d Engineer Combat Bn.

Unfortunately, the name of the new Chapter President is not available at this writing. Lloyd H. Lea, formerly Co. K, 166th Infantry, is the treasurer and State trustee, while the secretary is Rowland D. Wolfe, formerly Hq. 142d Engineer Combat Bn.

With more than 75 Rainbows living in the Toledo area, a strong and flourishing chapter

is expected from this excellent beginning. Each of these Rainbows, who have not already lined up with the chapter, should send \$2.50 for Chapter, State and National dues to Rowland D. Wolfe, 3389 Detroit Ave., Toledo.

—BE PROUD OF RAINBOW—

TEXAS—Dallas. In spite of the fact that practically no one but us Texans has missed us Texans from these columns in the last issue of the Rainbow Reveille, we hereby explain, if to do one other than us aforementioned Texans, that our month-end meeting in lieu of the normal mid-month meeting, was primarily responsible, as, naturally, we could not expect Editor Rodier to hold up publication until our copy arrived around the 1st of November.

The inspiring presence of our National President, Homer W. Gardner, was more than worth postponing our monthly meeting date for, and the Texas Chapter Reunion was splendidly successful due to his magnetic presence.

We thoroughly enjoyed his personal charm and comradely fellowship during his visit in Dallas, and were greatly moved, as he expounded in his address to the Texas Chapter Reunion, the privileges which all we Rainbows have fallen heir to in the mere fact that we ARE Rainbows.

While we find ourselves in this beneficent mood we must not fail to express our gratitude to Fourth Army Headquarters for their generosity in providing our Texas Chapter Reunion with the 90-minute documentary film: "The True Glory," together with S-Sgt. Steigal as pleasantly efficient operator.

At our regular monthly meeting *this* month (third Wednesday of each month) several important and interesting matters came up for discussion. One of the principals of these was the birth of our new Texas Chapter monthly publication, The Rainbow Roundup. Bryan Snyder, Jr., who is up to his neck in the Johnston Printing and Advertising Company here, was appointed Chairman of the Publication Committee, and we expect to astound the Rainbow world with our first issue for the month of January 1947.

Another matter that received prime consideration—as if it doesn't in every other chapter and association—was membership. In this field the very competent offices of Past-President Ben K. Schmid and Bill Rochelle, Jr., were enlisted as Co-Chairmen of the Membership Committee; Ben on account he knows practically all of the old 117th outfit, and Bill because of his broad acquaintanceship amongst the more recent vintage of Rainbows.

Always happy to welcome visiting Rainbows, may we invite you—proud wearer of your Rainbow button—to attend our next meeting, December 18 (third Wednesday) at 7:30 P.M., American Legion Building, Fair Park, Dallas 10, Texas.—EVERETTE HALE.

—BUY A RECORD—

VIRGINIA—To Virginia goes the distinction of having the first new chapter organized during the 1946-47 Rainbow year and officered

by men from the War II Division. This is the Maurice L. Tyler, Jr., Chapter of Richmond Virginia, with the following in charge: President, Harry B. Munday, Jr.; H3B, 222d Inf.; Secretary-Treasurer, Morton Marks, Jr., F, 222d Inf.

The Chapter is named in honor of Maurice L. Tyler, Jr., formerly a member of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of the 222d Infantry and son of one of Richmond's foremost vocalists, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously for action near Miltenberg, Germany, on April 1, 1946.

The latest report lists 17 Rainbowers as charter members of this new chapter and any others of the more than 70 Rainbowers in Richmond and Eastern Virginia, who line up with the chapter between now and formal granting of the charter by the 1947 Reunion will become charter members. To accomplish this, send \$2 for Chapter and National dues to Morton Marks, Jr., 3313 Patterson Ave., Richmond 21, Va. The regular issues of "The Reveille" will come to you at no additional cost.

JIM DENT

RESOLUTION FOR '47

Thanksgiving has gone but many things remain for which we can be thankful. The wars are over. Our attention can be devoted to peace. We of Rainbow can be grateful that so many of us are living and able to enjoy another holiday season and the beginning of a new year.

Thirty years ago some of us were on the Border and 1947 will mark 30 years since the beginning of "over there."

May I suggest, we make one resolution NOW to keep in touch with each other during the coming year. This can only be done by some kind of an organization and that *should be* The National Association of Rainbow-Division Veterans.

My resolution will be, to make every effort to bring you together and inform you of important events. But my comrades, my resolution can only be kept IF and WHEN you take a few minutes to write to me with your new address, THEN, enclose your 1947 dues.

In less than a year I have located and signed up 140 Rainbow Veterans. Twenty of these are of W. W. II. The new blood that will eventually carry on.

For this long year of many efforts, my most cherished desire, is for Santa Claus to bring me your Christmas letter, that I may send to you for Christmas and New Year our good looking 1947 Rainbow (42d) Division Veterans membership card. A very exclusive and limited present. For a 42d Division Veteran only. You will enjoy receiving it and I will be happy to put your name on the 1947 records, making

A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

FRANCIS H. LEHR, *President,*
Penna., Easton Chapter

Invest A Buck in Comradeship

The writer had a very happy experience the other day. He found it necessary to be some 20 miles from home on a little buying expedition. In a lumber yard in Penns Grove, while waiting to see the manager, a good-looking young fellow accosted us with the remark, "Forty-second!"

The lapel button which Allen Gibbons peddles for a buck apiece started a conversation between Morris Thomas, of Penns Grove, and Letzer, of Williamstown and the latter hopes this conversation, except for necessary interruptions, goes on and on and on.

"Do you wear one of the very handsome buttons? Your chapter secretary can supply you one . . . or as many as you need for each of your suits."

Yours in Rainbow,

LETZ.

REPORT ON 42nd ACTION

The full report of the committee representing Rainbow in talks with the War Department concerning the allocation of the numeral 42 to the New York National Guard will be presented in the next issue of the Reveille. Action taken by the committee as well as resolutions made by the various chapters will be reported.

Westward Ho!

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a voice admonishing: please quiet down. Up the next morning with waffles at the Hill's with Bill and Ruth there, too.

And can Jean Hill splutter up a batch of batter—to see it is something but to eat her waffles—you really have something coming. Later to the airport and off for Kansas City and home. There to greet the president was Ethel and young son David. A tired president, glad to get back home, but with a memory of six thousand miles in nine days and visiting with five Rainbow Chapters, possibly goes down in Rainbow history as one of those things long to be remembered by Rainbowers visited. These were happy days simply because of the fact that it was keeping in touch with Rainbow and a constant reunion from the beginning to the end of the trip. Thanks to all of you swell Rainbowers in Frisco, L.A., Dallas, Oklahoma City and Tulsa for your great Rainbow spirit. It will mean much to Rainbow in the years to come. It is worth being proud to head up an association of such grand comrades as are found among Veterans of the Rainbow Division.

HOMER W. GARDNER,
National President.

HAROLD ON SICK CALL

Harold B. Rodier, worthy editor, is in the Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., recovering from a serious illness. He appreciates the kind messages he has received from his Rainbow buddies,

Chapter	Last Year's Record	1946-47 as of Nov. 20
Alabama State Assn.	0	0
Crawford Z. Ables, Gadsden	20	0
Major John W. Carroll, Mobile	56	60
Mortimer H. Jordan, Birmingham	102	80
William M. Peters, Tuscaloosa	37	0
Julian M. Strassburger, Montgomery	105	104
Durward Crowder, Lanett	20	10
Alabama Total	340	254
Los Angeles	178	159
San Francisco	103	52
Joyce Kilmer, San Diego	15	17
James Daugherty, Long Beach	2	2
California Total	298	230
Pueblo	1	0
Denver	36	0
Colorado Total	37	0
District of Columbia	109	106
Florida State Assn.	0	0
Jacksonville	2	3
Miami	25	27
Pensacola	4	6
St. Petersburg	15	16
Gen. Chas. P. Summerall, Orlando	41	47
Florida Total	87	99
Georgia Chapter	22	24
Cooper D. Winn, Atlanta	41	23
Georgia Total	64	47
Illinois Chapter	798	524
Danville	59	64
Illinois Total	857	588
Indiana State (Indianapolis)	312	280
Bloomington	77	44
Fort Wayne	50	58
Lafayette	18	4
Martinsville	27	27
South Bend	26	26
Indiana Total	510	439
Iowa State Assn.	0	145
Col. E. R. Bennett	195	103
Cedar Rapids	31	26
Oskaloosa	52	32
Creston	42	30
Lee County	17	0
Fort Dodge	7	0
Mason City (North Iowa)	28	6
Matthew A. Tinley, Council Bluffs	54	52
Cedar Valley	43	31
Ottumwa	40	32
Southwest Iowa, Shenandoah	14	15
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City	52	19
Dubuqueland	15	15
Iowa Total	590	506
Louisiana (New Orleans)	20	17
Maryland	88	57
Massachusetts	53	69
Michigan	156	145
Minnesota Assn.	3	1
Minneapolis	183	80
St. Paul	35	26

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Minnesota Total	221	107
Missouri-Kansas, K. C.	149	71
St. Louis	4	45
Missouri-Kansas Total	153	116
Nebraska	38	33
New Jersey	130	103
Gen. Chas. T. Menoher, Newark	23	1
New Jersey Total	153	104
Father Duffy Chapter, N.Y.C.	720	610
Long Island	38	21
Westchester	25	0
New York Total	783	631
Ohio State Assn.	39	25
Ralph Berger, Marysville	33	1
Cincinnati	70	52
Columbus	120	59
Newark	50	31
Luther Swigart, Mansfield	19	21
Akron	39	15
Dyer J. Bird, Marion	31	25
Paul Hume, London	3	0
Toledo (changed from Sedan)	5	3
Edison H. Miller, Delaware	48	22
Lancaster	59	33
Cleveland	45	19
Springfield	19	13
Vets of Co. G, 166th Inf., Greenfield	144	122
Ohio Total	724	441
Oklahoma State Assn.	1	0
Oklahoma City	28	41
Tulsa	78	47
Oklahoma Total	107	88
Oregon	12	6
Pennsylvania State Assn.	0	0
Easton	140	41
Pittsburgh	100	69
Bethlehem	55	21
Lancaster	49	69
Reading	19	37
Philadelphia	33	0
Pennsylvania Total	396	237
South Carolina, Columbia	31	32
Tennessee	5	3
Texas, Dallas	68	47
Virginia State Chapter	116	84
Homer A. Hughes, Lynchburg	48	33
Virginia Total	164	117
Washington State, Seattle	26	30
Wisconsin State Assn.	6	5
Appleton	60	2
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Milwaukee	30	16
Fond du Lac	35	0
Oshkosh	43	30
Wisconsin Total	174	53
National Chapter (War I)	20	28
National Chapter (War II)	11,756	442
GRAND TOTALS	18,003	5,066

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