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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Thanksgiving: Since the landing of the Pilgrims our Nation has steadily advanced with changing conditions. The field of science has brought about unbelievable improvements; the general means of livelihood have advanced the methods of doing things which would not be recognized by our forefathers were they alive today. Indeed, life and everything in connection with life itself has gone through drastic changes.

Our Pilgrim Fathers through forbearance and endurance laid the foundation for a great nation. They sought peace and freedom; they desired security for their families in this land of promise. As the years moved by, they prospered through hard work and innumerable hardships but steadily advanced into new frontiers until a truly great nation was formed—the great new world: This we inherited.

We surely cannot blame the hardy pioneers with the present day situations: We have brought it upon ourselves because by our very living we have forgotten to be thankful for our heritage. In two great wars, the nations of the world looked to America to provide the means for winning those wars. Today the world should and is looking to America for leadership but can we prove to this same world that it should place confidence in our leadership? Since we are a great Christian nation, we can provide the world with that leadership if we go back to the simple faith of our early pioneers who upon bended knees thanked God for all that they had received. Let us be thankful for our heritage; let us be thankful for our great nation; let us be thankful for America in all its greatness and pledge strength and guidance through the power of prayer to all mankind. This will surely be the means of bringing a living peace to a starving world, the kind of peace that should come from a Christian nation.

HOMER GARDNER

Rainbow Division Veterans



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ELMER NEAGLE CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

The hearts of Rainbowers are heavy today in the loss of our greatly loved Elmer Neagle, who passed away on Friday, November 8. Elmer had been in poor health since his serious illness of a year ago, and when he suffered a relapse two weeks before his death his heart was not equal to the strain.

Few men are mourned by a wider circle of friends, for few men had his gift for friendship. Throughout the length and breadth of this nation a host of Rainbowers, and others, held for Elmer a warm and affectionate friendship that was the reflection of his great heart. He was one of the stalwarts of Rainbow, and had been a source of strength and inspiration to the Association throughout its life.

He served as Secretary and Editor of the *Reveille* in 1923-1924, was Treasurer in 1934-1935, and President in 1939-1940. His interest in Rainbow affairs was unflagging, and his counsel sought on every occasion. He handled most of the national broadcasts since their inception, and served for years on the *Reveille* committee. But it is not as a Rainbow wheelhorse that he will be missed, but as a friend. He was universally loved, and his passing leaves a hurt in the hearts of a myriad of loyal friends. Your Editor loved him, and so did all who had the privilege of enjoying the friendship of one whose outstanding characteristic was a great and loyal heart.

Rainbow Numeral Assigned to N. Y. State Guard Division

The Secretary of War has advised Col. J. Monroe Johnson, as chairman of the committee representing the Association in the matter, that the War Department has assigned the numeral 42 to a newly-activated National Guard Division in New York State, of which the 165th Infantry is one of the components.

Colonel Johnson, designated by President Homer Gardner to act for the Association, had represented to the Secretary of War that the majority of the Executive Committee of the Association had voiced their opposition to the proposed action, but the Department nevertheless went through with the plan. No further information on the subject is available as the *Reveille* goes to press.

HOST CHAPTER PUSHES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Col. Bennett Chapter of Des Moines being the host chapter to all Rainbow, July 1947, continues to help with the plans for the reunion. Every member has pledged his full support to the program as it is developed. An effort is being made to secure a great membership for the 1946-47 year and to prove to Rainbow that this is really a great chapter. While living somewhat in memory of years past, the chapter is looking forward to a great achievement in the entertaining of so great and honored a group as the Rainbow. The Col. Bennett Chapter is honored indeed in this privilege and none shall leave the limits of our city next July without having partaken of the gracious hospitality of all of Iowa Rainbow.

HOMER

GENERAL GOURAUD

(Translated copy of letter from Secretary
of late General Gouraud)

Paris, le 4 octobre 1946

My Colonel:

Your friend, the General of the Army, Gouraud, died gently during the night of 16 September, at 2 a.m. The General was honored to have had under his orders on the 15th of July 1918 in the ranks of the 4th Army, the glorious Rainbow Division. In his last wishes, General Gouraud said:

"When my hour comes, I ask to be buried in the crypt of the monument AUX MORTS DES ARMEES DE CHAMPAGNE, at Navarin, the grave covered with a simple stone, like those of the Crusaders, with the following inscription:

HERE LIES GENERAL HENRI GOURAUD
AMONG HIS SOLDIERS OF THE 4TH
ARMY WHOM HE LIKED SO WELL

General Gouraud insisted on being buried with the Distinguished Service Cross with which he was honored by the President of the United States and given on the 17th of December 1918 by General John J. Pershing, former commander-in-chief of the American forces.

Gouraud's last gesture proves the affection that he had for your grand and generous country and for your people.

Will you permit me to send you here inclosed two of the General's pictures on his death bed, his small bed used before 1914 in every one of his African campaigns?

Will you kindly accept, My Colonel, the expression of my very devoted feelings.

(s) A. LAHELLEC

45, Rue Liancourt, XIV, Paris

M. le Colonel J. Monroe Johnson.

AT LAST HE CAME!

Yes, at long last, that man who has done so much for Rainbow, came to see us.

For years and years, we had wished and hoped and looked for him. I knew that some day I must see this man. This Rainbower whom everyone loves. This gentleman who has written me ten thousand letters. Yes, sir, I knew that some day I should look out and see him walking up our front steps.

We waited and waited. Year in and year out, we waited and hoped. Would he never come? Was this only a wish that would never come true? Would we never know just what this great Rainbower looked like? Impossible! That feeling was too strong. The man must come.

So, two days ago, we looked out, and there he was. Not only that, his dear wife was beside him. God! What a break! He was here. His wife was here. We could have a Rainbow Reunion. We did. And how! Three meetings we had. We talked Rainbow till we were blue in the face.

Our women folks went over to Juarez while he and I had our last meeting. We talked, and we talked. It was wonderful. My puny words cannot describe my emotion. Here, sitting beside me was one of the greatest men in Rainbow! Here beside me was Al Hoyt. Did we have a good time. Why, don't be foolish!

Our President Phoned

Then, next day, just as the big, red sun poked its head up over the desert, turning the mesquite bushes into pure gold and making the mountains shine like big loaves of silver, the phone rang.

It was our National President, Homer Gardner. He was six hundred miles away in Dallas. He had flown over our house in the night. He just wanted to say hello to Marian and me.

Such is Rainbow! Such is Rainbow! I love it, boys! I love it!

FRED CORNELIUS.

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CHAPTER CHATTER

CALIFORNIA—The October meeting of the

Los Angeles Chapter was mostly a business session. Things moved slowly at first but gained momentum as they moved along and some of the discussions became quite lively.

Plans were made for the entertainment of National President Homer Gardner who will be in Los Angeles for three days beginning October 27. The main event will be a dinner to be followed by entertainment and dancing. The affair will be held at the Elks Club Sunday evening the 27th.

This get-together will make it possible for all Rainbowers in the Los Angeles district to meet our National President and it is hoped all who possibly can will avail themselves of this opportunity. A hearty welcome and a good time is assured all who attend.

Bill Williamson was present at the meeting and said he was feeling much better after being under the weather for a couple of months.

We are glad to report that "Top" Davis, another Rainbower who lives Rainbow 24 hours a day, was made Assistant Manager of the Touring Bureau of the Auto Club of Southern California. Congratulations, "Top."

The usual raffle for nylon hose was held and of course there was beer and sandwiches in the basement to top off the evening.

And now we wish to speak upon a subject which means a great deal to us and to every man who has worn the Rainbow patch upon his shoulder in combat against the enemy in defense of his country. We hope at this point the Editor will not use his shears.

Once again, as was the case after World War I, the question has arisen as to what to do with the Rainbow Division. Shall it be retired or kept alive, and if so, how?

We learn from the September issue of the *Reveille* that the War Department contemplates the designation of a National Guard Division in New York State as the 42d Division.

To us this plan seems entirely out of line. No single state nor any specified section of the country should be designated as the locale of the Rainbow (42d) Division.

The concept of Rainbow was and is universal in that it represented *all* sections of the country. The original 42d Division of World War I was made up of units from 26 states and the District of Columbia. This representation included more than half the states of the Union, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. Thus came into being the name "Rainbow" in connection with the numerical designation 42d Division.

When the Rainbow (42d) Division was reactivated in 1943 it had units or men in it from each of the 48 states of the Union. Much

was made of this fact when, at the reactivation ceremonies, a man from each state presented his state's Colors as the Division was formally sworn into Federal Service.

In fairness and justice to all who served in the Rainbow (42d) Division during both World Wars, the name Rainbow and the numerical designation 42d should never be separated.

The War Department stated that while it is planned to designate the new National Guard Division in New York State as the 42d Division, it did not contemplate attaching to it the name "Rainbow Division," nor endow it with the flags, the traditions or identity of the original 42d Division.

The name Rainbow, the numeral 42, the Colors, the traditions and the fact that its personnel represented every section of our country are inseparably linked together both in the minds of service men and the general public.

Read the preamble to the Constitution of our Association at the top of the list of National Officers of our organization as printed in the *Reveille*. To attempt to separate the name Rainbow from the numeral 42d and make one part live while the other part is cast aside as of no further value is a short-sighted policy and an injustice to every man who served in the Rainbow—42d—Division in defense of his country.

Numbers run from One to Infinity. If the War Department wishes to activate a new National Guard Division in New York State, why must the numeral "42" be used? Let it give that Division its own numerical designation and let that Division stand on its own feet under its own individual number.

We believe that every Rainbow man would like to see the Rainbow (42d) Division restored to active service and we hope the War Department will find a way to do this and in so doing, keep it a Division of universal representation of all sections of the country and not of any one locality. Thus constituted, the Division would carry its Colors and traditions with it as long as it lived. Traditions mean much to any service organization. The Navy and the Marine Corps are proud of their traditions. The Rainbow (42d) Division as a unit of the Army has its own traditions which are second to none.

If it is not feasible to activate the Rainbow (42d) Division as a Division truly representative of the country as a whole, then the only fair and just thing to do is to retire the name Rainbow and the numeral 42d together with its Colors and traditions and place them in the archives where future generations may read and learn of its glorious history.

Is this too much to ask on behalf of those who, through their unselfish sacrifices in the first world war, helped to establish the traditions of the Rainbow—42d—Division and on behalf of those of the second World War, who through their sacrifices added to its glory?

Since this question has arisen again, let us

hope that once and for all the future of our beloved Division, *Rainbow and 42nd indivisible*, will be definitely settled!

WARNER H. GRASSELL.

ILLINOIS—Another of those big World's Greatest Rainbow Chapter meetings—the 26th Annual Jamboree at the Swedish Club, night of November 7. A round 200 (22 of them World War II Rainbowners) were in attendance, 75 around the smorgasbord.

A swell program featuring Jack Lieb, noted MGM News-of-the-Day, ETO, Newsreel Photographer, who landed with the First Army at H-Hour plus 250 minutes, and his talk "From D-Day to Germany," arranged by V. P. Herb Beck (E, 149th FA). Most interesting set of colored motion pictures with the talk, showing preparations for D-Day and the landings on Utah Beach and Omaha Beach.

Among those present was Illinois Chapter's holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II, Vito Bertoldo.

Several "Fight Nighters" from the old Rainbow and the new — Henry Hirsh (150th MG Bn.); Paul Marks (150th FA); from the 149th FA, Chet Ambler and Ray Robinson (Hq); Harvey Mickelsen and Charlie Schiele (D). From World War II Rainbow there were Charles Adams, H. Triggs, and Bill Rice (232nd Inf.); George Roberts, Ed Kasang and O. Kjellstrom (242nd Inf.); Leon McDurmon (222nd Inf.); John Bolton, Jr. (Rec. Bn); Dick Goodman of Manhattan, Illinois (742d Ord Bn); and Herman Green (122d Med. Bn).

There was a delegation from the Danville Chapter—President Warren Alberts, Fred Anderson and Harry Skadden, all of "A", 149th FA, and high school buddies of Kline Gray (F, 149th FA). There was also "Monk" Allyn of Rockford (F, 149th FA), Commander, Illinois Department, VFW.

Bjork, former Corporal in F, 149th FA, whose uncanny ability to remember names and faces is a marvel to all Rainbowners, introduced the newcomers, visitors, and several others from the many Rainbow I and II outfits.

Last but far from least—Illinois Chapter's paid membership is now on the heavy side of 500—we're off to a new record!

KEN HATHAWAY

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indianapolis Chapter got off to a slow start with the October meeting on the 11th, with only twenty-five men present. Your guess is as good as mine as to why the old bats will not show up for a meeting. I have ideas on the subject, of course, but they shouldn't appear in print. However, those who did attend managed to get along very nicely without the absentees. The crowd seemed to like the movies with the exception of one of the brethren who said we were living in the past, whereupon somebody remarked, "What the hell, Pal, you ain't got no future." Dues were collected from one of the boys after he

was told he was just a visitor and that only members had a voice in Chapter affairs. Business was held to a minimum which is as it should be. It was awfully good to see Paul Ragsdale and we all hope you will be back regularly, Paul. We missed our Franklin crowd and Floyd the Medic from Martinsville.

On October 19, five of the Indianapolis Chapter attended the Battery F reunion of the Bloomington Chapter in Bloomington—Ted Taylor, Bill Jackson, Ed Cook, Dan Glossbrenner and Hook Young. The Bloomington outfit put on a real Rainbow party as they always do. After every one had filled up on turkey and pumpkin pie, President Gregory started the program off and then turned things over to his banker, Sgt. Leon B. Rogers, who handled the controls as Master of Ceremonies for the rest of the evening. Called upon to explain the situation in Lafayette, ex-top kick Harry P. Schultz didn't tell us a damn thing but did remark that he noticed Pattison hadn't been weaned as yet and, then after looking around the room, made a lot of disparaging remarks about the equipment being obsolete, only two of 'em and you couldn't beat the damn things anyway. Dan Glossbrenner gave the crowd an interesting picture of his experiences in this war and incidentally told us about some sort of a working arrangement between Captain Kelley and Captain Williams. The way we got it, K. P. was to teach Kelley how to figure firing data and in return was to receive instruction in the proper language to use in handling a Battery of Artillery. Each one an expert in his line. K. P. when called upon, accused our Master of Ceremonies of making a derogatory remark about College Professors to the effect that they don't know anything except what they learn. Sgt. Rogers denied it vigorously, maintaining he never said that at all—what he said was this: "The College Professor never learns anything—period." Glenn Hillis our ex-sgt. from Kokomo gave us some of the highlights of the Legion Convention in San Francisco and finished up by disclosing that he, like Sgt. Rogers, had been warned by Judge Fenters to stay out of Fountain County. More power to you, Squint, any time an ex-corporal can tell a damn sergeant off, I'm for him.

It was a real Reunion as all Rainbow affairs are. It is to be regretted though that more of the men who live right in Bloomington couldn't make the effort to be present that one night of the year. Out of town men present at the reunion in addition to the five from Indianapolis were: Bibbe Young and Harry P. Schultz from Lafayette, Pat Holloway from Monticello, Glenn Hillis from Kokomo, Roy C. Fenters from Covington, Lee Bowers from Huntington, Pat Pattison from Danville, Ray Davenport from Morgantown, Matty Carpenter from Spencer, Ed Cunningham from Columbus and Ray Neal from Muncie. Bloomington men present were: Chigger Seward, Joe Bell, Jake French, Glenn Teague, Chuck Adams, Marion Rogers, Specs Fowler, Clyde Snoddy, K. P. Will-

iams, Leon Rogers, Ralph Gregory, Kenny Moat, Ora and Silas Siscoe, Fred Scales, Finis Wootan, Leslie Stump, Frank Blackwell, Forrest Richardson, Hobart and Ralph Smith, Kay Poling, Emil Faris and Don Rogers.

HOOK.

IOWA—Here in Dubuque, Iowa, we have just formed a new Chapter called the "Dubuque-land Chapter," and have just recently held a meeting and elected officers. A potluck dinner was held in Eagle Point Park in Dubuque, for all Rainbow Veterans of both wars and their families two weeks ago Sunday. Mr. Bert Boots, State President, came here to join us and gave a talk on Rainbow activities in Des Moines and also what we can expect will take place in the future.

A meeting was held and the following persons were elected as officers of this newly-formed Chapter.

Howard J. Parker.....President WW II
A. V. Wise.....Vice President WW I
Joseph Steiber.....Secretary WW II
Harry Lewis.....Treasurer WW I
George Beaves.....Color Bearer WW I
William Martens.....Sergeant-at-Arms WW II

Mr. Boots presented the Chapter through Mr. Parker who had been acting and now elected president.

A suggestion by Mr. Boots and Mr. Parker that an Auxiliary be formed, and plans were made.

Mrs. Harry Lewis was elected president; Mrs. Margaret Corbett elected Secretary-Treasurer.

A very enjoyable time was had by all, with plenty to eat, thanks to the Bennett Chapter who donated us with a check of substantial amount to furnish a few incidentals and also a fund on-hand now for our organization.

We are planning a drive to recruit everyone we can in this vicinity for our Chapter, and with renewed interest we can really have a swell chapter here in Dubuque.

HOWARD J. PARKER

MARYLAND—Many events of profound moment have come to pass since our last letter, the most important being the joining up of a number of the men of the New Rainbow. It was a tense moment when these young men came to our first meeting. Fresh as they were from sights of Nazi horrors, some of them nevertheless burst into tears at the sight of such wrecks as Harry Feuchter, Jack Clarke and some others. They bore up nobly, however, and can now look at them with perhaps just a slight shudder. In reverse it might be said that it is pretty tough for our undertaking member Skeets Fanning to have to sit through a meeting surrounded by a lot of healthy looking young men.

Since their advent our Chapter has become

known as the Maryland Free Chapter, as we give away something free at every meeting. Free movies, free hot dogs, free beer, along with the usual free conversation. We offered to give Hickman away free but could find no takers. Everyone enjoys the free affairs except the Treasurer, Abe Stout, who has aged ten years in the past six months, for as everyone knows Abe suffers as much passing out a buck as the average man would in passing a kidney stone.

At our October meeting, Ollie Travers was fortunate to secure a hypnotist friend who gave us a talk and practical demonstration of his art. He was quite successful with all the normal members, but made the mistake of trying to hypnotize Elmer Schultze who was so damned contrary that the hypnotist's hypnotism ricocheted off Elmer and practically hypnotized the hypnotizer.

In all seriousness it is fine to have the new fellows with us. One of them, Harry Manger, is doing a splendid job as vice president and as time goes on we know they will take over the show. Then we oldsters can huddle in the corner mumbling in our beards of the old days of "Wild Bill" Donovan and his Fighting Irish at the bloody Ourcq; of how we held them at Champagne; of young Douglas MacArthur driving his infantry brigade forward to break the Kiembelds Stellung. All those things we saw and did almost thirty years ago.

HARRY STANSBURY.

NEW YORK—Father Duffy Chapter celebrated

Armistice Day at the Sixty-ninth Regiment on Saturday, November 9. The usual meeting was held in the Father Duffy room and adjourned to the Mural Room for dancing and refreshments. More than three hundred Rainbowers and their guests participated in the festivities. Another year we will have to use the drill floor as we cannot accommodate the crowd in the Rainbow Room.

Ollie Atkinson was master of ceremonies and he did a bangup job. The speakers were General Lawrence, Colonel Meaney and Mickey Shea. John (Yidda) Smith was chairman of the party and saw to it that every one had plenty of refreshments. Cigarette lighters were donated by Jimmy Fay and raffled off. The proceeds were turned over to Johnny Horan for the General Anderson Memorial Fund.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barrow from Red Bank, N. J., and Johnny Brenner from Lancaster, Pa. About thirty of our War II veterans were on hand also and appeared to enjoy themselves.

On Armistice Day, November 11, a delegation led by the Chapter President, James Mason, attended the ceremonies at the Eternal Light in Madison Square and placed a Rainbow Wreath.

At the next regular meeting of the Father Duffy Chapter on December 13 we are going to show the movie "The Fighting Sixty-ninth." Possibly some of the boys have not seen this

picture and those who have will enjoy it again. Lists of names, addresses and outfits of the new Rainbowers are being prepared and will be mailed to each of the 100 men in the Buffalo area so that they can get in touch with each other and form a Rainbow Chapter.

Father Duffy Chapter lost two grand Rainbow buddies with the passing of Ralph (Randy) Randolph, Indiana, and Elmer Neagle, Washington, D. C. Although these boys were members of their home Chapters they always continued their memberships in Father Duffy Chapter. They were true Rainbowers and will be greatly missed by their many friends in New York.—GEORGE.

SOUTH CAROLINA—South Carolina Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans held a most delightful Reunion July 21, 1946, in Greenville, S. C. The meeting was held in the Legion Hall of Greenville Post No. 3, of the American Legion and was presided over by the President, Walter R. Turbeville.

Following introduction of guests, a memorial service for J. H. Verfory, Company B, 117th Engineers from Orangeburg, was held.

The following interesting resolution was passed:

"Be It Resolved, That the South Carolina Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans in Reunion assembled at Greenville, South Carolina, July 21, 1946, express commendation to Colonel John Monroe Johnson for the outstanding service he has rendered his country in the various capacities designated by the President of the United States of America, during the period of World War Two, and

"Be It Further Resolved, That approval is expressed of the action of the President in conferring the Medal of Merit upon Colonel Johnson for meritorious service, as evidenced in the citation read by the President at ceremonies held in his office in Washington on the occasion of the awarding of the decoration."

Officers elected for 1946-1947 were: President, G. Frank Vaughan, Union; First Vice President, Bobo Burnett, Spartanburg; Second Vice President, Robert King, Columbia; Secretary and Treasurer, Marion R. King (elected for life) Columbia; Chaplain, Lane L. Bonner, Columbia.

A warm welcome was given the members of the Rainbow Division of World War Two, who were present. A number are members of the South Carolina Chapter.—MARION R. KING.

WISCONSIN—'Tain't Douglas MacArthur Chapter's fault, nor can we blame the editor for no news about us for some time. Your correspondent must plead guilty to just plain inertia.

Anyway, we have met every month (8 P.M.,

fourth Friday, Red Arrow Club, 774 No. Broadway, Milwaukee) during the summer. The fall program is under way. The Chapter took advantage of me during my absence from the city this summer to re-elect me president. They used better judgment in selecting Mahlon C. (Jack) Biemer as first vice president, and Oscar Statza as second vice. Aaron Reuther was again named secretary, but they took the money away from him and made Frank Pushkash treasurer, despite his name. Gordon Reid got the job of historian.

Frank and Gordon are both World War II men and have been largely instrumental in getting a bunch of the new crowd to come to meetings. So far about twenty have shown up, and we have a few new ones each month.

We have already started making plans to go to Des Moines and have set up a deal where the members can make the operation painless by depositing \$10 with Frank Pushkash each meeting. Floyd Hill, who just left us and moved to Babcock, Wis., Felix Welsand, and your correspondent are particularly pleased with the selection of Des Moines, being old 168'ers.

Last month we held a dinner in advance of the meeting but from the way the boys stayed away, we probably won't repeat, despite the fact that we got Chester Ransom, who fit and bled in both wars, back into the fold.

WALTER OLESON (The Old Retread)

VIRGINIA—The Virginia State Chapter resumed its prewar practice of holding the October meeting in Richmond, Va. The meeting was held in the Lee Room of the John Marshall Hotel, and in spite of rainy weather (heavy dew in California) we had a very good attendance, and a very enthusiastic meeting. All arrangements were made by Rainbowers S. J. Trimmer and Ravee Norris of the Capitol City, and they with the help of their committee did a wonderful job.

We discussed at the meeting the question of organizing a chapter in Richmond, and we feel the groundwork has been laid for the project. One thing that struck the writer so forcibly (No, not Four Roses) was the enthusiasm displayed by some of the War No. 2 men in the discussion. Think they will do something.

One of the old M.P.'s whom we all thought lost came down from Baltimore. He was none other than Supply Sgt. Tom (Bud) Harland, and he had his supplies with him, as well as his Top Kick the Mrs., who by the way is a very attractive lady, and am sure she will be a very ardent Rainbower. Or will she?

The writer does not remember clearly whether the Rollicking dominoes were in play during the night, but assume they were as it was a Virginia State Chapter meeting. Anyway, we had a good time, and will look forward to another meeting in Richmond.—JIM DENT.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Virginia

November 13, 1946

The budget for 1946-47 as approved by the last Reunion makes it necessary that we secure 12,000 dues-paying members, if we are to operate this year without going too badly in the "red." This means, on the basis of chapter membership last year, that each chapter on the average will have to double its 1945-46 membership. At this writing, 14 chapters have equalled or exceeded last year's figures but only one of these has gone past the 1946-47 goal of "doublin' up." That chapter is the St. Louis Chapter with a present membership of 45—all but three of whom are Rainbowers from the War II Division—and which is officered entirely by our younger members. You other 350 Rainbowers in the St. Louis area! Pitch in and help show the country what a chapter you can build on the banks of Ole Man River!

With 4,817 membership cards issued to date, we are just over one-third of the way toward our goal for 1946-47—and one-third of the year has gone too! Every chapter officer is urged to put his shoulder to the wheel! Leave no stone unturned this year in getting the Rainbowers in your territory into your chapters. Uncounted hours were expended last year in sending to each chapter the names and addresses of the Rainbowers who joined the Association over in Austria. All changes in these addresses reported by the Post Office Department since then have been sent to the interested chapters. Therefore, you should have the ammunition with which to send a statement, showing how much your dues are and

where the remittance should be sent, to every man on your list who has not already joined your chapter.

Rainbowers of the War II Division: All of you who have not paid any dues since you were in Austria are now holding a membership card which expired last July 14. Look at your card NOW! If a name and address is stamped on the back of it, contact that man by the best means available and get lined up in your local chapter for 1946-47. If nothing is stamped on the back of your 1945-46 card, it means you live in a state where there is not a local chapter and you should use the coupon at the bottom of this page to send your dues to me in the National Chapter-at-Large. If a local chapter should be organized in your state during the year, your membership can be transferred thereto simply by paying chapter dues. Anyone who has lost his card should send National dues to me and I will put you in touch with the local chapter nearest you.

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Twenty-five Chapters have not yet advised this office who their officers are for the 1946-47 Rainbow year. Won't you chapter secretaries attend to this important part of your jobs without further delay? More than half a dozen requests for information in connection with the Des Moines Reunion next July are being held up until this information is received.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS

RAINBOW HISTORIES — WORLD WAR II

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