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GENERAL HENRI J. E. GOURAUD
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A GREAT SOLDIER has gone to report to the Supreme Commander. General Henri J. E. Gouraud, who commanded the French Army with which our Division fought at Champagne, has died, and sorrow fills the hearts of all Rainbowers. This great soldier who with but one arm, earned the title, "The Lion of France," held for our Division and its veterans a deep respect and a warm affection which the years did not dim, and which was universally returned. But it is not true that in his passing we have suffered a loss. For General Gouraud will live in the hearts of Rainbowers of World War I so long as they shall live. His immortal charge to our troops on the eve of Champagne, "Stand or Die," made a deep imprint in our lives. We were soldiers when we entered his command. He taught us to be great, for he had the quality of imparting some of his greatness to his soldiers.

We are proud to have been soldiers of this great General. Although we mourn his death, we are filled with a great gladness that he did live, in honor and in fame, to see his beloved France rise again. His unquenchable spirit survives—and for that some of it still lives in our breasts, we who served him and loved him are better men.

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PROPOSED NEW 42d DIVISION

The War Department has taken no new action on their proposal to assign the numeral "42" to a new National Guard Division shortly to be activated in New York State. President Homer Gardner has appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Col. J. Monroe Johnson, consisting of Past National Presidents M. Manning Marcus, Elmer F. Neagle, and Walker H. Colston, and Editor Harold B.

Rodier, to represent the Association in this matter. The committee has requested the Deputy Chief of Staff, General Thomas Handy, to withhold action until the sentiment of the members of our Association can be determined and made known to the War Department.

Chapters are urged to give this matter considerable thought so that when the recommendation of the committee is made known to the Executive Committee and the chapters, intelligent action can be taken.

CHAPTER CHATTER CORRESPONDENTS ATTENTION

To contribute toward the success of the Rainbow year ahead of us, you are urged to sit down NOW and write your Chatter contribution for the next issue. It is the earnest intent of President Gardner and your Editor that *The Reveille* go to press promptly on the first day of each month. To do this it is necessary that all contributions be received early. The actual deadline must be the 20th of the month. This is made necessary by the exigencies of the printing situation. Washington, in common with most cities, does not have sufficient printing facilities to care for all of the current, heavy post-war demands.

In preparing Chapter Chatter, a suggestion is respectfully passed on to our correspondents. Play up the activity and participation in your meetings of the Rainbows from World War II. 'Nuf sed!

ON TO DES MOINES!

"In All That Is Good, Iowa Affords the Best" should be a true motto for the 1947 Reunion. The people of the Iowa capital city believe in giving their best to its visitors and for that reason Rainbowers from all sections of the country are going to attend the best Rainbow reunion in history.

Brig. General Charles H. Grahl, Adjutant General and Director of Selective Service in Iowa, and who prefers to have his Rainbow comrades call him "Charlie," is whipping his reunion committees in shape and each week plans are growing.

Historic Hotel Fort Des Moines has been designated as the headquarters hotel. The Chamber of Commerce, through its hotel committee, has already set up room allotments in all of the leading hotels. Des Moines being a widely known convention city, will open its doors—in fact, tear them off and throw them away—to assure a hearty welcome. Rumblyings from Nebraska indicate a caravan with plans already made and a desire for a block of rooms as soon as they are available. So to all Rainbowers, look forward to Des Moines next July here in the heart of a land where all men are equal, and where the tall corn grows taller. Begin on those traveling plans now!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During one's lifetime many occasions arise whereby we have the opportunity to become a member of some private club, some fraternal society, a community organization or a golf club. We ponder over the idea at great length, and we consider the cost and weigh the benefits that we will gain. In other words, we want to be sure that we are going to get our money's worth.

It has never been necessary to send out written invitations for anyone to become a paid-up member in the National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans. We have earned that right solely by our service with our beloved Division. It is inconceivable that anyone who served with the Rainbow in either war does not desire membership in the Association. It is unbelievable that anyone who served in the Rainbow has to be asked to belong to the Association, yet there are thousands who served in World War I who have never been paid-up members in any Rainbow chapter. We do not want a situation of this type to become a part of the lives of those Rainbowers who served so well in World War II. As the years roll on, the guidance of this Association will gradually fall into the hands of these younger veterans and the more we see of them the more confidence we will have in their future leadership.

Just stop a moment and think—our Rainbow Association is the only one of its kind anywhere. It is extremely exclusive; it is envied by those who are not permitted to hold membership; we have a heritage of over 28 years that is sending its roots deeper into our very souls. In World War I we came together in groups of kids that grew up together; in World War II we came from all corners of the U.S.A. as stalwart American kids bound together by the traditions and inspiration of the Rainbow. As we move on to the 29th Annual Reunion in Des Moines next July, let's do something about membership in this most colorful of all veteran organizations. See to it right now that your dues are paid up in a Rainbow chapter, and in that manner you will be "keeping sacred the memory of your departed comrades."

Mindful of the enthusiastic and successful activities of Rainbowers on the Pacific Coast and in the Southwest, your President has scheduled a series of Chapter visits to these great Rainbow regions, as listed below. It is planned to make as many such visits to Chapters during the year as time and means permit. The schedule:

San Francisco, Oct. 26, Memorial Bldg.; Los Angeles, Oct. 27, Elks' Temple; Dallas, Texas, Oct. 31; Oklahoma City, Nov. 1; Tulsa, Nov. 2.

HOMER W. GARDNER,
President

It is hereby decreed that Rainbow Colors, no matter where they are, be draped until July 14, 1947, in honor and memory of our beloved comrade and General, Henri Gouraud, who though not an American, loved the Rainbow as he loved his native France, and who joined his beloved comrades of the Rainbow who have already found the pot of gold. There is a great reunion there!

So ordered this 17th day of September 1946.

HOMER W. GARDNER, National President.

CHAPTER CHATTER

CALIFORNIA—Well, look who is back as Editor of the *Reveille*, all set and poised with his blue pencil ready to cut down unruly and long-winded correspondents, the Old Maestro himself, Harold B. Rodier.

Now for business concerning the Los Angeles Chapter. The opening meeting for the new Rainbow year was held at Patriotic Hall Thursday evening, September 12, with our new Chapter President, Harold Brower, swinging the gavel.

A report was given by the delegates who attended the National Reunion at French Lick, Indiana. It seems the weather was rather warm and we gathered that some of the business sessions matched the weather. Well, that shows the boys were on their toes, and, right or wrong, they were going to use their American privilege of expressing their views on the subject at hand.

At this time we wish to extend congratulations to Homer W. Gardner, our new National President, and to his entire staff of officers and assure him and them that the Los Angeles Chapter will do all it can to help make their term in office a most successful one.

We have been informed by President Gardner that he plans to pay a visit to the Los Angeles Chapter the latter part of October. It is not often that a National President gets as far west as the Pacific Coast and we will be most happy to greet him.

The Rainbow's erstwhile roving ambassador of good will, Walt Michel, has finally shaken off the smoke and soot of Pittsburgh and returned to Los Angeles. He is now singing that well known ditty—"My Little Grey Home in the West" and adding—"At Hermosa Beach by the Blue Pacific."

Welcome back, Walt, to your old stamping grounds.

We were glad to see that the Los Angeles Chapter's past president Frank Cline was honored by being elected one of the National Vice Presidents of our Association. Congratulations!

Bill Williamson, that one hundred percent plus Rainbower, who has been a bit under the weather during the summer, is much improved and we sincerely hope he soon will be attending the meetings as usual.

Two reels of movies in color, Iwo Jima and the Coast Guard at War on Foreign Shores, were thoroughly enjoyed by the Chapter. Our sincere thanks to Lt. Kelce, Chief Bos'n Mate Jack Stranathan and to the Coast Guard for bringing these pictures to us.

A reminder to all Rainbowers in Southern California and also those from other districts and states who may be visiting in Los Angeles or passing through—the Los Angeles Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month, 8:00 p.m., fourth floor of Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street. WARNER H. GRASSELL.

ILLINOIS—Greetings from the World's Greatest Shapter. Ve are meeting at da Chicago Svedish Club (September 20) and we are yust vaking up from von gude wacation at French Lick Springs vere ve gots lots of gude spirits and inspirations—some wocal and some likvid. Dat is vy ve vere late in starting 1946-47 campaign—just because darn near da hole Shapter vent to French Lick to da Reunion—about seventy-five—but course dat includes da vives and sweethearts and some kids too. So ve missed our Yuly meeting here at home.

Tonight ve are shore making up for lost time. About von hundred fifty vere here and dey have been eating and drinking and singing and reuning. Da smorgasbord is a wreck, da softies have gone home to dere mamas and da Wikings are at da bar.

Dat foreigner (he ain't a Svede) Barre Blumenthal installed da new officers and he yoked smart like he always does. Stu Watson is da new boss and makes a svell president—small but mighty.

Old veel-horse Herb Beck and a World War II Major Mort. Barnard are Wice-bosses so in case Stu goes away ve have another boss ready—yust like Truman you know—no not exactly like dat cider.

Honorable Frank Gould—Member of Nashonal Executive Committee—is da man dat holds da money. Somehow Watson managed to demote Past President Ed Johnson to make him Secretary and he yust told me he already has 337 gude paid up members.

Of course dat Svede Eskil Bjork was dere. He iss von of de runners of da gas company but dat is not vy he talks so gude. He names every man in da room—tells his outfit and how old he vas ven he vas house broke. Eskil is reporter and editor and publisher of Swazancans, our Shapter paper, and a dam gude guy. Vat would da Shapter be vitout Eskil. It is time da Nashonal Reunion take note ven day need a extra gude man for a real big yob.

Now Herb Beck says ve vill have a big Armistice Yamboree—Johnson says ve vill gets lots more members he is yust starting, and Eskil says Yames Alouishus Mason vill know vot it feels like to see Illinois vay out ahead again like always. So Skol, and Good Night.

VON OF DO SVEDES FROM ILLINOIS

INDIANA—The first meeting of the Indianapolis Chapter since the Reunion at French Lick was held on Friday night, September 13, and in spite of the date thirty men were on hand to start the fall and winter season off. Of course we should have had twice that many but you must remember that these old Rainbow I vets in Indianapolis are Old Men and getting pretty feeble. Or it might be that the sidewalks hurt their feet—just like a bunch of unshod horses, bring them in off of pasture and put them on a hard road and they go lame in no time. I don't believe such a comparison is fair however—to the horses. Anyway, as usual on that Friday night we had a number of our out-of-

town members with us. Roy Murphy (A-150th) who lives in Philadelphia was in town, as was Ed Huber (Hq-150th) of Seymour. Then we had our regulars up from Franklin—Ivan Pogue (392nd F.A.), Dwight Heath (149th F.A.), and Mervill Alexander (A-150th). Bob Hogue (Div. Hq. Rainbow II) was on hand as usual. Don't believe Bob has missed a meeting since he returned from Austria. He comes in from Greenwood every meeting night—and yet we have dozens of old rejects right here in the city who don't have strength enough to cover just a few blocks to the Riley Hotel once a month. Elbert Brown (392nd F.A.) Les Nagley (392d F.A.) and Jerry Kohn (232nd Inf.) were some more of the Rainbow II-ers with us that night. Incidentally these Rainbow II boys play a mean brand of poker in case you haven't found that out already. After watching Jerry Kohn and Les Nagley fill inside straights and get help on the last card, we know now just what Basic Training meant. Another out-of-towner we were glad to see again was Floyd Harper (medic-150th) from Martinsville. Still another, this time one of our regulars, it was good to have with us for an evening was Lt. Col. Garrett W. Olds. He is stationed in Austin, Texas, now and was home on leave for thirty days. Garrett is finishing up his sixth year of service, having gone out with the 38th Division in January of 1941 and served with them throughout the war in the Pacific. His ribbons include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and numerous Theater ribbons, the latter carrying nine battle stars. All in all it was a good meeting with Ed Cook giving a report on the reunion, Skinny and Stew with their regular gripes and objections and President Kenny Hughes handling the controls in his customary efficient manner. Incidentally, the Indianapolis Chapter now has a paid-up membership of 265—which leaves us just 135 short of the 400 we promised Homer Gardner this year. Now it may be there are chapters in the country who have as many slow-pay artists on their mailing lists as we do—but I doubt it like hell. I know they don't have the quality stuff we have. Damn it, we have birds who can alibi in three languages and we have men who are so proficient in camouflage they haven't been sighted in years. However we are turning the hounds loose on them this month—and pal, any of 'em that bruise easily had better take to the hills . . . Chapter meetings are held the second Friday of each month at the Riley Hotel—so any Rainbower in town on that date, keep in mind that we will be tickled to death to see you.—HOOK.

MICHIGAN—Now that vacation time is over and all the oldtimers are back and rested up, Michigan chapter is due to get to work. World War II men should be pretty well settled by now and be ready to step in and help us keep "Rainbow in the Sky."

The new officers for 1946-47 are: President, G. I. Williams (150th F.A.); 1st Vice President,

Neil Furton (168th Amb. Co.); Second Vice President, Julius Hesse (168th Amb. Co.); Third Vice President, Harry Clough (122nd Med. Bn.); Treasurer, Tom Hanson (166th Amb. Co.); Secretary, Earl Tyner (150th F.A.); Chaplain, Dr. Fred McAfee (167th Inf.); Historian, Charles Macfarlane (168th Amb. Co.); Sergeant-at-Arms, Henry Duing (168th Amb. Co.); Executive Committeeman, Charles Seisser (542nd F.A. Bn.).

Memberships are coming in from War II men but not in the numbers desired. However, we will step up our efforts now and expect to have those dues rolling in very soon.

A committee has been formed to work on the 1948 National Reunion in Michigan and we expect to have plans prepared for this great event. Remember 1934 in Detroit? 1948 will be bigger and better.

Michigan Chapter lost another good Rainbower when William Jambas, M.G. Co., 167th Inf., died suddenly on August 10. Rainbow furnished pallbearers and conducted services at the grave.

Hope to have more to report next time.—GI.

MINNESOTA—This month begins the new year in Minnesota Rainbow. All the new officers, both of Minneapolis and St. Paul chapters are, as usual, all full of pep and ready to start out their new year.

The joint installation last month of the state, St. Paul and Minneapolis chapters, was quite an event. President Wicklund and the Minneapolis Chapter were hosts to the state and St. Paul. After the regular meeting a nice luncheon was served and everybody got home in the very early hours.

Harvey Thompson, Minneapolis Chapter Membership Chairman, turned in 282 members for the year. He was reappointed Chairman for this year and we hope you will better the record, Harvey.

Dave Rockwood (who sells insurance) was in a smashup a week ago and car and Dave were badly damaged. Wonder if he had any insurance!

Dr. Soper, our old pill-shooter, and Mrs. Soper celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary this past month. A party was given him by all veterans of the Twin Cities. One table the full length of the dining room was filled up with Rainbow men. Many more happy anniversaries, Doc.

Our new State President, Joe Connelly, is right after the boys to get going. We know we will have a good year under his leadership.

We have two offices in the Minneapolis Chapter that are filled by World War II boys and they are doing nice work. It is our wish that more of these boys will come to the meetings and feel that they are really a part of us. Com-made Eddy, our new Treasurer, went after the dues, like any of our old-timers.

Minneapolis Chapter meetings, the first Wednesday of each month at American Legion Hall, 35th and Chicago Avenue.

St. Paul Chapter meetings, the first Monday of each month at Veterans' Hall.

FRANK WEST.

NEBRASKA—The Nebraska Chapter was honored with the presence of National President Homer Gardner, Bill Nevius, Larry and Frances Wood and Bob Taylor at their 28th Annual Reunion banquet in Lincoln, Sept. 14.

Matt Tinley also spent a few hours with us visiting with the new as well as the old Rain-bowers. Tom Hansen and James Day of the Council Bluffs Chapter spent the day with us.

Marion Schroeder, Bob Kubik, Herb James, William Lawson, L. W. Krambeck and their wives from Omaha, WW II Rain-bowers, spent the day at the Reunion. All seemed to be sold on Rainbow and were going back to Omaha and start an Omaha chapter.

"The contacts we make at these state and national Reunions are worth all the money in the world," Homer Gardner told the Rain-bowers at the banquet, speaking to the newer members especially. We old buzzards know what Rainbow means.

"The strength of Rainbow is in your chapters and auxiliaries," Gardner said. "When you meet regularly, you will get to know the true meaning of Rainbow." Gardner cited several eminent Rain-bowers who exemplified the Rain-bow spirit.

Mike Potet was the toastmaster. The speaking was followed by a variety program of tap and acrobatic dancing.—RAY CRONAN.

NEW JERSEY—During the last week of September, invitations were sent to 68 Rain-bowmen living in the southern part of New Jersey from Burlington County to Cape May to attend a meeting on October 20. New Jersey now has two very active Rainbow chapters in the northern half of the state. Some of us feel there is room . . . and enough interested Rain-bowers in the lower half . . . to form a chapter somewhere between Camden and the tip of the state.

The October 20 meeting is not intended as a business meeting; its purpose is merely to get acquainted, re-live wartime experiences and make plans for subsequent meetings when we will elect officers and conduct regular business sessions. If you happen to live in South Jersey and did not receive an invitation, please phone Williamstown 8 R 2 for details. See you on the 20th. LETZ.

NEW YORK—James Mason, Father Duffy's Chapter's new president, assumed his new duties in August and appears very much at ease on the rostrum running the meetings. Jim has been sitting up there so long as Treasurer that he would feel ill at ease any other place. He has declared to all that the membership record will be broken this year and he is gunning for everyone with a leg under him.

On Saturday, November 9th, the Chapter will hold its regular meeting and also celebrate Armistice Day with a party directly after the meeting. This promises to be a fine affair for John (Yidda)

Smith will be the chairman. The new members have been waiting for an opportunity such as this to celebrate with their buddies, so this will be one night they can howl. It will be held in the Mural Room adjoining the Father Duffy Room, and with the ladies present all should have a grand time.

Meyer Levy and Matt Devlin celebrated their silver wedding in the Mural Room at the Armory on Saturday, September 14th, and it was a wonderful party. They were both presented with twenty-five silver dollars and their wives also received beautiful corsages.

Westchester Chapter held its September meeting in Ossining, N. Y., at the club of the V.F.W. and had a very fine turnout. They anticipate building up their membership with the new men who live up the river and can't get to the Father Duffy Chapter meetings.

With the fish keeping Jack Brawley busy, the stock market Lester Sullivan and National Rainbow George Seaman, Long Island Chapter has been dormant. These boys all promise to bestir themselves and get the Long Islanders busy so a meeting can be held in October. A moonlight sail was to have been held but the plans all fell through. At any rate, they intend holding a dance at the Rockville Country Club some time in the near future.

Ever since our discharge from the Army, one company of the 165th has always kept their men together. This Company is C and each year they have elected officers, had a good Company fund and celebrated with an annual party. This year the party will be held in the Mural Room in the Armory and you may be certain to find an overflow crowd present. The Halpins, Tom and Gene, Meyer Levy, Jim Minogue, Art Slicklen, Art Totten and others have been prime workers in keeping these pineapples together.

GEORGE.

OHIO—The Ohio Rainbow Veterans at their Reunion in June, elected the following officers to serve for the year 1946-1947: President, Wilber Brucker, Detroit, Michigan; First Vice President, George Walters, Columbus, Ohio; Second Vice President, Hollis Parsons, Newark, Ohio.

The Reunion held in Columbus had one of the largest registrations in years. A number of War Two veterans attended and joined the organization, and the Chapters are electing them into the various offices.

With the above slate of officers we hope to hit a new high in membership. At this date our membership is above last year and the next few months it should be in high gear.

The summer months of vacations and picnics now past, the Chapters are getting down to business again. During July and August, Rainbow activities in Ohio included picnics at Mansfield, Springfield, Marion and Newark. In August the Veterans of Company G held a two-day Reunion. On Saturday presentation of a new set of colors. The Honor Roll dedicated in 1919 was destroyed by a windstorm

last year and the Company G Chapter built a new one and rededicated it on Sunday to Veterans of War I.

Ohio is rolling merrily along and you will hear from us in the future.

CARL S. THIMMES

PENNSYLVANIA—Sunday, September 15, Lancaster Chapter held its first meeting in more than a year. Called by Secretary Arthur Knehr who is also 1st Vice President of Pennsylvania State Association. Their meeting was very well attended and plans for future activities were agreed to. Election of officers is to be held soon. Refreshments were of the kind only Reading could serve. The Auxiliary made things hum and some money for them also.

Frank J. Simons of Bethlehem, our State Historian, informs me that they are about to go to town in a big way.

Lancaster should have plenty to say about their big membership. Congratulations from all Pennsylvania.

Easton Chapter held a meeting on October 13 at Lester Pfeffer Post, American Legion. Clyde L. Shade, vice president, will guide the outfit. Our Christmas banquet will be launched at this meeting. Seven members have applied to be Santa Claus. Secret—we are going to accept them all.

C. A. P. Bartlett, Librarian of Pennsylvania Senate, has plans about finished to call together all Rainbow Veterans in the Harrisburg area to meet and form a new chapter.

FRANCIS H. LEHR.

TEXAS—Dallas. With practically no advance notice (most of us had expected August to be meetingless), the outgoing administration called a Texas Chapter meeting for the installation of the incoming administration—we presume they wanted to unload their official burdens before retiring for a long—and well-earned—rest.

The meeting was held—appropriately—on August 14, V-J Day, at the Dallas City Hall, where Clarence Penniman holds forth while gainfully employed in pursuit of his daily bread and butter (not that his super-abundant mid-section wouldn't supply sustenance for a protracted period of time), and was attended by all who could be brought together on such short notice.

The incoming administration includes: President, Everette Hale; Vice President, Daniel Burns (new 42d); Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur S. McCarty (New 42d); Historian, Richard B. Irion; Chaplain, Edward M. Ballew; Sergeant-at-Arms, Louis O. Braden; the latter two unanimously reelected by acclamation.

The new administration (of course), like all new administrations, pledged itself to a bigger and better Rainbow, swore to multiply the membership many times over, to provide interesting monthly meetings which would bring out

unprecedented numbers of Rainbowers and to interject a social element into the life of the chapter permitting the inclusion of the Mesdame Rainbowers and all the little Rainbowers.

A great deal of credit is deserved by the outgoing administration—particularly Past President Ben Schmid and Past Secretary-Treasurer Clarence Penniman—for their super-human efforts in exhuming the body of the several-years-inactive Texas Rainbow. Those of us who inherit the fruits of their labors are very grateful to them for the missionary work they have performed and accept the impetus of their efforts with deepest gratitude and a sense of responsibility to "keep the pot boiling."

Let YE forget: National Rainbow Reunion, DALLAS in '48!—EVERETTE HALE.

VIRGINIA—We have fully recovered from the French Lick Reunion; even Allen Gibbons has his voice back. A wonderful time was had by all. 'Twas a grand reunion. Congratulations, Indiana.

Our August meeting was held at Rainbower Joe Murray's cabin out from Covington, Va., at which time our new officers were installed. While the meeting was not attended by a large crowd, every one had a grand time, and we hope Joe will repeat his invitation.

The September meeting was held at Rainbower Gally Hammond's farm 23 miles east of Roanoke. The crowd was not large, but plenty noisy, and the galloping dominoes were kept hot, but not for yours truly, however. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Among the Rainbowers of World War 2 who have affiliated themselves with the Virginia State Chapter are the following: Harry B. Munday, H-3-B, 222nd Inf.; John E. Woods, Hq. 222nd Inf.; Martin Marks, Jr., Co. F, 222nd Inf.; David Shewey, Co. D, 242nd Inf.; George P. Beard, Co. E, 222nd Inf.; James H. Putman, Co. G, 242nd Inf.; Vincent C. Lankford, Co. C, 122nd Med. Bn.; J. Minor Kulp, Hq. 542nd F. A. Bn.; Lonnie Quesenberry, Co. D, 242nd Inf.; Broadus E. Chewing, 232nd Inf.; William H. Harrison, Sv. Co., 232nd Inf.; Frank Russinsky, 542nd F. A. Bn.; Robert L. Eversole, Co. C, 122nd Med. Bn.; Cecil C. Willoughby, Co. C, 242nd Inf. Home, Ahoskie, N. C.; William H. Lyerly, Co. G, 222d Inf., Granite Quarry, N. C.

We welcome these men into our chapter and hope they will attend our meetings so we may know them personally. I am quite sure we all have something in common, having served under the colors of the Rainbow.

We are glad to report Rainbowers Bill Hitt and Sid Chockley have both improved and are back at work. Rainbower Percy Karnes is still in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Roanoke, and we are sorry to say his condition has not improved very much.

Am now counting the days until the Des Moines Reunion, the one bright spot in 1947.

JIM DENT.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Virginia

September 29, 1946

"Wolf! Wolf!" has been cried all too many times in the past about taking the names of those who fail to carry their own packs by becoming dues-paying members of Rainbow off the *Reveille* mailing list. But this is really the "end of the line" on the gravy-train run, men! The cards of those on which payment of dues in either 1944-45 or 1945-46 is not recorded in this office are being pulled now and, in the future, only the names of dues-payers will be carried on the mailing list to receive the *Reveille*.

Rainbowers who joined the Association during 1945-46, while still with the Division over in Austria, are urged again to contact the chapter whose name and address is stamped on the back of their 1945-46 membership card mailed from this office. This applies to all, except those who live in states where no local chapter is located, in which event, nothing is stamped on the back of the card. These, and any others who may have lost their last year's cards and don't know the address of the chapter nearest them, should send their 1946-47 dues to this office.

It is a bit disappointing that more men in states now without chapter have not expressed an interest in trying to organize one or more for their state. Only 15 paid members are required to apply for a charter. The fee for

issuing a charter is \$2.25. The authority to issue it has to be voted by a National Reunion, usually the Reunion at the end of the year in which the application is submitted. If the application comes from a state which already has a State Association of established chapters, authority must first be obtained from the State Association to organize the new chapter and no chapter may be chartered in a city which already has an established and active chapter. In order to remain "active," a chapter must have a minimum of 15 paid members during the Rainbow year. Membership in more than one chapter is entirely permissible. One Rainbower last year paid National and Chapter dues in nine different chapters.

On this date, 3,022 membership cards have been issued, which is just one-fourth of the 12,000 we must have this year to keep from going into the "red" on this year's operation. If at least 6,000 of the older Rainbowers will join their chapters and just half of the newer Rainbowers, who were members in 1945-46, will join with them, the primary task for 1946-47 will have been accomplished. With 6,000 new members in the chapters as an infusion of enthusiastic Rainbow interest from the ranks of the War II Division, the life-span of Rainbow will be vigorously projected into the future so long as any of us shall remain to carry on.

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