

The RAINBOW REVEILLE

Rainbow Division Veterans

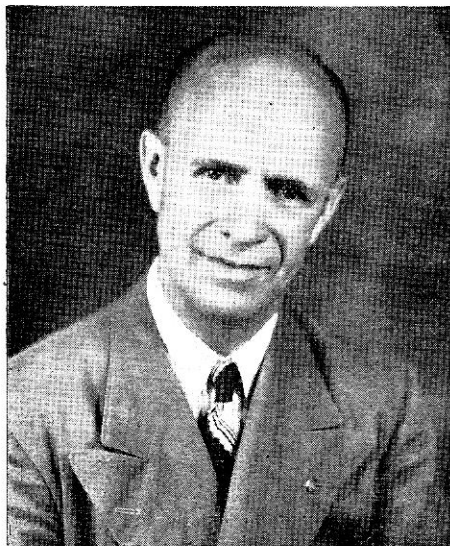


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HOMER W. GARDNER
*President, National Association
Rainbow Division Veterans*

The memory of three days in the southern hills of Indiana will live long in my Rainbow treasure chest. There the administration of the affairs of Rainbow was placed in my hands. Looking back over the years of the stalwart leadership that has guided us so well, I fully realize that there are important tasks ahead. With a deep sense of responsibility I feel that the year is filled with great possibilities, but to consummate these possibilities means that a tremendous amount of work is necessary.

As we open the door of the new Rainbow year, I am reminded of a letter just received from a very fine officer under whom I served in which he said: "I salute you and others like you in your work of maintaining all that was high and fine in that part of our lives devoted to the over-all good. The fact that there is more to life than the material things, is es-

tablished so well in how dear we hold in our memories the short time we spent together as comrades in a fight for something bigger than ourselves." To we who served under the Rainbow, material things do not count. We are not interested in high finances; we are not interested in policies of our states or nation as a unit, but we are interested in the memories of service in two wars wherein there was created a firm bond that through more than a quarter of a century it has grown stronger and prepared a foundation that will stand for years to come.

To men of the Rainbow everywhere, new and old, chapters throughout this land of ours hold open the doors of real comradeship to you. It is the chapters where the real job of "just Rainbowing" (Continued on page 8)

Rainbow Division Veterans



A national association of veterans of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and to keep alive the memory of departed comrades.

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WAR DEPARTMENT CONTEMPLATES NEW 42d DIVISION

The War Department contemplates the designation of a National Guard Division to be activated in New York State as the 42d Division. The Adjutant General of each of nine different states represented in the original Rainbow Division was requested to advise whether or not their respective state would object to such a designation of a new Guard division. It is

understood that eight responses assented to this plan, but that in the case of Ohio a reply was delayed until the Rainbow veterans of that state could have an opportunity to express their wishes on the subject.

This plan came to the attention of the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans when Past National President Al Hoyt learned of the action of the Ohio Adjutant General. P.N.P. Hoyt thereupon communicated with National President Homer W. Gardner.

President Gardner immediately communicated with the Secretary of War, and with Major General Butler B. Miltonberger, Chief of the National Guard Bureau of the War Department, urging that any such action be withheld until the details could be communicated to the Executive Committee of the National Association, and that this committee be given an opportunity to express the views of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association upon the subject.

As *The Reveille* goes to press there has not been time for a reply to these communications. However, your Editor has called upon General Miltonberger in order to secure any further information upon the subject which might be passed on to our membership. At this time the General had not yet received President Gardner's communication, but when he was advised of the substance of its contents he immediately stated that action would be delayed as requested.

General Miltonberger stated to *The Reveille* that while it is planned to designate the new division as the 42d Division, the War Department does not contemplate attaching to it the name "RAINBOW DIVISION," and that there is no thought that such a division would be endowed with the flags, the traditions and the identity of the original 42d Division.

The information contained in this article is passed on to our readers without comment. It is believed that comment will be forthcoming from our Association's governing body, from the Chapters, and from our membership generally.

A COMMON MISSION

Rainbow embarks during the ensuing year upon a new phase of its life. It will be a critical year in the life of our Association, and one of unusual interest. Rainbow veterans of two wars have joined hands to carry on the activities of our organization. They find the Association faced with problems which must be solved, and a need for evolving and carrying out those policies which will enable the continued maintenance of a successful and satisfying organization.

Only men of little faith can doubt that we will be able to carry on our activities in the same outstanding fashion that has characterized our organization since 1919. But it would be idle to deny that our new composition poses certain problems and questions. These can be solved and answered only by facing them frankly and thoughtfully.

Both the 1917-1919 veterans and those of 1943-1946 were faced with the crucial question, "Would it be best to carry on the traditions

and the associations of our beloved Division in a single, or in separate organizations?" Each made the decision in favor of a single organization, and for reasons which were really inescapable. There were not *two* Rainbow Divisions, but *one*. The Division has a life and an entity of its own, independently of the men who have served in it in the past and those who may, undeniably, serve in it in the future. The Division and the spirit which it engendered is more important than the individuals who served in it. It is indivisible, and we rightly accepted the premise that it could be shared, but not divided.

Nevertheless, there is associated together in our organization two groups of men, with a difference in ages of approximately 25 years. Men with such differences in age have a different outlook on life in many respects. Can we find a satisfying basis for common fellowship and association? Your Editor is of the opinion that the answer is decidedly yes. To offset the difference in ages, there is a vital community of experiences and interests that is readily capable of bridging the gap. And the things that draw our two groups together will benefit each of us mightily. We older men can benefit from the youthful vigor, the enthusiasm and the fresh energy of our younger brothers. They in turn can profit by the experience, the ripeness of counsel, and the spiritual tranquility the years have brought to us.

The younger veterans come into an organization which is strongly entrenched, its growing pains long finished, firmly established and working like a well oiled machine. They come in as fellows and associates, not as successors. They are joining us, not taking over. And we welcome them as younger brothers—not as sons. They come in to participate in our activities and our councils under no parental direction.

Read over the preamble of our constitution, carried always in the masthead of *The Reveille*. That, and naught else, is the mission of our Association. As an organization we do not participate in movements, political or patriotic; we do not labor in the interests of the veterans as a group. We respect and subscribe to the purposes of the many other types of veterans' organizations, but we proclaim candidly that we leave these commendable things to other organizations. No Rainbow man can or will fail to fully measure up to every responsibility of citizenship, each will meet his every civic and patriotic obligation fully. Most of them will participate in the work of other organizations committed to these ends. But they do these things as individuals. We have found it worth while, and deeply satisfying, to maintain our organization purely for the purpose defined in the Association's mission: "... to perpetuate the spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of our Division and to keep alive the memory of our departed comrades." That is a worthwhile, a splendid mission. It is a continuing mission, we dedicate ourselves to it so long as we shall live.

BACK FROM THE WARS

Your old Editor (dammit we mean your *former* Editor) is back on the job and loving it. When overseas duty made it necessary to relinquish the editorship, the office was turned over to a successor with a real pang. For over ten years we had yielded the editorial blue pencil, shears and paste-brush, and it was a labor of love. It was richly rewarded in the innumerable ties of friendship formed and cemented with so many wonderful fellow-workers in the service of Rainbow. Your Editor was only consoled by the knowledge that in turning the office over to Emil Letzer, his boundless enthusiasm and love of Rainbow would assure a job well done.

How well this feeling was justified is testified by the outstanding job he has done. When the demands of Emil's newly established business made him form the decision to relinquish the office he had held down with such superb competence for two critical years, we accepted the Editorship again with a genuine sense of humility. Letz declared to your Editor that he had accepted the wartime editorial assignment as a "pinch-hitter." And what a hitter! In our book he batted an even 1.000 while he was in there. And gosh knows, our league average is right down there in the commonplace figures.

But honestly, we find it great to be back in the line-up!

RAINBOW IS TOPS

It was almost midnight when the stillness of the house was broken by the ringing of the phone. It was the night of July 14, so I knew very well that Rainbow was calling. Who else could it be at this time of night on July 14? Marian called me: "Rainbow," she said, and I said, "Hello?"

It was the out-going president, Bob Hayward, speaking. He introduced Homer Gardner, the new President, and we talked. Then another one was put on and yet another, some old-timers and some new Rainbowners, which really pleased me. Old Bill Nevius was there, squawking about some pictures. Then my old boss, Harold Rodier.

Then, along in there some place, came the great surprise. Bob Hayward was saying, "And here is a gentleman you haven't spoken to in three years, Fred. This is General Harry J. Collins."

Holy mackerel! A general! And talking to me! Talk about a thrill, why, say, they don't make thrills any greater than that one.

We did not say much to each other. To save me, I cannot remember what we did say. All I know now is that I talked to a general, and that he was Harry J. Collins, and that he was wonderful. God bless him, and God bless all the others I talked to, and God bless all Rainbowners the world over.

Yes, boys, Rainbow is tops, and both Marian and I love it.—FRED CORNELIUS.

REUNION IN FRENCH LICK

We approach the French Lick Springs Hotel in French Lick, Ind. It is a stately, magnificent and massive old pile located in the beautiful rolling hills of Southern Indiana. The surroundings are splendid with fine vistas delightful gardens, fine flowers and foliage in abundance. Here the faithful of Rainbow are gathering for the twenty-eighth year to meet in happy reunion and to pay solemn tribute to Rainbow's sacred dead. As we ascend the long stairs to the spacious porch, we hear the familiar voices of our Comrades and friends who have arrived before us. Among the oldtimers back after an absence are the Ramseys, Ray and Irma (Myrna Loy)—The Charles Seigles of Knoxville—The Rodiers, Harold and Elsie (Harold is the editor again)—The Langiles (Men of the Rainbow) and Ray Cronin of Nebraska. Among the oldtimers we are sad to find missing are the Wests, Bruckers, Letzers, Whitneys, Sullivans, Wrights, Neagles, Tinleys, also Larry Gibbs, Henry Wood, Garrett Olds, George Leach, Vince Fleckenstein, Bill Hitt, Manning Marcus, Joe Justad, Walter Braheney, Cooper Winn.

Observations and thoughts while strolling: The dignified and handsome Capt. Donaldson, who with the last fifteen combat veterans of the Division, brought back the flags from Europe, General Collins arriving on Saturday morning and being joined with his good wife and charming daughter. Barre Blumenthal being fined by the Reunion for talking out of turn—a most unusual procedure. On the bus trip to Spring Mill State Park, Doc Foley asking about the "Pluto" stops. Wealthy Hoyt remarking to Harold Rodier that he seemed unusually subdued and quiet, and his reply that he had recently been "deactivated."

Safely returned from the wars and present we find Colonels D. I. Glossbrenner and Glen Crawford, Lt. Col. H. B. Rodier and Major Lawrence Wood. Many others also served again. Bob Winter (Fish and Chips) of Chicago presenting the new men with miniature table flags at the banquet. Learning that Editor Letzer bungled up both his car and a shoulder and was in bed losing business during the Reunion—torture supreme. Noting the annual sub-reunion—Henry Ferrone of Chicago and John Serla of New York. Hearing that Mess Sergeant Ramsey is now a V.P. of Commerce Trust of K. C.—which proves something or other.

Being welcomed by Indiana's jovial Governor, himself a veteran who understands veterans, speaks their language and will, if importuned, bend a convivial elbow. Good John Winningham and "Judge" Renfro up from Alabama. Renfro is an oldtimer from way back—and I mean way back. Wonder what has become of Jim Barney and Howard Brinklow of Florida. (Editor's Note—Jim Barney phoned President Hayward's suite during Reunion and wanted to be remembered to all.)

Ed and Bennie Cook, both general reunion

chairmen, both functioning in excellent style and each as cool as the proverbial cucumber. The unique reunion gifts—a deck of playing cards with the Rainbow monogram on the back—they are too beautiful to use and the idea was Naomi's. "Hook" Young, who found a new life in Rainbow and whose publication "Snow" has two privates as "Editors" and for "Porter" has Lt. Col. Stinky Olds. Hook had a special edition of "Snow" on the dinner tables each evening. The lovely Ivy Olds, as usual concerned with the welfare of everyone but herself. The faithful Secretary, Allen Gibbons, toiling away behind the scenes—unseen and unsung. Our distinguished Treasurer, George Seaman, and the resemblance to that canny old financier, Bernie Baruch. The gracious Estelle Frew being succeeded by the equally gracious Louise Carroll. Harry Collins—Division Commander—American Military Governor of Austria—Rainbower extraordinary—and fine Christian gentleman. Lovable Bob Hayward—presiding in fine Rainbow style. Walker Colston in high dudgeon—disclaiming being like unto Jack Clarke just because they both have mustaches—Colston claiming he has more hair in his mustache than Clarke has on his head. Bill Screws and Monroe Johnson—the only Regimental Commanders present. Screws participating in terpsichore and winning an enviable prize. Barre and Freddie—after bleating for years about not getting canes—finally receiving them via the inimitable Eskill Bjork. There was one for beloved Matt Tinley also. As usual, the President's cane being stolen five minutes after being presented. Mother Frew attending her empty-umpte reunion. The fine new comrades that we love more than they know. Bill Butts, Jr., being elected a V.P.—and now outranking his old man.

Several other new comrades being given offices. John Brenner, plugging for a Reunion in that magnificent new hotel in Hershey, Pa., sounds grand. Col. Garrett recalling that at our Reunion in D. C. in '35, there was present a new inexperienced Senator named Harry Truman. Bill Hemme and Bill Johnson, who were Rainbow Color Guards at Gruber. Jeanne Seaman—wondering about that hand-painted cuspidor in her room. Brenner trying to find a connection for his electric razor. Mel Horne refusing a room with a washbowl on one side of the room and a mirror on the other. Meyer Levy wearing four neckties for a reason—ask him. J. T. A. Mason leaving his beloved camera in the dining room and having conniptions until it was recovered. Roger (Ramrod) Cutler of Boston—former General's Aide, now out—but still hopping about Collins like a true Aide. Warrant Officer Tommy Tucker—now there's a character—a lovable kid with a perpetual grin—sitting on a davenport with Kay Foley for an hour, hugging and kissing her and explaining that she reminded him of his mother whom he

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1947 REUNION TO DES MOINES

Des Moines and all Iowa expresses appreciation for the opportunity of again serving the Rainbow Association in July 1947. Newspapers are referring back to 1917 when the 168th Infantry became a part of the Rainbow and so the beginning of another great reunion is in the making.

Brig. General Charles H. Grahl, Adjutant General and Director of Selective Service in Iowa has been appointed reunion chairman. Committee chairmen have already been designated and three meetings have been held. Plans? Just watch later releases and by next July you will be forced to come to Des Moines to see for yourself if it is true.

REUNION IN FRENCH LICK

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had not seen in two years. The new boys singing their rambunctious song, "They Tore Down the Old Tool House" (aprox.). The committee reports on Sunday—every one unanimous in true Rainbow style. Chaplain Callan's deep rich resonant voice and equally deep sincerity. The ladies moving Catherine Rieker up to First Vice and Irene Colston to Second. Rose Barrow will take up Auxiliary duties and answer your letters and Bernice Harper will again bank them. Anne Neiburg will interpret Robert's Rules. The excellent committees of Indiana Rainbowners and

their pleasing and pleasant appointments. President-elect Homer Gardner's moving remarks—joy in his heart, humility in his voice and in his soul the never forgotten memory of a buddy lost in battle.

Reunion Highlights—Entering the hall and finding displayed therein the 49 State flags used at Gruber and carried overseas, including Vienna. The uniformed Color Guard (Iowa) entering with the old flag and our Association flag, the latter carried overseas and bearing many new streamers for battles won. The splendid banquet with that superb soldier General Collins returned from Austria to render an account of his stew-



Left to right (seated): 1st Sgt. William M. Lanam, Denver, Colo., 142nd Engineer Battalion; Robert J. Hayward; Captain John W. Donaldson, Washington, D. C., 232nd Infantry Regiment; Edward P. Cook; M/Sgt. John T. Currie, Harmony, Ind., 742nd Ordnance. (Standing): S/Sgt. William J. Harrigan, Philadelphia, Pa., 232nd Infantry Regiment; T/Sgt. Clarence E. Shuppert, Muncie, Ind., 742nd Ordnance; Pfc. Arthur M. Hill, Claudville, Va., 122nd Medical Battalion; Pfc. William C. Schenkat, Baraboo, Wis., 122nd Medical Battalion; S/Sgt. Ellwood E. Dutton, Minneapolis, Minn., 142nd Engineers; T/5 Herskin H. Osteen, Woodrow, S. C., Service Company of 232nd Infantry Regiment; T/Sgt. Leigh A. Miner, Arlington Va., 222nd Infantry Regiment.

ardship. He recalled that, when he accepted Rainbow's Colors at Gruber, he had promised that their glory would never be diminished but rather enhanced by new honors won. He stated that the Division had never retreated, had taken all assigned objectives and that its casualties had been remarkably low. He then officially returned the flag stating that the Division was being deactivated that day, the fourteenth, three years after activation and twenty-eight years after Champagne, which also was on Sunday. The

annual phone call to Fred Cornelius with many participating, including "Harry Collins," an old comrade. The solemn Champagne Hour in a lovely park outside the hotel. The quiet roll call of old comrades departed the year. The soul-stirring words of Colonel Johnson from out the darkness of the trees, with only the moon, hung high in the heaven, for light. The faint sound of taps from the distant hills. The quiet departure until we meet again.

—THE RAINBOW GHOST

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE RAINBOW REVEILLE CEASES PUBLICATION WITH THIS ISSUE

for circulation among non-dues-paying Veterans of the Rainbow Division. For years it has been the policy to keep our members on the Reveille's circulation list even though they failed to pay their dues. This policy was followed in the hope that such Rainbowers would sooner or later "see the light" and become members in good standing. There has been much criticism of this policy on the legitimate ground that it was unfair to the dues-paying members to make them "carry" those who had failed to pay. The Executive Committee has now directed the Secretary to supply the Editor of the Reveille with the names of all Rainbowers on our rolls who have failed to pay their dues for either the years 1944-45 or 1945-46. These names will be removed from the list before the next issue of the magazine is sent out. Therefore, if you have not paid your dues during either of the past two Rainbow years, your name will be removed from the list unless you send in your dues immediately. This action was made necessary by the financial condition of the Association. YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED NOW. You are urged to sit down now and remit this small sum so that our Association may continue to successfully carry on its activities, including the publication of the Reveille. Remit to your local Chapter Secretary, or to the National Secretary.

R. Allen Gibbons

Box 142, Roanoke, Va.

RAINBOW DIVISION COLORS RETURN

The highlight of every Rainbow Reunion is the Banquet, and so it was at French Lick. With Colonel Dan Glossbrenner handling the role of Master of Ceremonies in his usual felicitous style, there was the customary flow of humor and good fellowship. Ruby Garrett, who has no peer in or out of Rainbow as an after-dinner speaker, was slated to make the principal speech. The Colonel opened in his usual manner, addressing his remarks directly at one after another of those present, with a wit that is at once sparkling and mellow. But the laughter was stilled when he reached the "let's be serious" point, and described the scene at Camp Gruber when the Rainbow Division's flags were turned over to General Collins. It was, perhaps, only then that many of those present realized that they were about to witness another historic moment—the return of these flags to our Association. General Collins, in response, said: "It is with mixed feelings of joy and sadness that I address you tonight. Joy, because I am with my soldiers whom I trained, led, and with whom I fought the war and occupied Austria; sadness, because our Division is this day deactivated. . . . From the bottom of my heart I thank my soldiers, my officers, my commanders and staff for their loyalty. They, not I, are responsible for this great Division. For my men who have made the Great Sacrifice,

I bow my head in reverence and sorrow . . . From those who have a full life ahead of them I ask for a strong, tolerant and understanding veterans' association . . . that places service to country above all else. Three years ago today, on the sun-scorched parade ground of Camp Gruber, the Rainbow Division was reactivated. The veterans of the Division turned over to me the World War I colors of the Rainbow. I pledged myself and my soldiers to guard the sacred heritage entrusted to us and to add honor and glory to these illustrious colors. On that same day I pledged to the parents, wives and sweethearts of our soldiers, that I would train them so well that when they met the enemy they would be capable of destroying him; and further, that my mission would be to accomplish all objectives with the minimum of casualties. We have kept our pledge; we have accomplished our mission. I return to my soldiers and to my comrades of Rainbow their battle flags, with added glory. My job as Commanding General of the 42nd Rainbow Division is completed. May God bless and keep His Rainbow."

General Collins touched the flag as he completed these words, and unashamedly broke down. At that moment few in the banquet hall were capable of speech, and all were deeply conscious that they had been present at an historic moment in the life of the Rainbow Division.

CHAMPAGNE HOUR

The setting for the Champagne Hour was a beautiful garden in the grounds of the hotel. In this quiet and dimly-lighted spot everyone assembled while a distant organ played appropriate music. Chaplain Callan offered a prayer, and the names of those who had passed on during the preceding year, a list whose length increases with each year, was read in a silence broken by an occasional muffled sob. At the conclusion of this reading Colonel J. Monroe Johnson opened his Champagne Hour by briefly explaining, for the benefit of our comrades of World War II who have not attended Rainbow Reunions before, the significance of this sacred moment in the lives of Rainbows. "When we entered into that great struggle of humanity on the battlefields in Champagne," he said, "we discovered . . . that God's promise to humanity was painted in the sky. That thoughtful, loving Hand passed on a new banner to us. It meant something to us . . . that cannot be described in actual words, but it binds us in strong, golden bonds of affection and love to all of us; and on July 14th, somewhere in this broad land, as we make our prayers and when the hour strikes, it is then we keep the fires burning, and there is an affection deep and sad in all of us. July 14, 1943, has become a symbol of love and promise to others than to us. On that day was born another Division of American youth, willing to go into the fields of battle and to the ends of the earth for the very things for which we had fought and for which our

comrades died. * * * What common ground other than American citizenship and a common name we would find in the long years before us, and the longer years before them, do we have? Where did we meet? Where Rainbow would mean the same to them as to us? I have no fear of a common ground; I have no fear that the bonds of affection that have held us together will not bind them, too, to impel them to us. And I pray God they will find, as we have found, that it is easier to die for one's country than to live for one's country. For to die in battle is an instant in patriotism, or patriotic birth. To live for one's country is a matter of . . . unceasing struggle and devotion. They have come back among us, as on July 14th, in years to come they will assemble, and be bound by the same brilliant hues of the Rainbow to us and we to them and both to our ideals. We endowed them with our reputation as the fighting man associated with all the heroes of the world; and they brought it back unblemished and enhanced . . . There can be only one Rainbow, and that bound by those ties we have found indissoluble, pleasant and delightful; and will also bring to our knowledge those blessings received, and do honor to those who will never meet us again."

Taps were heard in the distance, and after a moment of silence the meeting came to a close. And so ended, on a note of sacrament, the 28th Annual Reunion of Rainbow Division Veterans.

BOB HAYWARD TAKES A WIFE

Honorary President Robert J. Hayward was married to Miss Ida M. Mowerson on Thursday, August 29th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Church of the Good Shepherd, in New York City.

The Reveille speaks for every Veteran of our Association in extending heartfelt good wishes to the bride and groom. To Bob we say, "May you enjoy the happiness you so richly deserve!" Now pass this *Reveille* to Mrs. Hayward, to whom we say, "Of course you know you have married one of the grandest guys in the world. He has won the love and respect of Rainbowers from Chungking to Salzburg; from Oslo to New Guinea. We know that you will find joy in sharing with Bob the wealth of affectionate fellowship which is his wherever and whenever he makes his appearance at Rainbow's affairs. We await with pleasure the opportunity to welcome you into the Rainbow family.

A MEDAL FOR YOU

All Rainbowers who served in Germany during the inclusive period from 12th November 1918 to 11th July 1923 are entitled to an Army of Occupation of Germany Medal for World War I.

This medal can be obtained by writing The Adjutant General's Office, Rewards Division, Washington 25, D. C., stating rank, name, serial number, company and regiment.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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is done. Thousands of you men of World War II paid National dues last year, but as yet you have not had the thrill of just sitting down with your very own comrades and "Rainbowing." Seek out the chapters in your own state. There you will find the things that have grown through Rainbow these many years. They are yours and on down the years to come you will find life much happier because you are serving again with those comrades of yesterday. Rainbow, both new and old, gather round; let the new stories mingle with the old and as they ripen together with age the colors of our beloved Rainbow will be the brighter because men of the Rainbow will have found that through the chapters, Rainbow is of the best and is keeping alive "the memories of our departed comrades." And thus our spirit of comradeship will be perpetuated.

—HOMER W. GARDNER.

REUNION SESSIONS

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Rainbow and declared that his administration capable of meeting the challenge of President Hayward's administration only with the zealous cooperation of every officer, National and Chapter, and every individual in Rainbow. After a number of brief talks, pleasantries and routine motions, President Hayward, on an adopted motion, declared the 28th Annual Reunion adjourned.

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THE REUNION BUSINESS SESSIONS

Opening Session

The Twenty-eighth Annual Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans opened in French Lick, Indiana, with about five hundred veterans of World Wars I and II present. The Indiana Association had provided a beautiful and restful setting for the Reunion, in the French Lick Springs Hotel, and under the able Chairmanship of Ed Cook the social and business activities were conducted with smoothness and precision. The social side of the Reunion is covered ably by the Reunion Roundup. The first business session was opened on July 12 at 2 p. m. by President Robert J. Hayward, Chaplain Callan delivering the invocation. Colonel Dan Glossbrenner, on behalf of the Indiana Association, greeted the assembly and introduced Governor Gates who offered a gracious welcome to Rainbow. Barry Blumenthal made his customary and witty response on behalf of Rainbow. As your reporter listened his thoughts echoed, we are sure, those of all present. "This is the same old story, the same pattern and the same speeches that we have taken so much pleasure in for so many, many years. May it please God that we be privileged to enjoy it, always unchanged, for many happy years to come!" The next speaker was Captain Donaldson, who spoke on behalf of his group of 10 men currently serving in the Rainbow Division who had come to French Lick from Salsberg, Austria, as guards of honor to the Rainbow battle flags, and as representatives of the Rainbows still in service to the Reunion. Miss Estelle A. Frew, President of the National Auxiliary, was then introduced from the platform and spoke briefly. Colonel Ruby Garrett next spoke, in his inimitable, scintillating fashion, of the pride felt by the "decrepid" veterans of World War I in the success achieved by their World War II brethren. Various Past Presidents and other Rainbow celebrities were then introduced from the floor and responded briefly. Letters from General Gouraud, Elmer Neagle, Cooper Winn, Leland Whitney, Emil Letzer, Fred Cornelius, Tops Davis, Abe Stout, Frank West, and others were read by Secretary Allen Gibbons, as well as a telegram from General Harry Collins advising of his impending arrival. After routine announcements the colors were retired and the Reunion recessed.

Second Session

President Hayward opened the second session at 2 p. m. on Saturday, July 13. Letters were read from Manning Marcus, V. D. Fleckenstein, Henry Woods, Warner Grassell, and Howard Smith.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Treasurer George E. Seamon then described the operations of the Association's financial activities during the year, and submitted his report, which follows:

Treasurer's Report Year 1945-46

Balance 1945	\$5,185.80
Less outstanding check (cashied)	7.50
	\$5,178.30

INCOME

Lapel Buttons	\$ 486.88
Decals	53.51
Rainbow Histories	157.30
Rainbow Records	25.82
Membership Dues	17,693.00
Donations	40.70
Charters	.75
Pictures, Rainbow Flag	.50
Bank Interest	72.28
	\$18,530.24

EXPENSES

Welfare	\$ 9.13
Reveille	7,150.46
Year Book	255.16
Secretary's Salary	2,400.00
President's expenses	367.10
Treasurer's expenses	112.78
Secretary's expenses	151.52
Stenographic and printing	572.74
Office supplies	368.55
Stationery	768.19
Postage, Tel. and Tel., express	673.09
Overseas organization expense	39.57
Cincinnati Reunion	165.28
Rainbow Division Relations	56.26
Mailing Cartographs	252.16
Flowers	52.00
Social Security taxes	24.00
Bond premiums (Sec.-Treas.)	44.34
French Lick Reunion	1,562.94
Feb. Exec. Comm. meeting	175.77
Bank charges	3.39
Memorial Day letter to Gold Star Mothers	40.00
	\$15,244.43

Net income

\$3,285.81

Balance on hand

\$8,464.11

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Cash in Chase National Bank, N. Y.	\$ 1,446.70
Cash in Roosevelt Savings Bank (Brooklyn, N. Y.)	3,060.60
Petty cash (Secretary)	50.00
*Investments 6 \$1,000 War Bonds	4,440.00
*Inventories—Lapel Buttons	117.42
Decals	18.11
Phonograph Records	1,047.50
	\$10,179.73

Total

*At cost.

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 1,362.62
Deferred income (prepaid dues)	353.00
Surplus (earnings)	
Prior to 1939	\$ 241.76
No. Members	
1939-40—3,420	929.24
1940-41—3,752	922.60
1941-42—4,242	1,217.96
1942-43—4,516	338.14
1943-44—5,510	886.85
1944-45—6,042	641.75
1945-46—17,893	3,285.81
	\$8,464.11

Total

\$10,179.73

The report was adopted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—Secretary Allen Gibbons then made a report on the outstanding activity of Rainbow's biggest year as an Association. He described the herculean task involved in absorbing and processing over 12,000 new memberships and effecting their inclusion in the *Reveille* mailing list, and reported on the

manifold new and onerous responsibilities placed upon his office by this three-fold multiplication of our membership. He reported that of 101 Chapters which have been chartered, 75 were in a state of activity. Chapters which had passed from an inactive to an active status during the year were St. Petersburg, Fla., Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Easton, Pennsylvania. The latter Chapter passed from inactivity to the remarkable showing of 140 paid-up members during the year, under Frank Lehr's dynamic leadership. Secretary Gibbons reported that Howard J. Parker had organized the first Chapter under the leadership of World War II, in Dubuque, Iowa. Forty-five Chapters were reported as having increased their membership during the year. The Secretary's report was adopted.

REVEILLE COMMITTEE—Chairman Walker Colston reporting for the Reveille Committee paid high tribute to the outstanding job done by Editor Emil A. Letzer during the two crucial years in which he had held office, and advised that Letzer, who was unable because of illness to attend the Reunion, had advised the Committee that he would not be able to serve longer in the office. He advised that a total of 175,000 *Revelles* had been published during the Rainbow year.

Chairman Colston advised that the Reveille Committee in consultation with the Executive Committee, had voted to remove from the mailing list of the magazine the names of all men who have failed to pay dues during either of the two preceding years. It was believed that this would result in removing about 5,000 names from the list. He announced the appointment of Lt. Col. Harold B. Rodier to succeed Emil Letzer as Editor. His report was adopted.

WELFARE FUND COMMITTEE — Judge Neil J. Harrington submitting the final report of the Welfare Fund activities stated that \$5463.55 had been contributed to the Welfare Fund that \$5,460.34 had been expended in the form of checks to Maj. Gen. Collins for Welfare Fund disbursement, and that a balance of \$3.21 remained. He asked that he be authorized to remit this balance to the National Association, to turn over all books and records of the Auditing Committee, and that the Committee be discharged. The report was adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—At this point President Robert J. Hayward submitted his report of the activities of his administration. He spoke, entertainingly, of some of the problems with which he had been confronted during the preceding year, and paid high tribute to his fellow officers and particularly to Secretary Gibbons, Treasurer Seaman and Editor Letzer. He described visits made to the D. C. Chapter in Washington, the Mortimer Jordan Chapter in Birmingham, Alabama, the Michigan Chapter in Detroit, Michigan, the Indianapolis Chapter in Indiana, the Long Island Chapter in New York, the Virginia Chapter in Roanoke, the Maryland

Chapter in Baltimore, the Father Duffy Chapter in New York, the Red Bank and Charles T. Menoher Chapters in New Jersey, the Pittsburgh and Easton Chapters in Pennsylvania, and the John W. Carroll Chapter in Mobile, Alabama. The report was adopted.

REUNION INVITATIONS—At this point Homer W. Gardner requested permission to advance the colors of the Iowa State Association, under guard of an official squad from the Iowa State Guard. These colors advanced, Homer Gardner extended to the Reunion the official invitation of Des Moines, Iowa, to hold the next Reunion in that city. Iowa's colors were then retired. Mr. Larry Wilson then extended on behalf of Wisconsin an eloquent plea that the next Reunion be held in Fond Du Lac. Following these invitations the Committee assignments were announced. Following the benediction, by Reverend Harry Carter, the colors were retired and the meeting adjourned.

Third Session

The third and final session opened at 2 p.m. on July 14, President Hayward presiding. Chaplain Callan delivered the invocation.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE—Chaplain Callan, as Chairman of the Memorial Committee reported that Chapter Secretaries had, with few exceptions, been cooperative in promptly submitting the names of Rainbowers who had passed on, so that the Chaplain could write letters of condolence to the surviving widow or mother, on behalf of our Association. The Committee suggested the sponsoring of living memorials to the heroic deeds of Rainbow in both wars, citing as an example the dedication of a state highway in Ohio as such a memorial. The report was adopted.

AUDIT COMMITTEE—This Committee, under its perennial Chairman, Marx Rosenthaler, took its customary action of requesting that the audit be deferred until the books of the Association could be closed for the year and adequate time given to the audit. The report was adopted.

BUDGET COMMITTEE—Homer W. Gardner, Chairman of the Budget Committee, submitted the following budget for the Rainbow year ending July 14, 1947:

Budget	
1—Reveille—10 issues	\$6,000.00
2—Secretary's salary	2,400.00
3—President's expenses	500.00
4—Treasurer's expenses	200.00
5—Steno and printing	400.00
6—Office supplies and equipment.....	100.00
7—Stationery and cards	500.00
8—Secretary's expense	200.00
9—Postage, express, telegraph and phone	700.00
10—Emergency	1,000.00
Total	\$12,000.00

This Committee reminded the Association that to meet this budget, which the size and activity of our Association requires, a vigorous and successful campaign for the collection of dues is

necessary. In addition they invited attention to the fact that by purchasing windshield decals, lapel buttons, Rainbow histories and Rainbow recordings that not only will there be a helpful infusion of the spirit of our glorious Division broadcast throughout the country, but that the profit accruing from these sales would make an important contribution toward the Association's income. The report was adopted.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE — Chairman John H. Winningham reported that the Credentials Committee had examined the records of the National Secretary and had found that record to be in good order, and that his Committee was prepared to function in the event that the credentials of any delegate were challenged.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE — Chairman Barre Blumenthal presented a resolution commending President Hayward and his associated officers and staff for a magnificently successful administration. It was passed with acclaim. Other resolutions authorized cables of greetings to General Gouraud and General MacArthur, extended deep appreciation to the Indianapolis Chapter, to Ed Cook and his committee, for their highly successful Reunion, and expressed appreciation and commendation to Editor Emil Letzer for his excellent job on the *Reveille*. The report was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE — Chairman Albert Hoyt reported that the Time and Place Committee had carefully considered the invitations received from Iowa and Wisconsin. He stated that Larry Wilson had offered to defer Wisconsin's invitation in favor of Iowa, and that thereupon Des Moines had been selected as the place for the 1947 Reunion, the time being set for July 12, 13 and 14. The report was adopted and Des Moines, Iowa, chosen as the next Reunion city.

Chairman Hoyt reported that at the sessions of the Committee that invitations for the Reunion in 1948 were advanced by the Michigan Chapter, the Father Duffy Chapter, the Nebraska Chapter, the Georgia Chapter and the Fond Du Lac Chapter. At this point the newly elected officers of the National Auxiliary were introduced from the platform. President-elect Mrs. Louise H. Carroll of Alabama, introduced First Vice President Mrs. Katherine Rickert, of New York; Second Vice President Mrs. Irene Colston, of Washington, D. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Rose Barrow, of New Jersey; Treasurer, Mrs. Bernice Harper, of Indiana; Welfare Chairman, Mrs. Ann Neuburg, of Ohio; Chaplain, Mrs. Irene Callan, of Oklahoma; Editor of the National Auxiliary Bulletin, Mrs. Ruth Butts, of Oklahoma; Chairman, Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Lilymae W. Weitzel, of Ohio; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. Frances Wood, Oklahoma, and Chairman, Daughters of Rainbow Division Veterans, Mrs. Fern Thomas, Iowa.

At this point, Major General Harry Collins, who had just reached French Lick by air from Salsburg, Austria, arrived and spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure and satisfaction at having

been able to attend the Reunion. He announced that he had been able to defer the actual deactivation of the Division until that date, July 14, so that its life as a Division shall have begun and ended on Rainbow's most significant date. Speaking of the Division's accomplishments, General Collins said: "It was a tremendous responsibility because they were my kids and they were your kids. I had to train them well. I had to be tough and mean. I brought them back. We have no one to take our hats off to, no matter what the reason is, because we accomplished our mission with 3,000 casualties, including dead, wounded and missing. That is a sense of sorrow to me, but you can't fight a war without losses. I turn that Division back to you."

MEMBERSHIP — James T. A. Mason, Chairman, recommended that there be more personal contact with delinquent members and also that new Rainbowners be used as much as possible in getting their own men to join chapters. He further recommended that all chapters, when in session, have a welcoming committee on hand to greet new Rainbowners who may attend and introduce them and make them feel at home. The report was adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS — Chairman Ruby Garrett offered in amendment to Section 1, Article of the Constitution, the deletion of the words "after July 14, 1943," and substituting therefore the words "between the dates of July 14, 1943, and July 14, 1946."

NOMINATION COMMITTEE — Chairman Robert R. Reno, Jr., reported that after careful deliberation his committee had selected to be placed in nomination the following slate of officers:

For Honorary President, Robert J. Hayward.
For President, Homer W. Gardner.

For Vice Presidents, Dr. Ray Spanner, Indiana; Frank E. Cline, California; Marvin D. Leff, Wyoming; Tom Halpin, New York; Abraham Katz, Louisiana; William L. Butts, Jr., Oklahoma.

For Chaplain, Rev. John A. Callan, Oklahoma.
For Historian, Marshall Andrews, Washington, D. C.

For Master of Ceremonies, Champagne Hour, J. Monroe Johnson.

For Executive Committeeman for term expiring July 14, 1948 (Vice Colonel William Talbot, deceased) Vance Harsh, Indiana.

For Executive Committee for term expiring July 14, 1949: William S. Butts, Oklahoma; Edward P. Cook, Indiana; James R. Dent, Virginia; Frank Gould, Illinois; Harry Marchand, Massachusetts; Fred Dawson, Nebraska; John N. Winningham, Alabama; Marx P. Rosenthaler, Michigan; Stanley Barrow, New Jersey; James McCahey, Illinois.

The election of the slate offered by the nominating committee was moved, seconded and unanimously carried. The newly elected officers were thereupon conducted to the platform and introduced. President-elect Gardner in his speech of acceptance spoke of the problem confronting

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FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Virginia

August 18, 1946.

The 1946-47 Rainbow year has begun auspiciously with several chapters already ahead of their total memberships for last year. Among these are the General Charles P. Summerall Chapter, Orlando, Fla.; Major John W. Carroll Chapter, Mobile, Ala.; South Bend Chapter of Indiana; and St. Louis Chapter of Missouri. The Iowa Association, the Ohio Association, Father Duffy Chapter of New York and the Indianapolis Chapter has each sent in 200 or more memberships, the latter having 250.

A goodly number of the newer members, who live in states where there are local chapters, have sent National dues of \$1.00 direct to this office. Please remember that if your 1945-46 membership card has the name and address of a chapter stamped on the back of it, you are asked to contact the man at that address and arrange for your 1946-47 membership through your local chapter. Of course, if you have lost the address, by all means send your dues here and you will be directed as to how you can contact a chapter.

Members living in states without local chapters should use the coupon on the back page hereof and send their dues to this office.

The necessity of getting the names of all our thousands of new members properly set up in the 3x5 card file before being in shape to issue

1946-47 membership cards has delayed replying to some of your letters and getting your cards to you as quickly as is desirable. Your patience is appreciated and you have our assurance that the service will improve as the jam is cleared up.

All Chapters which have not advised the secretary of the officers elected to serve during this year are urged to do so at once giving full name title of the office and correct address.

Chapter secretaries are reminded again that first name, middle initial and last name, together with mail zone number where used, are essential for correct listing of members on "The Reveille" mailing list. Please report deaths of members promptly, giving Rainbow outfit with which he served, date of death, place of burial (if possible) and name and address of the next of kin. Send a copy of your report to the National Chaplain—Rev. John A. Callan, Box 175, Duncan, Oklahoma—so that he can write a letter of sympathy from the Association to the bereaved family.

Remember that RCA-Victor recordings of "There's a Rainbow in the Army" and "Mountain Dew", at \$2.00 each postpaid, are available from this office; also Lapel Buttons at \$1.00 each and Rainbow Decals at 2 for 25c.

Things are all set for 1946-47—so LET'S GO, RAINBOW!—R. ALLEN GIBBONS.

Rainbow Histories

Word has just been received from the Army & Navy Publishing Company that this book will not go to press until September 30, therefore anyone who has not placed his order as yet can send remittance of \$5.00 payable to the National Association Rainbow Division Veterans to G. E. Seaman, Room 833, 60 E. 42d St., New York, N. Y.

Rainbow War Maps

Maps showing all phases of operations of the Rainbow Infantry Division will be enclosed with the history when they are mailed. These maps were received from Austria and everyone seeing action with the Division will undoubtedly want one, therefore, see that you get your order in for this history which will also entitle you to one of these maps.

If YOU do not belong to a chapter, use the following coupon:



R. ALLEN GIBBONS, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans, 3/46
P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.

Dear Allen: I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow Division.

I served with the.....
(Name of Unit in 42nd Division)

and wish to join our Association. I enclose \$1. Please send me my membership card and send *The Reveille* to the following address:



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