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From Your National President

The Rainbow covers the Nation. Are you missing the Rainbow?

Last month Coronet carried a beautiful illustrated story of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees"; September, an article of an actress marrying a wit of the 149th F.A.; October Readers' Digest, "Our Wartime Spymaster Carries On," a fascinating story of "Wild Bill" Donovan.

Almost daily you read of some Rainbower who has done some civic or patriotic work for which our papers and national magazines see fit to commend them by publicizing same.

This brings to our attention the fact that after 30 years, civilian soldiers are interested in their community, state and Nation proving Democracy will thrive through deeds. Our wartime rank doesn't enter into the picture. In my own company a buck private is now a judge and our sergeant-major a General.

We have watched, with pride, for years, men becoming community assets by keeping incessantly alert.

As time goes on the youth of Rainbow will be doing the same deeds raising these standards. You, who take the time to become better acquainted with your comrades, will be the first to notice these accomplishments in your ranks. There is no better way of finding out these things than by attending Rainbow functions, Chapter, State and National.

After a few years you will be glancing back over the years realizing why we are all so proud of the organization known as Rainbow.

JOHN D. BRENNER

Rainbow Division Veterans



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NATIONAL REUNION

The committee to select a Reunion city for 1948 has been, in effect, marking time during the month of October, awaiting a decision beyond their control respecting the possibilities of one excellent choice of a Reunion city. October has gone, and the city in question has gone with it as an available site. It remains for this committee to make a decision with respect to the remaining available possibilities.

Your Editor has been advised that the Committee will take action before the next issue of

the *Reveille*, and that the December issue will give news of their choice of a Reunion city.

WAR II RAINBOWERS

I have in my possession all of the original photographs and manuscripts that were used to make the 42d Division Infantry history. With these photographs there are also a lot of negatives, size 4 x 5, of various groups and units of the division.

No doubt a good many of the new Rainbowers, who appear in these photographs and negatives, would like to have copies. I am, therefore, asking for suggestions of how I can ascertain who appears on these pictures. If those who have the history and are interested, would advise me what photographs they appear on and the names of others on the same picture, I will find out if it is possible to get copies for them and also the cost.

I also have about 20,000 war maps that show each phase of the action that the division was in and anyone desiring these could have them by sending to me 15c to cover the cost of postage. If any chapter is interested in obtaining these war maps for their members, I will be pleased to ship them any amount they desire, express collect.

G. E. SEAMAN, National Treasurer

RAINBOWERS ON THE BORDER

Out here, on the desert, you find very few Rainbowers. You find only three, in fact, Donald Wendler, Harry Ausdemore, and yours truly, Fred Cornelius. Of course, there may be more sticking around, but if there are, they are pretty well hidden away, and I wish they would come out and make themselves known. We three would be glad to see them.

On the evening of October 13, Donald and his beautiful wife, Virginia, came up to see us. Donald is Regional Vice President of Texas Chapter. He is a great Rainbower of World War II. He looks a lot different than he did the first time I saw him. Then he had been only a short while out of a German prison camp, and he was as thin as a rail. Now he has been well fed on good old Texas food, and he is talking about reducing.

We had a wonderful visit, Donald, Virginia, Marian, and I. We did nothing but talk, but somehow when you are talking to a Rainbower, it is not just talk. No sir, it is Rainbow talk, and that is different. We hope some day soon to have this fellow, Harry Ausdemore, join us in one of these good visits, and if there are others, well . . . we want them, too.

Yes, boys, you can't imagine how wonderful it is to have a few Rainbowers close enough to chat with. Our Texas Chapter is over six hundred miles away, at Dallas, but who knows? Some day we may have enough Rainbowers, right here in El Paso, to start a chapter of our own—and wouldn't that be swell!

But now, there are only three of us, yet we don't feel so lonely, for you know the saying, "You can have a Reunion with only two Rainbowers." And that's the truth. It's the God's truth.



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IOWA

A recent issue of The Sniper, the official publication of the Iowa State Association, told about the "old axe-man" putting in his appearance. By this it was indicated that those who served with the 168th Infantry in WW I who had failed to pay their dues the past two years would be dropped from the mailing list. After nearly thirty years—well, something just

had to be done about it. It appears that one of the most tragic things that could happen to a Rainbow Veteran is to be cut off from word about his old comrades. Within our individual states and nationally we have said over and over again that it is a priceless heritage to be privileged to belong to Rainbow. We've heard other comrades express the fact that they would give most anything to be able to belong to the Rainbow Division. Will many of these Iowa Rainbow comrades wake up in time?

The Bennett Chapter in Des Moines is making great plans for its annual stag party on November 8 at Hotel Kirkwood. This really is one of THE events of the year and the only stag. And the best thing about it everything is free, and how! Well, it is a repetition of last July's National Reunion, only a much smaller scale. I see you get what I mean. And you say, why no news from the other Iowa Chapters? Well, they just keep their news to themselves, I guess. Jim Day, president of the state association, has assured me that he was going to get the chapters busy on publicity so maybe one of these days Iowa will take over a whole page of events.

Was out to the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines recently and visited with Col. Bennett, the first commander of the 168th Infantry, and he asked me to express his appreciation for the many comrades who visited with him during the reunion last July.

HOMER

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Full of pep and raring to go—that's the D. C. Chapter this year. The Fall Dance, to be held at the Statler Hotel on Saturday evening, November 29, is shaping up a beautiful party. Indications are the Rainbowers from neighboring states, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia will flock to Washington to enjoy the gala event. President Romeo and his committee are working indefatigably to insure the success of the evening, and the membership is expected to give them the support their efforts merit.

Next red-letter day in the D. C. Chapter calendar is February 21, when the Tri-State Reunion will be celebrated. This party, too, is to be staged at the Statler, and is planned to measure up to the highest standards of prior Tri-State Reunions.

Tri-State is now interpreted to mean Maryland-Pennsylvania-Virginia AND the District of Columbia. So much enthusiasm for these annual events has been evidenced by Pennsylvanians that they have been definitely declared in on these Reunions.

The D. C. Chapter is determined to evidence another manifestation of vigor and vitality this year—they plan to bust all membership records for the Chapter.

They'll do it, too!

BILL KAY

ALABAMA

Of first importance, we hasten to announce that Birmingham's Armistice banquet will be on Armistice Day, Tuesday, November 11, instead of Monday, November 10, as earlier anticipated.

Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter is host to all Alabama Rainbow Chapters, as usual, and this year—according to latest information available—we will have special honored guests with us as follows: John Brenner, National Rainbow President, Lancaster, Pa.; Harold Rodier, Editor, *Rainbow Reveille*, Washington, D. C.; Mortimer Jordan, Jr., Birmingham, Ala. (our Chapter was named for his father); Jimmie Lane, Huntsville, Ala. (his father was a War I Rainbower killed in action), he is now Alabama State Commander, American Legion; Joe Dickerson, Montgomery, Ala. Rainbow War I (everybody in Rainbow or American Legion knows Joe Dick), he is Alabama State Adjutant, American Legion; Gen. Bill Screws, Montgomery, Ala.; Louise Carroll, Ozark, Ala., Past National President, Rainbow Auxiliary.

There are others who haven't had time as yet to answer our invitation. We heard from Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, Rainbow Division, Roanoke, Va., that it is doubtful although he might be able to get here. We sincerely hope he can. We have our plans completed and are sure of a mighty big party and we want all Rainbowers from near and far to consider this a special invitation to be with us (providing, of course, that Harold Rodier gets this in time to make the *Reveille* deadline and space permitting).

Here is our program for Tuesday, November 11, 1947:

8:00 a.m.—Breakfast Get-together, Bankhead Hotel, Birmingham.

10:00 a.m.—Parade. General Omar Bradley will be here and will highlight all of Birmingham's General Armistice Program for the day. We will parade with all combined veterans organizations. There will be an array of military equipment, including tanks, artillery, airplanes overhead and a host of military personnel.

2:00 p.m.—Football game at Legion Field, Birmingham. This game will be between two outstanding High School teams.

4:00 p.m.—Registration at Bankhead Hotel.

7:00 p.m.—Banquet at Bankhead Hotel.

9:00 p.m.—Grand Ball at Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham. Music by Russ Morgan and his band from New York.

Our own Col. Henry Wood Commandant of Alabama Boys' Industrial School, tells me that his school is having a Military Contest Program on the Parade Grounds of the school at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, November 9, and cordially invites all of us who can to attend and wear our Rainbow Caps.

All I can say is—"You will be sorry" if you don't get to Birmingham Armistice Day.

LINDSAY L. COX

INDIANAPOLIS

Don't blame me for this. An air mail letter from "Rodie" Rodier received just 20 minutes ago suggested in a nice way that I shake the lead out of my pantaloons and get some chapter news to him right away for the November issue of *Reveille*. Didn't the guy ever hear of that old saying, "No news is good news?" As a matter of fact our pipe lines have damned near dried up in the last two months and we are more or less out of touch with domestic affairs. However, we'll give you the news the way it looks from where we are sitting. On October 4, the Bloomington Chapter (Bat. F.) held its annual dinner and reunion following the Homecoming Game. Bloomington being the home town of Bat. F., you can always count on a big turnout. Oh, hell, yes! Thirty-nine men present—twenty-two of them from out over the state and just seventeen from Bloomington. Understand that's my outfit and I can give 'em all the hell I want to. Seventeen men out of at least a possible seventy-five right there in town. Back in 1917 we probably had the youngest average age of any outfit in the regiment—and look at 'em now! So damned old and set in their ways they act like fugitives from the graveyard. Kenny Moat, the secretary, working his head off and breaking his heart trying to stir up life and interest in a bunch that should be behind him 100 per cent—they are—so damned far behind him he can't even locate them with radar. What Kenny should do is to hand that bunch the job of secretary with typewritten instructions as to just what they could do with it. . . . The October meeting of the Indianapolis Chapter was saddened by the news of Sidney Miller's death (Bat. A, 150th) which occurred on October 9. To know Sid was to like him, and we here in Indianapolis will miss him terribly. . . . Rollis Weesner (Hq. Co. 150th F.A.), has been recently appointed executive director of the Indiana Cancer Society. . . . A. E. "Panama" Beck (Bat. A, 150th) of Cristobal, Canal Zone, sent us a card recently from New York where he was taking in the World Series. He expects to make Indiana next year. . . . The Indianapolis Chapter will hold its regular luncheon and get-together on Armistice Day at the Hotel Washington, followed by the November meeting on Friday night the 14th. So any of you travelling Rainbowers who make Indianapolis those dates, remember you are more than welcome. Plans are under way for another big party in December for Rainbowers and their best girl friends. This will be held at the Washington on December 12. Complete details in the December Snow which will appear about December 1—available at only the better class newsstands and upon receipt by the treasurer of three bucks. . . . Our paid-up membership now stands at 293 and we can expect word from Johnny Brenner and George Seaman any day now wanting to know what the hell's the matter with Indianapolis. We know, chum, we just happen to have a surplus of guys who are too damn tight, lazy or indifferent to send in their three bucks.—HOOK.

ILLINOIS

Every Wednesday noon (except holidays, of course) in a private dining room at the Sherman Hotel, in Chicago!

That's where Rainbow's Greatest Chapter holds informal, and most informal they are, luncheon meetings. No one ever receives a notice of these sessions. There is no program. Each one orders his own lunch, whether it be that of a farm hand or a file clerk. Topics ranging from the most profound to the most ludicrous are discussed in varying degrees of vehemence.

All this is leading up to one thing—there must be a lot of Rainbowners from other chapters who get into Chicago on business trips, to attend conventions (Chicago is the World's Leading Convention City), or on ordinary periodic journeys to visit Aunt Kate. There must be some, too, who get into the city on a morning train and are compelled to kill time until their train in the afternoon or evening.

To all of these and any other Rainbowners the World's Greatest Chapter extends a cordial invitation to the Wednesday luncheon sessions. Just ask any waiter in the Old Town Room at the Sherman to point the way to Rainbow's private dining room.

Next regular meeting of the Chapter at the Midland Hotel, Friday, November 14. Among other things on the program will be a showing of movies of the Worlds Series games.

KEN HATHAWAY

MINNESOTA

Both the Minneapolis and the St. Paul Chapters have started the new year with a bang. Attendance has been very good.

The State Department under Bob Boyer had a very fine dance over in St. Paul. Some sixty Rainbow families gathered at the St. Paul auditorium and spent a wonderful evening. And it went over in the true St. Paul spirit.

Minneapolis Chapter. Have arranged a new policy for their meetings. Each Battery has a night with enough special events to carry out each meeting of the year. The first meeting was "D" Battery night with 30 "D" Battery men making more noise than all the rest of the outfit. Keith South furnished the entertainment with his movie machine. Thanks for the swell party, "D" Battery.

Family tradition carries on. It was Captain William Leach in the Civil War; it was General George E. Leach in World War I, and now William, son of George E. Leach (on his 17th birthday), has joined the National Guard. Good luck to you, Junior.

The Rainbow Noon Luncheon at the Covered Wagon has a new oddity—the dedication of a pot. Come down Wednesday and find out about it.

To date we have about 80 dues and are just a little behind last year. Let's all send our dues in now!—FRANK.

NEW YORK

The Father Duffy Chapter is holding its annual Armistice party on Monday evening, November 19, in the Mural Room at the 69th Regiment Armory and anticipate having a large turnout. There will be dancing, and refreshments will be served to all members and their guests; it looks as though it will be a big affair.

On Saturday, October 25, the Women's Auxiliary to the Father Duffy Chapter, held their annual bridge at LaGuardia Field and as usual, it was a complete sellout. They were limited to 250 but they could have easily sold tickets to 300 or more.

The body of Colonel Conroy, Commanding Officer of the 65th Infantry in the last war who was killed leading his regiment at Saipan was among the first group back from the Pacific for burial in this country. His body laid in state at the 69th Regiment Armory on Thursday, October 23. Practically all of the officers of the 27th Division, of which the 165th Infantry was a unit, attended the memorial mass in his honor.

Ed Kaiser, a lieutenant in "G" Company, of the 242d Infantry, who was a member of the Chicago Chapter, has been transferred to the New York office of the Chicago Tribune, and he recently joined the Father Duffy Chapter.

At the last meeting of the Chapter, we were honored by having with us Father Heide, who was chaplain of the 242d Infantry, and as a Father Duffy member, will act in the capacity as chaplain when Father Murray is not present. Father Heide is a grand person and very well liked by all of the men. His presence at our meetings makes them so much nicer.

We are happy to report that Father Murray has recovered from his operation and returned to his parish in Jordon, New York. It was grand having him with us while he was in New York, recuperating.

On Friday, October 24, the Long Island Chapter held their regular meeting at the Freeport dugout of the American Legion, where the new officers were elected for next term. This meeting was very well attended, and the chapter has high hopes of bringing their paidup membership to 40 or 50.

No reports have been received as yet from the Westchester Chapter, but understand that they will be getting together shortly.

G. E. SEAMAN

NEBRASKA

Members of the Nebraska Rainbow Division Veterans and the Auxiliary met at the Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln, Nebr., for their Annual Reunion Sept. 13.

Rainbowners of both wars started coming in about noon and started comparing notes to see which war was the roughest. About four o'clock a state meeting was called and voted to post-

pone the formation of a state organization until the 1948 state reunion.

At a meeting of the Auxiliary, Marion Cable was elected state president; Katherine Reese, first vice president; Hazel Wright, second vice president; Lillian Buterbaugh, secretary-treasurer.

Larry Wood snagged Orley Griffie, who came up from Blue Rapids, Kansas, and Mike Poteet out of \$1.50 each, then turned the three bucks over to Bill Reese, the secretary-treasurer for the Lincoln Chapter for their 1947-48 dues.

Six Rainbowers and some of their wives came from Omaha and many Rainbowers from over the state came to the Reunion.

Lawrence G. Wood, Oklahoma City, guest speaker at the banquet, said, "We have the power in our country to bring peace to the world. The United States has been fortunate, compared with the rest of the world. The United States may have been chosen by God to bring order to the world."

Marcus L. Poteet, toastmaster at the banquet, said, "The world is standing at the crossroads. We failed to win the peace after W.W. I and if we don't prepare now, there will be a W.W. III because of the rivalry between the United States and Russia."

Remarks were heard from Jay Kriz, president of the Lincoln Chapter; Herb James, president of the Omaha Chapter; Katherine Reese, president of the Lincoln Auxiliary; Marion Cable, state president of the Auxiliary; Hazel Wright and Bob Kubik.

After the banquet, entertainment consisting of ballet and aesthetic dancing was enjoyed. In all, the Reunion was a nice party.

NEW JERSEY

In Angelo D'Arminio (232d Inf.) of Hackensack, N. J., both Jersey chapters have a true Rainbower. He not only belongs to both chapters but hasn't missed a meeting of either chapter this year. This is particularly noteworthy because of the distance (100 miles) he travels to attend N. J. Chapter meetings. Other new Rainbowers meriting such recognition are Judge Edward A. Murphy (Div. Hdqs. World War II) of Jersey City, and John T. Soltys (242d Inf.) of Hillside.

Both chapters now meet monthly and enjoy lively sessions. The Menoher Chapter has been meeting at the C & S Restaurant, Five Corners, Jersey City, at night. Dinner is served at 6:30 for the early birds. Later arrivals are served at any time they desire. The meeting, informal, begins any time after 6:30 and lasts until 11 or 12. It may begin while shrimp cocktails are being served or while after-dinner cordials are being sipped, depending upon the mood of the gavel-rapping president, Harry Young, and the amenability of his companion diners. Anyway, they (we—for I attend these meetings) do have a good time when they get together, these Rainbow "orphans" like Jim

Smith (117 Am. Tr.), Morris Berman (166 Inf.) and Harry Young (167 Inf.), and the other oldtimers and the new Rainbowers. For the benefit of those who cannot attend night meetings the next meeting of this chapter will be held Sunday afternoon, November 16, at a Newark hotel to be announced by card later.

At the October meeting of the New Jersey Chapter representatives of the Menoher Chapter, headed by Emil Huber, secretary, were present to confer on plans for the proposed two-day state reunion, tentatively scheduled for June. The matter of Jersey bidding for this year's national reunion, in case no acceptable bid from the East is received by the national executive committee, was favorably discussed. Francis Golden was appointed chairman of this year's memorial committee. He is attempting to compile complete data on the dates of death and places of burial of all deceased chapter members. It is requested that anyone having such information please communicate it to Golden, 125 Joline Ave., Long Branch, N. J. Donations to the Salvation Army and to C.A.R.E. for foreign relief were approved.

For the information of that itinerant "Letz," who is seeking free beer, there is always open house at the Legion Home, Red Bank, on the second Sunday of each month.—STAN BARROW

OKLAHOMA

The writer was privileged to attend the Nebraska State Reunion at Lincoln in September, and had an enjoyable stay from the time Ray Cronan met my train in the morning until I continued my trip to Billings, Montana, at midnight. We seldom miss these Reunions, and you people in other nearby states don't realize the genuine Rainbow good times you are missing by staying away. The Reeses, Cables, Dawsons, Butternahs our old friends from Tulsa—the Otis H. Barnes, and many others left nothing undone for our enjoyment. The dinner meeting was high-lighted by Marcus Poteet's admirable M.C.-ing. Sorry not to see General Tinley. It was swell to be with our Rainbow II friends from Omaha, who are coming along nicely with their new chapter. Oklahoma City Rainbow Chapter has jurisdiction over the western half of the State, the dividing line going through Stillwater, and under the direction of Hugh Hill, our membership chairman, we are making a drive to get every Rainbower's dues, being careful not to encroach on Tulsa Chapter's territory—there being enough work in the State to keep both Chapters busy in this respect. We had a delightful "Harvest Moon" party at Bill and Irene Key's on October 10, with a large attendance. As usual, the food and fellowship were superlative. The girls collected a large number of bars of soap to be sent to their French village, and their welfare fund was boosted considerable from a "kitty" set aside for that purpose in the poker games which later sprang up all over the Key's house. We were pleased to have Harold Wilfonk with us, out for the first time since his accident in the summer.

Harold is still a long way from being well, but progressing nicely. He asked that his deep appreciation be expressed for all the fine letters and cards you Rainbow folk showered on him. They helped while away many a bad hour. Glad to have Grover Gulley back with us after a stay on the West Coast. Pleased also to have Chapter dues sent from Capt. Glen Bailey, a Rainbower II from this city, now in Korea. We hope to have the Captain active in the Chapter when he returns. The Rainbowers II under J. Walker Juhann are going ahead with their plans to interest their buddies in our Chapter. The next meeting will be another pot-luck dinner on November 8, at "Laarywood," the country home to which we moved in September. Our phone number is the same, so any of you Rainbowers we have somehow missed, give us a buzz before the 8th, and come on out. Hope to see a lot of you.

LAWRENCE G. WOOD

PENNSYLVANIA

On Sunday, September 28, the Reading Chapter held their Annual Reunion at the Greater Reading Post of the U.F.W. and it really was a swell affair. Brenner, Deulinger and I and our wives got there just in time to sit down and eat. Those Reading Dutchmen went "all out" in serving food. There were so many kinds and varieties that you didn't know where to begin. We were pleased to see John Hiem recovered from his accident and able to get around on crutches.

President Brenner and I attended the Virginia State Banquet at the George Marshall Hotel, October 11. The Chapter charter was presented at the banquet. It was very well attended. Ambassador A. E. Letzer, his full name was there, Colstan and his chapter officers were introduced. Jim Dent and his Roanoke gang; Allen Gibbons and his "Honey Chile" who joined us later; Norrie (is that right, Harold?) Norris acted as Master of Ceremonies in his own inimitable way. It was a nice party, Macks. It is things like this that make Rainbow.

During my "beating the bushes" for stray members out of the state, I wrote to Chester Victor, Mayview, Washington. He sent me his dues with a letter of appreciation for contacting him. That was a month ago. This week I got a special delivery letter from him saying that for 20 years he has been wanting to see the old gang. My letter made him homesick, so he drew money out of the bank and left for the East with his wife to visit the Lancaster Chapter. And to think that you have to run your heels ragged to collect a couple of dollars for dues from fellows who live in Lancaster. Just a case of not appreciating the things in your own back yard.

A meeting was held at the Harold McCall Post, American Legion, by the Philadelphia, Chapter R.V.D., October 8. The Chapter is launching a membership and publicity drive, the likes of which has never been seen. We are out to get the highest percentage of increase

over last year of any chapter. So says H. L. Wightman. And personally, I believe that they will.

Chapter meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. No news from Pittsburgh, Bethlehem or Easton.

R. EARL DENNIS

VIRGINIA

Forty-seven Rainbowers from Virginia, District of Columbia, and Maryland, met at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond on Oct. 11 to hear National President John Brenner of Lancaster, Pa., speak to the Virginia State Banquet.

Toastmaster during the "Best Banquet of All Times" was Virginia Rainbow wheelhorse Ravee Norris, past national vice president of the National Association. Ravee introduced visiting speakers Brenner, National Secretary Allen Gibbons; Past National President Walker Colston; Jim Dent, member of the National Executive Committee; *Reveille* Associate Editor Earl Dennis, and the presidents of the three Rainbow chapters in Virginia, and the D. C. Chapter. E. A. Letzer, who claims to be a member-at-large, was present, and deposited his two bucks to pledge allegiance to the new Maurice L. Tyler, Jr., Chapter, of Richmond. Ravee gave Letz his money's worth by allowing him the floor for a short speech.

Rainbowers in Virginia were very happy to receive a delegation of eight members from the D.C. Chapter, but they are considering sending *Reveille* Editor Harold Rodier a bill for the place at the banquet he reserved but did not show up to take.

Rainbow "Retreads" who attended the dinner were Ravee Norris, Emmett D. Butts, Colonel George F. Spann, and Curtis R. Davis. Each of these served in the Rainbow during World War I and served in other units during World War II.

Banquet Chairman was Leroy D. Ford.

MARKS

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

(Continued from page 8)

can renew memberships in their local chapters, or send \$2 to me with the coupon below, if they have not affiliated with a local chapter.

The 140 Rainbow tie clasps have now been received and 40 of them have been delivered to fortunate Rainbowers. The remaining 100 are offered first come, first served, at \$2.50 postpaid from this office. (Note to mothers, daughters, wives and sweethearts: these will make excellent Christmas gifts for your son, father, husband or best boy friend, if he be a Rainbower entitled to wear this beautiful emblem of our Division.)

Some chapters have not yet sent in their list of officers for 1947-48. Please attend to this at once, otherwise your chapter officers for 1946-47 will have to be repeated in the Directory of Chapter Officers, which must soon be compiled.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS,

National Secretary

From the Desk of the National Secretary

P. O. Box 342
Roanoke, Va.

October 20, 1947

HAIL TO THE TRAIL BLAZERS! Lancaster (Pa.) Chapter—home chapter of our National President John D. Brenner, who is its secretary-treasurer, has topped its previous all-time high of 91, achieved in 1942-43, with a present membership of 105, 95 of whom are War I men. Chapter President R. Earl Dennis has had a big hand in this fine achievement by writing to and securing memberships from Rainbowers of Co. D, 151st M.G. Bn., who haven't paid dues for years.

Another Chapter, president, who has filled a breach when his elected secretary resigned, and who has pushed his Chapter's membership above last year's total, is that sterling Rainbower, formerly Co. F, 222nd Infantry, President Morton Marks, Jr., of the Maurice L. Tyler Chapter, Richmond, Va., with a membership of 35 for a Chapter just chartered by the 1947 Reunion.

Total membership at this writing is 3,501—just a bit over one-third of the membership necessary to raise our budget for 1947-48. And over one-half of the best period for getting memberships has passed into history. Those Chapters which have reported little or no progress to date are urged to bend every effort between now and New Year's to exceed their membership figures for last year.

Let me correct an impression that, at least some of our newer members have, as evidenced

by letters reaching the Secretary's office. The 1945-46 membership card sent you after you paid dues in Austria is not a "permanent" membership in the Association. Rainbow memberships are on an annual basis, extending from July 14 of one year through July 14 of the next. Therefore, unless you men who joined the Association in Austria have renewed your memberships since returning home, you are not now members of the outfit unless, of course, you hold a 1947-48 membership card, which is good until after July 14, 1948.

Realizing that many of the men who joined in Austria are now going to school, establishing themselves in businesses, setting up their own homes and otherwise getting a start in the world, the Association has not taken your names off the mailing list for this publication, even though you haven't paid dues since 1945-46.

However, this policy during 1946-47 resulted in a deficit of over \$1,300.00, caused by sending ten issues of the *Reveille* to more than 10,000 War II Rainbowers, who did not pay any dues. Obviously, this cannot be continued indefinitely. The day will surely come when the names of all non-dues-payers will have to be removed from the mailing list, unless enough of those who can easily spare \$2 or so a year, send in dues in large enough numbers to raise the annual budget which, for 1947-48, is based on a paying membership of 9,700. With about 6,000 members from the War I Division, it would appear that at least 3,700 of the more than 12,000 War II men receiving the *Reveille*

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

R. ALLEN GIBBONS, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans, 11/47
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 \$2. Please send me my membership card and send *The Reveille* to the following address:

Benjamin Cook,
380 E. 327th st.,
Willoughby, Ohio