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From Your National President

Someone asked, "Why are you interested in books?" and thinking of what someone wrote seems to be the answer.

The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man; nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall, nations perish, civilizations grow old and die out. After an era of darkness, new races build others, but in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again and yet live on, still young and still as fresh as the day they were written, still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead.

Someone asked, "Why are you interested in Rainbow?" In attending other veterans' conventions it seems to add up this way.

Their preambles and constitutions don't vary too much from ours, but we seem to be living ours, perpetuating that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the division and keeping alive the memory of our departed comrades.

You may be a Rainbower who never took an active part, never attended a National Reunion, but a great loss is yours.

A fable of two men riding across a river bed of pebbles who heard a voice say, "Take some pebbles," and not having too much confidence in the unknown voice, take only a few. After riding on the voice again said, "At sunrise you will be glad and sad."

Next morning, at sunrise, they beheld the pebbles as gold. They were glad they had taken some pebbles, but sad that they didn't take more.

So I say to you, who are so fortunate to belong to Rainbow, be glad, but don't wait too long to enjoy all the associations you have been missing. Believe me, you will find men with hearts of gold in Rainbow.

JOHN D. BRENNER.

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NATIONAL REUNION

Your Editor predicts that the Rainbow Reunion to be held in July 1948 will be a brilliant, successful and outstandingly attended Reunion; one that will measure up even to the magnificent Reunion just given Rainbow by Iowa. This wasn't a difficult prediction to make, we used none of the mysterious sources of inside information such as may be inferred from Drew Pearson's "I PREDICT!" broadcasts.

The fact is that Rainbow doesn't "let down." One brilliant Reunion must be followed by

another one because it has furnished inspiration and a goal, and we have a galaxy of Rainbow stars who are susceptible to inspiration, and have the capacity for achieving a goal. It is easy to predict that John Brenner's administration will live up to every Rainbow tradition and will be capped by a Reunion of which he may be proud.

What your Editor cannot predict at this writing is *where* the Reunion will be held. The Committee appointed to locate a suitable Reunion host has not yet reached the point in their endeavors where they can report to the Executive Committee their recommendation. It can be stated, however, that the Committee is suffering no anxiety. More than one Chapter has signified that although they would not at the moment choose 1948 as the date they would most prefer to handle a Reunion, they are nevertheless "ready, able and willing" to take on the Reunion should this be the time when they can serve Rainbow by offering their hospitality. So, we know *WHEN* we will have a Reunion, and know that it will be a great one, though at the moment it cannot be stated *where* it will be held.

GAS ALARM

Some years ago *The Reveille* offered its readers a department yclept "GAS ALARM" in which were published the wartime experiences of our members. Many of the contributions appearing in this department were rich in humor and association with unforgettable days. Now that our Association includes Rainbowners of two wars it is desired to restore this feature. Every Rainbowner is therefore invited to send in brief articles relating to their war experiences. We hope to have contributions covering both wars. Who knows what may come of such a competition in narration? Something good, for sure. YOU are invited, nay urged, to sit down *now* and write up some choice experience for publication in GAS ALARM. Contribs for the November issue should reach us by October 15 for this department. Address the Editor at Room 205, Burton Building, Washington 1, D. C.

LETTER FROM A WORLD WAR I VETERAN TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS

First, I always have and always will advise a discharged service man to affiliate himself at once with his own Divisional or Unit Organization. I have been connected with many veterans' organizations—the Legion, VFW, Purple Heart Association, DAV and Amvets—because of my service in World War II. That's right—I'm a *retread*. I would give them all up without thought or regret before I would give up my membership card in the Rainbow Division Veterans.

Most of you have never joined the Rainbow Vets, and if you did you haven't rejoined since returning home. Most of you have never had the pleasure of attending a National Reunion, and until you do only then will you learn the true meaning of Rainbow and what it means to those who have attended Rainbow affairs and many National Reunions. Probably you are saying, "What the hell does all this mean to me?" Only this: It is the only organization that talks my

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FROM THE TREASURER

The audit for the Treasurer's books for the as shown in the September issue of the *Reveille*, is the tentative report rendered at the annual reunion in Des Moines, Iowa. This tentative report is subject to changes in order to properly reflect all incoming expenses in the correct year.

The Treasurer's Report for the year 1946-47, year 1946-47 has been completed and the final report is as follows:

OPERATING STATEMENT

Year 1946-47

Income

Membership Dues	\$7,448.00
Donations	27.20
Bank Interest	31.35
Lapel Buttons	586.51
Decals	123.62
Histories (War II)	69.50
Victor Records	199.46
Pictures (Rainbow Colors)...	2.50
Over Accrual Accts. Payable..	8.87
	\$8,407.01

Expenses

Reveille	\$4,763.57
Secretary's Salary	2,400.00
President's Traveling Exp.	418.48
Treasurer's Traveling Exp.	300.00
Secretary's Traveling Exp.	160.91
Stenograph and Printing	177.99
Office Supplies	38.91
Stationery and Cards	523.84
Postage, Tel. & Tel. Exp.	502.48
Emergency	515.22
	\$9,801.40

Deficit

BALANCE SHEET

as of July 31, 1947

Assets

Cash (Chase Nat'l Bank)	\$1,301.28
Cash (Roosevelt Savings Bank)	1,591.35
Investments (War Savings Bonds)	4,440.00
Inventories:	
Lapel Buttons	74.41
Decals	43.98

\$7,451.02

Liabilities

Deferred Credits:	
Dues paid in advance	\$ 277.00
Withholding Taxes (7-1 to 7-15)	14.30
Surplus to 7-15-46	\$8,464.11
Deficit Year 1946-47	1,304.39

7,159.72

\$7,451.02

You will note from the foregoing report that our income amounted to \$8,497.01 and our expenses amounted to \$9,801.40, leaving a deficit of \$1,304.39. As our budget set-up for this year amounts to \$9,700, it should be clear to each and every member that it is necessary for us to increase our membership to at least 9,500 or we are going to have another deficit this year.

If each and every Rainbower to whom the *Reveille* is sent would pay his dues, our member-

ship would be over 10,000. It therefore is the duty of each one to see that his dues are paid so that this Association can continue to send out *Reveilles* each month to all. Your officers are doing everything in their power to build up the membership, but they need the assistance of every Rainbower if this Association is to remain solvent.

We know that all Rainbowers are proud of our Association, and because of its laxity on the part of a good many they overlook paying their dues. So when you finish reading this article, please sit down and forward your dues immediately to either your chapter treasurer or the National Secretary.—G. E. SEAMAN, *National Treasurer*.



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PLEASE!

An open letter to all chapter secretaries in the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic and Gulf States:

On October 1, 1947, and thereafter as long as the rent holds out, my address will be 2430 Eutaw Place, Baltimore 17, Md. This first paragraph is also for the benefit of the Editor, should he find time to get around to cutting a new stencil for me. (The full name, Harold, is E. A. Letzer.)

[Ed. NOTE—And I never even suspected it!]

You see, it all came about this way. I haven't worked for the last ten years and long-suffering Madeline finally served notice that if I didn't get around to supporting her I couldn't live with her. So I compromised. I'll support her, but I won't live with her. I can't do both because my job takes me from Newark, N. J., to New Orleans, La., and here's where my appeal to you lugs comes in. Please mail me the dates of your chapter meetings and the address where you meet. Specify, please, when free beer is served. If you'll send me this information I threaten to attend every meeting where I can possibly arrange my trip to fit. I'll copy the dope you guys send me in a nice new book I just bought.

The Maryland Chapter is really getting a break in my return to Baltimore. Stansbury already has appointed me an auditing committee to examine Stout's accounts.

Your unauthorized and discredited Ambassador-at-Large.—E. A. (LETZ) LETZER.

PENNSYLVANIA—The National President, John

D. Brenner, has started his round of visits to the various chapters in the East and judging by the invitations he has already received he is going to be a busy man. I have been accompanying him on most of these trips and visits but I'm about ready to yell "Uncle." I am an old man and I certainly can't stand the pace set by these young fellows.

Our first visit after returning home was to Pittsburgh, where a dinner and dance was held at the Hotel Keystone during the American Legion Convention by the Pittsburgh Chapter. It was well attended and everyone had a nice time. We left Pittsburgh following the banquet in order to be in Lancaster the following day to attend our annual outing. What our outing lacked in attendance was made up in enthusiasm. We were very pleasantly surprised and delighted in having "Stan" Barrow pay us a visit.

Next we attended the "open house" held by the Father Duffy Chapter during the National Convention of the American Legion.

On September 4th we drove to Baltimore to attend their monthly meeting. As usual, their meeting was held in their own inimitable manner. What a bunch of hecklers they are. They set a good example of how a meeting should *not* be held. I found that out many years ago when we attended their chapter meeting in order to find out the proper procedure, etc. Believe me, they gave us the works. Our first lesson was that Rainbow gatherings aren't held in order to settle world affairs.

On September 13th we again drove to Baltimore to attend a pig roast held by the chapter.

George Seamon flew down and met us there. Jack Clarke drove us out to the hall, and what a "cowboy" he is. Following the party we adjourned to the Hotel Southern and talked Rainbow. The next morning, accompanied by the National Treasurer, we drove to Bethlehem, Pa., to attend a membership meeting. There appeared to be some mixup in the arrangements and it wasn't too well attended, but it only takes a couple of Rainbowers to get together to make any meeting a success. Anyway, we had a swell weekend.

The Lancaster Chapter has started their campaign for members and the results have been very gratifying. We are well over our last year's membership and are going strong. The Lancaster Chapter has been signally honored by the election of Johnny to the office of President and they are really showing their appreciation by supporting him with membership. Pennsylvania lay dormant for many years. It was mainly through his efforts that the state took on a new lease of life and began to show a substantial increase in membership. We are proud of him and feel that he is well deserving of the honor bestowed upon him.—R. EARL DENNIS.

WISCONSIN

The following letter from General MacArthur speaks for itself:

Tokyo, Japan
6 August, 1947

Dear Mr. Oleson:

I cannot tell you how greatly I appreciate your letter of July 29th. It is so full of the spirit of comradeship which has been the hallmark of Rainbowers for the past 30 years. It is impossible for me, however, to predict my whereabouts next July. While it is my purpose to return to the United States upon the signing of a peace treaty for Japan, which will mark the close of my work in the Far East, just when this will take place is entirely speculative. It would be unwise, therefore, to make any plans based on the possibility of my being in the United States by next July.

As time goes on my affection for the old Division increases, as do my personal regards for those who were my comrades-in-arms in those never-to-be-forgotten days of the first World War.

Again my thanks for your thoughtful suggestion and my cordial regards to your committee.

Faithfully yours,

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR.

NEW JERSEY—The word "outstanding" simply and adequately describes the type reunion Iowa Rainbowers put on in July at Des Moines. And it was only proper and fitting that an outstanding reunion ended the year in office of an outstanding president—Homer Gardner.

And now for some Jersey news! At its June meeting the New Jersey Chapter installed the following officers for the current year: Arthur E. Monahan (165 Amb.), president; Charles Jannarone (232 Inf.), 1st vice president; Reginald VanBrunt (165 Amb.), 2nd vice president; Harry P. Morford (132 Sig. Bn.), secretary; Jack Gaul (165 Amb.), treasurer.

This chapter now meets monthly, instead of quarterly, at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month at the Legion Home, Red Bank, unless otherwise notified. The first monthly meeting, September 14, was attended by members from various parts of the state and New York, including Charles Garon (165 Amb.), whom we had not seen for many years. Charlie, who is a crippled patient at the Halloran Veterans Hospital, Staten Island, was apparently deeply touched by the reunion with his former buddies.

Tentative plans for the New Jersey and Gen. Charles T. Menoher Chapters to hold a two-day state reunion of Jersey Rainbowners next June at Asbury Park, or another suitable place to be announced later, were approved. Reginald Van Brunt was appointed reunion chairman.

So far this year the New Jersey Chapter has 107 paid members. This is a grand start—for a grand year—for a grand National President, Johnny Brenner.

The Gen. Charles T. Menoher Chapter has been meeting monthly at the C. & S. Restaurant, Five Corners, Jersey City. Harry Young (167 Inf.), the new president, is out to establish a new "high" in membership, and from all indications he will do it. Rainbowners desiring to join this chapter should contact Emil Huber, secretary, 166 Hill-side Ave., Irvington, N. J.

The other officers of this chapter are: Howard Evans (168 Inf.), 1st vice president; R. A. Wingerath (165 Inf.), 2nd vice president; Morris Berman (166 Inf.), treasurer; Judge Edward A. Murphy (Div. Hqts., World War II), judge advocate. Samuel E. Feltman (165 Inf.) is chairman, executive committee.

For membership in the New Jersey Chapter, contact Harry P. Morford, secretary, 306 Branch Ave., Red Bank, N. J.—STAN BARROW.

CALIFORNIA—Well, here we go on another cycle of writing chapter chatter for the *Reveille*. Whatever value these dissertations in capsule form may have will be assessed by the reader or readers, if any. If an opinion is expressed regarding the welfare of Rainbow, agree or disagree with it according to your convictions, but don't straddle the fence.

Festivities for the fall season were opened by the Orange Empire's greatest chapter (Los Angeles to the uninitiated) on September 10th. Installation of officers for the new year was to have been the chief order of business but due to the illness of President-elect Ray Charles the ceremony was postponed until the October meeting. Ray had a seven-week session in the hospital but is now home and steadily regaining his full health.

There were two other ex-hospital patients present whom everyone was happy to greet—Bill Williamson and Frank Johnson. Bill had quite a session with the medicos but outwitted them and is coming along o.k. Frank spent over four months in the hospital and said he now knows why doctors are called "sawbones." He claims he lost count of the number of operations but knows he always will be in "stitches."

The usual drawing was held at the close of the business meeting, and wonder of wonders, we actually won a pair of nylons after to these

many years of trying. Yes, the wife really did greet us with a smile upon our arrival home.

A report was made covering the "doings" at the Des Moines Reunion. Those who had attended former Reunions agreed they had really missed something by not being present. We who had the pleasure of being in Des Moines can say: "They sure did!"

The one disappointment of the Reunion: The failure to take any action in convention assembled in regard to the assignment of the 42nd to a single state as its own division. Why the defeatist attitude because we had been rebuffed? We never showed that kind of spirit in battle! Why now?

Question department (?)—What prominent members of the Auxiliary were asked to leave a certain drug store in Des Moines during the Reunion? And by a policeman, no less! Tch, tch, such a business.—WARNER H. GRASSELL.

OKLAHOMA—The enthusiasm generated by

Homer Gardner's visit to Oklahoma City last November, and further increased by attendance at the WFR (World's Finest Reunion) at Des Moines, is still doing great things for our chapter. Beginning with the August meeting in our home, plans were laid for really constructive work in Rainbow for this area. If agreeable to all, Oklahoma City Chapter plans to have the state reunion here this coming June. How about it, Tulsa? Not a little color was added to our August proceedings by Maj. Gen. (by shot) Key, with his fondness for ice water and home made ice cream. We're still shaking our heads about those four aces, General. The September meeting began with a delicious potluck supper in the beautiful back yard of the Ted Scotts, and was followed by election of officers. Ted was made President, and his able handling of proceedings following his taking office speaks well for the success of our chapter under his leadership this year. Ted is a tried and true member of the 167th Amb. Co. and his wife, Lois, among other accomplishments, has a deft hand with a skillet. You should have seen that fried chicken vanish! J. Walker Juhan was elected VicePresident and is the first member of Rainbow II to hold office in this chapter. We know he will be one of a succession of fine Rainbowners II to hold office and to work for the good of Rainbow. The chapter faces a distinct loss with the resignation of Mel Hall as Secretary-Treasurer, same being accepted only after Ross Lillard outlined the state of Mel's health. Yours truly fell heir to the job and will attempt to fill Mel's shoes as best I can, realizing the responsibility that goes with this office. It won't seem like the same chapter without him as Secretary, and I am not going to attempt to better his fine record, but I shall have a good try at being as faithful and loyal as he has been all these years. We were very much pleased to have the Rainbow II boys with us and feel they can give us the shot in the arm we oldsters need to get in the groove for Rainbow. We want Harold in here with us and pitch. Hope to see many of you at the October meeting at Bill Key's. I only wish I had the word power Hook Young displays each month in "Snow." Damned if I wouldn't

light a fire under some DBNB's in this chapter, too. Dead but not buried is Hook's term for you guys—you know who you are! No use trying to dodge Hugh Hill this year. He is not going to pull any punches going out for dues. We regret that Harold Wilfong was seriously injured when struck by a car recently. He has a long stay ahead of him in the Santa Fe Hospital, Topeka, Kans. Why don't a lot of you drop him a line or send him a get well card? It would help him a lot. Also, last but not in any sense of the word least, the Auxiliary has gotten off to a fine start with Charlotte Wilfong at the helm. The girls last month sent a great many packages of needles to the French village which the auxiliaries are helping, and they plan to send bars of soap next month, with other useful articles to follow. Well, no use writing a book, my first contribution to the *Reveille* in some years, but you may be sure you'll be hearing from me.—
LAWRENCE G. WOOD, *Secretary-Treasurer*, Oklahoma City Chapter.

ILLINOIS—The new officers of the Chapter have finally been legally installed. At any rate, the installation was performed by one of our representatives from the Bar Association, a certain Tom Finnegan (C), gifted in mixing oratory and blarney. The new President, Ev Weart (67 FA Brig.), flanked by the new Vice Presidents, Cary Stevenson (D) and "Red" Hillstrom (242d Inf.) whose muscling-in activities proved successful last May, is now in complete charge.

The September meeting was scheduled as Past Presidents' Night so the cellophane wrappings were removed from a goodly number of the honored presidents of prior years so that they could be paraded before the younguns of Rainbow II and the oldsters of Rainbow I who have survived their many administrations. Past Presidents present included Major Charley Bindig (B), Col. Dick Daily (B), E. O. Johnson (B), Tom Finnegan (C), Harmon Nixon (C), Judge Cornelius Harrington (D), Jim Mangan (E), Slim O'Meara (E), Eskil Bjork (F), Frank Gould (F), Capt. Howard R. Stone (F), Bob Reno (67th FA Brig.), and C. Edwin Johnson (167th Inf.).

New members of the Board of Governors included several representatives of Rainbow II, namely, Newman, Donnell (Div. Hq.), Bob Snodell of the MP's, Don Longwill (222nd Inf.), and Bill Rice, Jr. (232nd Inf.).

The next meeting of the Chapter will be the 27th Armistice Jamboree on Friday, November 14, at the Swedish Club of Chicago.

IOWA—That's Where the Tall Corn Grows

Tall! Well, it didn't grow very tall this year but those Rainbowers who attended the 29th Annual Rainbow Reunion will for years tell stories that will sound "long and tall" to those who did not attend. Iowa, the food basket of America, really proved the old slogan: "In all that is good, Iowa affords the best." Every Rainbow veteran in Iowa is happy with the thought that we gave of our best and

that those of you who were here said it was the best. From the minute the first Rainbower arrived and until the very last one reluctantly headed for home, it was a grand affair to us.

So Rainbow now looks ahead into another year. Those of us who have had the rare privilege of knowing John Brenner, our new president, intimately, fully realize that there is much in store for Rainbow. Like so many others, John's heart is buried deep in Rainbow traditions and from this we know, the Colors of the Rainbow will keep right on being brighter.

Iowa is looking to another great Rainbow year. We have gone ahead steadily each year and we feel certain that the National Reunion will have brought a lot of good to our chapters. Current activities are in the making, officers are being elected and so another Rainbow year is in the making.

Again, thanks to the hundreds of you who came to our great State of Iowa; thanks for the many, many fine things you said about us and we are sure that you will long remember that now famous barbecue; the Ranch Room; the buffet luncheon and Annual Rainbow Banquet and Memorial Hour. And we ourselves in Iowa will long remember you as the grandest group of people in the whole U.S.A. Come and see us again sometime.—HOMER.

NEW YORK

During the American Legion Convention in New York City the last four days in August, the Father Duffy Chapter held open house for all visiting Rainbowers. On the night of August 29th, a reunion was held in the Father Duffy Meetings Rooms and over 600 Rainbowers were present.

Some of the out-of-townners present were: National President John Brenner; Stanley Barrow, Nat. Exec. member; Colonel Cook, 168th Field Hosp., from Denver; Glen D. Crawford, 150th F. A., from Indianapolis, who is the National Controller of the Legion, and Colonel Murphy, who was a Finance Officer of the 42nd Division in World War II and a judge in civilian life. Also David Sidbury, 117th Am. Tr., from North Carolina; from the 149th F. A. were Art Wright; M. C. Tesch, Hdqs. of Danville, Ill.; Jim Mangan of Chicago; Bill Swabey, 166th Inf., from Miami, Fla.; Earl Dennis, 151st M. G., Lancaster, Pa.; Homer Meanor, 166th, Ohio; Arthur T. Raynor, 117th, Austin, Texas; Walter V. Keating, 166th, Akron, Ohio; C. S. Helger, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sebastian Christian, C. 222, Pawtuck, Ky.; Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Wither, Parnell, Okla.; J. G. Volz, Washington, D. C., and D. A. Rieley, Florida.

There was no charge for this reunion, and camel's milk, soft drinks and sandwiches were on the house, but hard liquor was paid for by those desiring same. The party did not break up until the wee hours of the morning and although the weather was exceedingly hot everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.—G. E. EEMAN.

ALABAMA

Armistice Day 1947 in Birmingham, Ala., is

going to be long remembered—for sure! Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter has made this day the biggest party for years and has always been host to all Alabama Rainbows, including special honored out-of-town guests, from time to time. This year our party has been advanced to the evening of Monday, November 10, 1947, so we can participate in the November 11, 1947, all-day events sponsored by various veteran organizations.

The Rainbow party will be held again in the Bankhead Hotel, Birmingham, and special guests will include: John Brenner, Lancaster, Pa., National Rainbow President; Harold Rodier, Washington, D. C., Editor, Rainbow Reveille; Allen Gibbons, Roanoke, Va., National Rainbow Secretary; Mortimer Jordan, Jr., Birmingham, Ala. (our chapter was named for his father); Jimmie Lane, Huntsville, Ala. (his father was killed in action in Rainbow War I; Jimmie is now Alabama Department Commander for American Legion.

Of course our nationally known Alabama Rainbows will be in evidence, such as: Joe Dickerson, Bill Screws, Henry Wood, John Winingham, H. S. Foster, etc.

The Birmingham general program, Tuesday, November 11, is headed up by an extremely capable committee of civic leaders, who report that Gen. Omar Bradley will speak and otherwise highlight the activities. There will be an array of military equipment in the parade, with clouds of airplanes overhead, an impressive Presentation of Colors ceremony, an official luncheon, afternoon football game, a world peace dinner, and a grand ball the evening of November 11th. This is going to be the biggest Birmingham has ever had and the biggest in the country this year. Here is hoping that this gets in to Harold Rodier in time to make the *Reveille* (space permitting), so all you fellows within calling distance (or farther) can make your plans to join us in Birmingham the afternoon of Monday, November 10th.—LINDSAY L. COX.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The D. C. Chapter got off to a great start for the new Rainbow year in its September meeting, a dinner affair at The Lido, at Connecticut Avenue and K Streets. The meeting was well attended and the wit, humor and good fellowship were not the only things that flowed. President Romeo Faggiola, World War II fireball and last year's hard-working Chapter Secretary, has projected a year of outstanding activity. The Chapter has lined up a program of events which is calculated to bring into the Rainbow fold all of the local eligibles. Smokers (the October meeting will be held in Heurich's Brewery, with free beer, movies, music and song—those who have heard D. C. Rainbow sing will understand the distinction), at least one gala dance, and a Tri-State Reunion on the grand scale.

In this connection the D. C. Chapter uses these columns to declare itself on the Tri-State Reunion. The Chapter would like to be hosts to its two neighboring states, together with

the many Pennsylvanians who have made Tri-State mean locally "Three States and the District of Columbia." Nevertheless the Chapter acknowledges that it has had this privilege many times, and it is ready to waive its plans for the present year in favor of Baltimore or Virginia if it so be that either of these Chapters feels that they would like to be hosts this year. If either Chapter would like to take on the Tri-State we will fully support it. Natural all we in Washington would prefer the role of hosts, for Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania have always proven such gracious and agreeable guests that they make entertaining them a pleasure. D. C. suggests, however, that if any such preference is entertained that action must be taken at once, for a first rate Tri-State is second only to a National, and requires some early groundwork in preparation for it. D. C. will go ahead with these plans unless we are in receipt of an early invitation from one of our neighbors.

Because of the pleasant and ambitious plans being made for the year by President Faggiola's administration, and because of their enthusiasm, energy and decisiveness, it can be expected that the coming year will be highly successful in the matter of increasing membership. Local Rainbows of either war will miss many a pleasant evening of reminiscing and fun if they do not join up with the live wire, "going places" Chapter.—BILL KAY.

LETTER FROM A WORLD WAR I VETERAN (Continued from page 2)

language; it is the only group that "went through" exactly what I went through. When Saipan, Iwo Jima, Italy or service on some battlewagon is spoken of, it means nothing to me. They aren't the guys that I plowed through the mud with—cursing the weather, cursing the war, our officers (under our breath), and the damn Germans. They aren't the guys who served time in the guardhouse with me. Neither are they the guys that I swore I'd knock the block off after I'm discharged and then forgot about it. No! Believe me, they aren't. They just don't talk my language.

Our organization, as most other veterans' organizations, has a preamble. It is true that when we do meet one another we do not greet each other with a mutual recitation of the Preamble of Rainbow Constitution. But we do fulfill that Preamble. By our gatherings we are "perpetuating a spirit of comradeship"; we are continuing "unbroken the spirit of fraternal friendship" and without ostentation we are "perpetuating the sacred memory of our valiant dead." It is true, I repeat, that we do not pronounce these things in words. But we do put them into action by the slap on the back and the swapping of stories, true or otherwise.

"Rainbower," I hope that God will permit me to hear that title for many, many years. Yes, until the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association shall have taken on the characteristics of a last man's organization! And to that end I shall continue to attend Rainbow gatherings.

R. EARL DENNIS,
Associate Editor.

From the Desk of the National Secretary

P. O. Box 342
Roanoke, Va.

To Tennessee goes the honor of having organized the first new chapter during 1947-48. The Chattanooga Chapter already has 32 paid members. Its application for a charter will be presented to the 1948 Reunion.

In the meantime, until somebody gets busy and organizes chapters at such other places in Tennessee as Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, all Tennessee Rainbowers are urged to send \$2 for national and chapter dues to the secretary of the Chattanooga Chapter. He is William P. Jackson, 304 Robinson Apts., Chattanooga.

222D INFANTRY REGIMENT MEN, ATTENTION! There are still over 1,800 copies of your Regimental History, "The Furnace and the Fire," stacked up in this office. These you should be enjoying in your homes.

This beautiful book, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in size, weighing 2 pounds 14 ounces, containing 205 pages, including 30 pages of pictures, with rosters of each company during the period of combat—this gorgeous volume, that each of you would gladly pay \$25.00 for twenty years from now, is yours without additional charge by simply paying dues in your local chapter.

Or you can send \$2 for 1947-48 dues to this office, if you haven't joined a local chapter, and a copy of the book will be delivered to you. If you want the History, but do not wish to join your Rainbow comrades in helping to carry on the Association by paying dues, then send 25 cents to cover cost of wrapping and postage and

a copy of the book will be sent you so long as the supply lasts.

Many thanks for their patience to those who paid \$2.50 each to the Secretary at Des Moines for the new Rainbow tie clasp. I have just been advised that arrangements have been concluded with the chapter in Ohio that had the surplus of these beautiful Rainbow emblems to deliver 140 of them to this office, and the 15 orders on hand will go forward as soon as they are received. The other 125 are offered, first come, first served, at \$2.50 each. Send your orders to this office.

Membership for 1947-48 has reached 2,774 at this writing, with 21 chapters still on the list of those from whom nothing has been heard since the 1947 Reunion. All chapters are urged to get their membership in as rapidly as possible. Effort expended between now and the first of 1948 is much more productive of results than the same amount of work after the first of the year. If dues statements have not been sent to every Rainbower on your list who has not paid his 1947-48 dues, such statements should go out at once. If a former member doesn't know where to send his dues or how much to send, he cannot be blamed too severely for failing to pay up.

Rainbowers who have never joined a local chapter are urged to use the coupon at the bottom of this page. It is your statement of dues due for the Rainbow year ending July 14, 1948.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS,
National Secretary.

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

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