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News & Views of World War II's

The First Annual World War II Memorial Hour will be held following a banquet of the Maurice L. Tyler, Jr. Chapter of Richmond, on Saturday, January 22, it has been decided by the chapter's Executive Committee.

As far as we know, this is the first such venture attempted by any Rainbow chapter, and although we are partial towards the young chapter--having been president last year--we still congratulate them on their foresight in initiating such an annual program. It was generally felt by the committee that other chapters would take up the idea of having a banquet and Memorial Hour on the Saturday nearest to January 25, the day of the first main campaign in World War II Rainbow annals.

Although the Memorial Hour will be conducted each year for those killed in action during the war and those who have

died since the end of hostilities, World War I'ers will take an active part in arrangements and attendance. President Ravee Norris (167th Inf.), of the Tyler Chapter, will chairman the main committee on arrangements.

FROM LOOKING OVER THE NATIONAL SECRETARY'S SHOULDER, we find that Anthony P. Milauskas (E-222d Inf.), secretary-treasurer of the Massachusetts State Chapter, has recently engaged a partner in family affairs. He has recently signed up for membership in his chapter Former Assistant Division Chaplain Rabbi Eli Bohen, of Providence, R.I., and Earle G. Beals (C-542d F.A.) . . . Francis C. Gaudet (D-242d Inf.) of New London, Conn., has also taken the "fatal step" in the marital direction. . . Richard Edelman (H2B-22d Inf.) and Patrick J. Flynn (Hq.-232d Inf.), of Bronx and Yonkers, N. Y., respectively, have been added to the membership roster of New York's Father Duffy Chapter. . . Gordon E. Hoyt (B-392d F.A.), of Hamden, Conn., has reaffiliated with the National Chapter-at-Large.

Captain Edward J. Keating (Hq.-122d Med.) has renewed his membership with the Illinois Chapter from his assignment at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. . . Roswell, New Mexico now has two representatives in the National Chapter-at-Large. Woodrow W. Cameron (Div. Band) and Reed M. Mulkey, have recently joined the organization.

Cliff Young (M-222d Inf.), of Richmond, Va., is now associated with the International Harvester Company as a motor truck salesman. He was until recently employed by the Richmond Engineering Company. Papa Cliff is the father of twins, born last year.

We are sorry to report the deaths of two of our comrades. Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Fredericksburg, Va. has just informed the National Secretary of the death of her son, Winfield T. Jones (742d Ord.), who was killed instantly when he was thrown from a jeep in Germany on August 10, 1945. Exell M. Hancock (G-232d Inf.), of Newberry, S. C., was killed in an automobile accident near his home last July 18.

MORTON MARKS

THE TAIL END OF TEXAS

Boys, we are all Rainbows, whether we fought in World War I or II. We are just one family. There are no stepchildren among us. Whether we had MacArthur or Harry Collins for C.O. makes no difference, we were bitten by the same cooties.

So, all I can say now is, let us stick together. Let us keep on being just one big happy family, each one doing all he can to make stronger ties. . . pull together as a team should. . . love each other. . . all try to build a bigger, stronger, better Rainbow.

FRED CORNELIUS

JOYEUX NOEL

A Christmas message should, by all the rules, be one replete with cheer and the finest wishes for a Merry Christmas Day and all of the days to follow. Be assured that you of the Rainbow Family will have my kindest thoughts on this auspicious day for your health and happiness.

We old 'uns in the Rainbow can vividly recall another Christmas - that cold, snowy, dreary Christmas of 1917. Father Duffy wrote, "If there is one day in all the year that far-faring wanderers from home cannot afford to forget it is Christmas." The Padre's way of reminding us was by arranging and celebrating one of the most beautiful ceremonies it has been my good fortune to witness - the Midnight Mass on Christmas Morn in the town of Grand, regimental headquarters of the 165th Inf. Services of devotion were conducted by our various Chaplains throughout the Division. It was a splendid beginning of the day.

On the morning after Christmas, the Division pulled up stakes and proceeded to move to a new training area - Rolampont and its environs. That was the start

of four seemingly endless days of a grueling hike, which Father Duffy likened to a "purgatory". It did give us plenty of time to think of home; perchance, some of us kept going on day-dreams of being there with those we loved.

Our comrades of the Rainbow of WW II are familiar with the terrain we hiked over and they do appreciate, I know, the rigors of Winter in the Vosges mountains.

All of this happened thirty-one years ago. I speak of it at this time because I think it seasonally appropriate to recall briefly the first concerted effort the Division made. (It certainly was not the last). Too, just kicking around the memories of it have brought together more closely fellows from the different ends of the Rainbow. Please God, there will be no more four-day hikes for the coming generations to plow through.

To all Rainbowners and members of our Auxiliary both Kitty and I wish to extend and express our heartfelt wishes for good health and happiness.

Edward G. Riekert
National President

1949 RAINBOW REUNION

The 1949 Reunion Committee has been completely formed and has made considerable progress toward the goal of making this convention the biggest and outstanding event in recent Rainbow history.

Headquarters will be at the Commodore Hotel, the Champagne Hour banquet will be held in the grand ballroom, the largest in New York City and the management will set aside four hundred or more rooms to accommodate Rainbowners and their families. After January 1st each issue of the Reveille will contain blank registration forms in order that a last minute rush for rooms will be avoided.

General William J. Donovan, known to all Rainbowners, has been named Honorary Chairman of the Convention Committee and assures us that he will actively work with the Committee in any and all phases of their activities. The officers and chairmen of the various committees are as follows:

Honorary Chairman

General William J. Donovan

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Entertainment-Jack Lichter

Banquet-James J. Minogue

Program & Journal-Wm. P. Judge

Finance-John Ward

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

President Riekert has announced that a meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Washington, D.C., at the Statler Hotel, on February 22nd. The time of the meeting will be announced later but tentatively it is planned to hold it in the morning.

Executive Committeemen planning to attend this meeting are urged to make their reservation direct to the Hotel in Washington, and to make such reservations as early as possible.

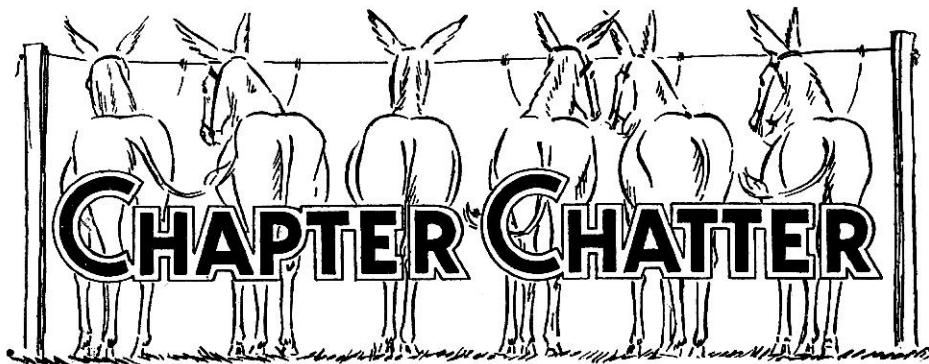
TRI STATE REUNION

Chairman Harold Rodier reports that plans for a top flight Tri State Reunion are gradually shaping up. A record attendance is anticipated especially since it has been decided to hold an Executive Committee Meeting on that date in Washington. It is urged that Rainbowners who plan to come for this occasion make their hotel reservations direct.

YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

THE RAINBOW WAY

Don't overlook Rainbow merchandise for Christmas and birthday gifts: Lapel Buttons at \$1.00; Decals for windshield or window at 2 for 25¢; and still a few of those beautiful Rainbow Tie Clasps at \$2.50 each. No C.O.D.'s, Please! Send remittance with order to P.O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va., and postage will be prepaid.



ALABAMA

November 10, at 3:30 P.M. an Honor Guest Committee from the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter, R. D. V. met National President Edward G. Riekert. The committee was composed of H.S. Foster, John H. Winningham, Lindsey Cox, Paul Snow, and Henry Wood. The Alabama Boys Industrial School Band was there to greet our guests. President Riekert was delayed in New York due to fog, and in Atlanta because of a bad connection. He arrived 6 hours late, at about 9:00 P.M. The delegation then took him to the Tutwiler Hotel where he was dined and wined at a get acquainted party.

About 11:30 P.M. the Rainbow Committee took the National President to a private party at the Bankhead Hotel where a Rainbow Reunion was held until 6:30 A.M.

Eddie Riekert held a news conference at 10:00 A.M., attended a meeting at 11:00 A.M. at the Tutwiler Hotel, from there he was carried to the National Peace Luncheon at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel. At 3:00 P.M. yours truly took Eddie to the Reviewing Stand where he watched a two hour parade.

At 7:00 P.M. the Rainbow Banquet was held at the Bankhead Hotel, with the Hon. Eddie Riekert as the National guest. About 100 Rainbow veterans and their wives attended. Among those present were Mike O'Hara, and State President Fred Squires. From Montgomery - Joe Dickerson, Ernest Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gardner, George Moses, and many others. Pell City, Gadsden, and Anniston were also represented. C. L. Ragsdale was the Toastmaster, and did a swell job. Several talks were made and a number of telegrams read. Eddie Riekert made an excellent talk, bringing some new ideas to the Sunny South about the Rainbow History at Camp Mills, and the A.E.F. Long live the Rainbow and the Fighting 69th Inf., 167th Inf. (old Fourth Ala.)! Curley also brought warm greetings from the Fighting 69th Inf. to Alabama Rainbowners. It's nice to think of the record of the Rainbow Division in World War I and II. Such friends can only be found after much sacrifice and suffering. HENRY C. WOOD

CALIFORNIA

Shades of Armistice Day 1918. Then it was rain, mud, the Argonne Forest and waiting for the last shot to be fired. But not so on November 11th, 1948.

The Los Angeles Chapter put on a heavy artillery "bust" to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the ending of World War I and over two hundred were present to help make the event most successful.

After a snappy business meeting and the usual raffle which included prizes all the way from cartons of cigarettes to a pair of tickets to the U.S.C.-Notre Dame football game, the mistress of ceremonies for the entertainment was introduced and from then on the evening became livelier by the minute.

Did the boys enjoy themselves? Well, the volume of applause from all present attested to the fact they did. Sally Rand couldn't have done any better herself and there was a ventriloquist who had the crowd in an uproar over the antics and wise cracks of his wooden dummy.

Yes, it was quite an evening and everyone had a good time; but, the main thing was the fact that so many could and would get together to celebrate an event which took place three decades ago. The tie that binds - Rainbow!

A word to Rainbowners in the Los Angeles area who may read these lines and who were not present at the November meeting - The Engineers are going to take over the January meeting and give the New Year a rousing send off. If you miss it, you will be sorry.

At the December meeting the members of the Auxiliary will be the guests of the Chapter. A splendid show has been arranged for their entertainment and the affair will close with a buffet supper.

Marx Rosenthaler and his wife came out from Detroit in October for a visit in the City of the Angels. While here a group of Rainbowners entertained them at the Biltmore Bowl. The President of the Los Angeles Chapter ran afoul of a misplaced tack and was laid up for four days with a swollen foot and had to miss the party. He also missed out on a fine barbeque dinner given for Marx and his wife

by the Chapter Secretary, Glen Smith, at his Santa Monica home. That % ' ' % ? tack!

Two Rainbowers from the East who have joined the Los Angeles Chapter are John Haas of Detroit and Sam Weinberg of Akron, Ohio.

Hospital notes: Ronald Roberts, 168th Inf. and Andy Prevost, 149th F.A. have been at Birmingham Hospital, Van Nuys for check-up and treatment.

Taps: John F. Rowe, Bat. E, 149th F. A., Sawtelle Hospital, November 18th, 1948.

W. H. G.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At our November meeting held at the National Press Club we were very happy to see some members who had not been around for sometime. Among those present were Jimmy Roman, Norman Lang, Simon Sitrick, Captain "Rod" Stamey, World War II, and John DuBey, Menitt Everheart and Albert Kloczewski, World War I. We hope to see these fellows out more often.

Also at our November meeting Marshall Andrews told of his experiences as correspondent on the three week campaign trip with President Truman. His talk was most interesting and enjoyed by all present. Marshall also found time on his trip to visit Rainbowers in Chicago, Kansas City and Boston.

Plans are being made for a big meeting on December 17th at the Heurich Brewery. There will be plenty of refreshments for free.

Harold Rodier, Chairman of the Tri-State Committee, reports that plans are moving right along for the "big affair" on February 11, 1948. Knowing Harold we know that he will have his usual fine banquet and entertainment. Of course, we all look forward to seeing our friends from out-of-town on this occasion.

Vince Pizzi, Chairman, is planning a spaghetti dinner for our March 15th Celebration. This is the day that the D. C. Chapter decided upon to commemorate the Division's "jumping off" from the Alsace into Germany. Although this is World War II Day, it is for all members and we want to see a big turnout on this occasion.

Our membership campaign got under way November 5th and we are hoping for a very successful drive. Favorable reports were made at the November meeting.

DICK WAYLAND

ILLINOIS

Illinois Chapter is back with its chatter again after an intermission caused by its correspondent being on an extended business trip. Ordinarily such a trip would result in news about Illinois Chapter men living at remote points, but with

the refiners' strike, vacations, and the like, it was a total dud along those lines.

On November 19 the Chapter met for its annual Armistice Party at the Como Inn, where there was a capacity crowd for the dinner and for the informal program that followed.

The only scheduled speaker for the evening was called out of town at the last minute, and the entire session was turned over to informal remarks by numerous members of the Chapter, including Finnegan, Bjork, Colvin, Hillstrom, Snodell, Hasse, Harrington, and several others. Judge John F. Bolton of the Superior Court of Cook County, who had come to the meeting as guest of Judge Harrington and whose son is a member of Rainbow WW II, entertained the crowd with some timely remarks, the Judge being an excellent story teller.

KEN HATHAWAY

IOWA

November 13th found the members of the Col. Bennett Chapter gathering at Hotel Kirkwood for the annual Armistice Day Stag. Paul Younker (122d Med) was chairman of the occasion and he produced as all Rainbow men do, so he and his committee got the old thank you, thank you. The stag was preceded by an executive committee called by State President Harm Aries, where plans for the annual state reunion were discussed. The gang started gathering early around the wet goods with the genial "Davey" of the famous Rainbow Club officiating behind the bar. We were proud of the WW II group that attended and proud of the way they became a part of the old gang. As usual, things like this happened: Roy Downs, L 168th and Lester Dearing, 122d Med. had known one another for 20 years but did not know that they had both served in the Rainbow until they got together at the banquet. So Rainbow gathers strength by these kind of links and through comradeship.

Christmas 1917 and 1945 with the divisions of WW I and WW II have something of a parallel. In 1917 we were in the area around Rimaucourt and in 1945 the division was in the Strasbourg area and so not too many miles apart the Rainbow spent Christmas time 28 years apart. Those years have now been linked together in a great veteran's organization and is not known as two separate groups. We are bounded as one through comradeship and service. So may this Christmas season find us looking ahead to the future by a determination to seek more of this comradeship by association with our comrades of the Rainbow. Iowa Rainbow extends the seasons greetings to all of Rainbow and a bright New Year for our grand association.

HOMER

INDIANA

If someone doesn't bite a dog between now and then - well, mister, there ain't gonna be any more news from the Indianapolis chapter. Our November meeting drew an overflow crowd of exactly SEVEN, including the guest speaker. Of course, before the evening was over six or seven more stragglers wandered in to get out of the cold, so at least our speaker didn't feel as if he was talking to an empty room. . . . And I just received a letter from Bob Woods over in St. Louis wanting to know how WE got the boys out for a meeting! Now isn't that a laugh? The October party for the wives drew a crowd of approximately 80 - so that must be the answer Bob - take the wives in as full-fledged members. . . . The only good news I can think of this month is that Ed Cook, after being Confined to Quarters for several weeks is hitting on all six again and cussing because he has missed out on all the easy money at the Any Night All Night Uplift Society. . . . A letter from Vern "Peep-sight" Jackson, one-time color sergeant of Hq. Co. reports that he is being transferred from the Vets Hospital at Dayton, Ohio to Clinto, Iowa. . . . Membership has now reached a total of 254, which is about 50 less than we had at this time last year. . . . Major Norman Shortridge, ex-A Battery is in charge of Recruiting for this area and personally I would like to see him sign up a couple of hundred of old Heavy Artillerymen. They aren't worth a damn to us here as far as I can see. . . . Who knows though, perhaps they will come to life during the Holiday Season, break down and come to a meeting or even send in three bucks dues. . . . Watch for announcement of "A" Battery's Reunion in February. A Very Very Merry Christmas to all of you and may I suggest that a check for dues would make your respective Secretaries enjoy the Holiday Season to the fullest.

HOOK

OHIO

Thirty years is a long time but Rainbow has come a long way in that thirty years.

Now that we have new and younger blood in the organization we should continue to keep on going for another thirty or more.

Ohio is still in there pitching membership ahead of last year and while we may not break any records, the Chapters are all working hard to make this a big year.

There were several good Armistice Day parties given by the chapters, others had Thanksgiving Day parties, and most all chapters are not only planning Christmas parties but are planning parties at the Veterans hospitals at Brecksville, Chillicothe and Dayton, Ohio. To Rainbowners everywhere, we from Ohio wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C. S. THIMMES

FLASH!!

ATTENTION WAR II MEN!! Look at the membership card in your pocket. If it isn't a 1948-49 card and you don't know your local Chapter's address, use the coupon below and keep your membership current. It lapses after each July 14th, unless YOU renew it. (It won't hurt you War I men to follow the same advice.)

R. ALLEN GIBBONS

NEW JERSEY

In answer to Rainbow's plea for enlarging membership this year the New Jersey and Menoher Chapters have commenced drives to enroll new members and to arouse the interest of the old-timers to the pitch where their dues will be voluntarily remitted or the extraction thereof will be painless. It has often been said, "Once a Rainbowner always a Rainbowner!" That is true insofar as eligibility for membership in Rainbow's unique, outstanding peacetime association is concerned. But eligibility is meaningless unless the thing for which you are eligible is obtained. It takes eligibility plus two bucks and the membership card you will receive to be identified as a true Rainbowner. To be other than a TRUE Rainbowner is to be no Rainbowner at all. Yes, you have eligibility, but you can't crow about it. It is the advantage you take of it that counts! Take that advantage today by sending two bucks to Harry Morford, Sec., N. J. Chapter, 306 Branch Ave., Red Bank, or to Emil Huber, Sec., Menoher Chapter, 166 Hillside Terrace, Irvington.

The N. J. Chapter opened its season with a meeting at the Legion Home, Red Bank, November 14. Arthur E. Monahan of Jersey City, President, presided. He was re-elected for a second term at the June reunion in Asbury Park. Other officers of the Chapter are Angelo D'Arminio, First Vice President, Hackensack, (WW II); Emil Huber, Second Vice President, Irvington; John Gaul, Treasurer, Red Bank; Harry Morford, Secretary, Red Bank, (WW II); Irving Harrison, historian, Leonardo; Tom Kane, advocate, Freehold; Andrew Egan, sergeant-at-arms, East Orange; John Saltys, chaplain, Hillside, (WW II).

The New Jersey Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month at 3 P.M. at the Legion Home, Red Bank. As notices are not always sent out please note the TIME and PLACE for future reference. Though meetings are fairly well attended there should be a big improvement. The absence of many past presidents and other members of long standing is particularly noted. Let's start the New Year by being 100% active in Rainbow affairs.

STAN BARROW

NEW YORK

The big event of the month in New York

was the Armistice Celebration held on the evening of November 10th. About two hundred Rainbowers, their families and friends gathered at the 165th Regt. Armory and from all accounts spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. After a brief memorial ceremony at 11 P.M. we listened to a talk by Colonel Martin H. Meaney, present commanding officer of the 165th Inf., New York National Guard, who recalled events and places of November 11, 1918 as they pertained to the regiments and the company which he commanded at that time. Among those present were Rainbowers from Philadelphia, Washington and neighboring New Jersey who were greatly impressed with the elan and spirit of comradeship displayed by the New Yorkers.

Rainbow veterans of the 1st Battalion of the 165th held a Memorial Mass for the departed comrades on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the departure from Camp Mills of the battalion in October 1947.

Plans are now being formulated for an annual Rainbow Ball of the Father Duffy Chapter, which will be held in April in the grand ballroom of the Commodore Hotel. This affair has grown to be one of the outstanding public social events in the life of New York City, with thousands of local and out-of-town Rainbowers always in attendance.

Paid membership in the Chapter has reached about halfway to the thousand mark, which our energetic membership chairman, James T.A. Mason, has pledged himself to attain for the Chapter before the Reunion rolls around.

OLIVER ATKINSON MINNESOTA

The Officers' Last Man's Club, 151st Field Artillery, has just celebrated its 30th anniversary and from reports of the food and refreshments, they are not any older now than they were back in Germany. Dr. Soper got the prize for coming the longest distance and when it was questioned as to the distance he came, there was a quick come-back of "He has one foot in the grave and coming from there, he was the farthest away." Those attending were Dr. Soper, Doc Berg, Donahue, Leach, Barber, Robohm, Cross, McCauley, O'Bryan and Joe Caldwell. Some 65 cards and letters from out-of-town members who could not get there, including Col. McDonalds who was too sick to make it, were read. Joe Caldwell was reelected Secretary.

Speaking of Last Man Clubs, "D" Battery Last Man's Club will meet December 4th at the Granada. E. V. Olsson, Top Soak, is hoping for the largest crowd in history.

We saw Don Smith trying on a tux the other day. After reading Sunday's paper we got the answer. His daughter will be married late this month.

Our noon lunches at the Covered Wagon have grown to such an extent that we have had to get larger rooms. It seems as tho everybody gets there but our Chairman. Why don't you try it Hy?

George Todd attended a convention in the east and took sick and had to return home without attending the convention. (the food must be awful in the east!)

Dues are the one thing that keeps your organization growing. After checking with Bill Andrew of the St. Paul Chapter and Cousin Hugo of the Minneapolis Chapter we find that both have time to take care of a few more dues. Why not sit down today and send them your check?

FRANK M. WEST

OKLAHOMA

Rainbow II is at the helm of both Oklahoma City Chapter and the Auxiliary with the election of Walker and Mary Juhan to the presidencies of the two groups. Vic Stangel and Helen Anschutz were elected to the Vice-Presidential spots; and oddly enough, yours truly and Frances got stuck with the secretarial jobs -- no one else would take them! Enthusiasm is running high with the Chapter's membership figure for last year already attained. Allen Gibbons has set us a goal of 60, and with a membership committee composed of Rainbowers Juhan, Stangel and Hill, we feel we may go even above that mark. The successful dinner meetings of last year have been resumed, being held at the Juhan's in August, at the Stangels in September, and at Gen. and Mrs. Keys in November. There was no meeting in October. The annual Christmas party will be held at 5:30 P.M. on Dec. 12, -- a Sunday night supper at "Larrywood", 2600 N.E. 36th St., with the usual exchange of gifts. Bill Key and Bill Gee are still hotly arguing over who shall play Santa Claus, with Papa Bootz running a close third. Glad indeed to have the Colonel back with us, -- proof that you can't keep a good man down for long. Last year, the Chapter funds were terribly depleted when we voted to pay for the Christmas Egg Nog out of the treasury. However, we voted to do it again, and to hell with the cost! You guys who pay dues and don't come to the parties had better show up at the Christmas party if you want to get your money's worth. One of our Rainbow II men, Joe Blar, was recently married to Miss Donna Vandeventer. We hope to have them both active in Rainbow. In conclusion, may I extend sincere and humble thanks from Frances, Paul and myself, for the multitude of wonderful things done for us in our recent period of tragedy? I believe every good deed we ever did in all our lives came back to us a thousandfold. The way Rainbow took over and helped us through that difficult time is proof of what we always knew -- we have many loyal friends, but our Rainbow friendships are the dearest of all.

L. G. WOOD

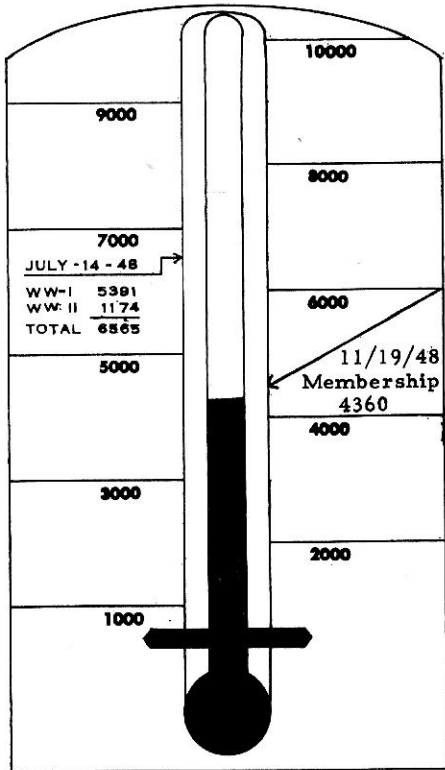
NATIONAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Our membership of 4,166 on November 15th was 327 behind the same date last year and exactly 900 behind November 20, 1946. The intensification of effort asked for earlier in the year has failed of materialization, except for comparatively few Chapters.

Notable among those which have put forth special effort are the Julian M. Strassburger Chapter of Montgomery, Ala., with a new all-time high of 114; the Martinsville (Ind.) Chapter, which has equalled its all-time high of 29; the New Orleans Chapter, which jumped from four last year to 21 members thus far in 1948-1949; the Veterans Co. G, 166th Inf. Chapter, which now has 105 compared to 84 last year; both Tulsa and Oklahoma City, which have equalled or exceeded the previous year; and the Douglas MacArthur Chapter of Milwaukee, which is 10 ahead of 1947-48 with a present total of 36, within 7 of their previous all-time high of 43 set in 1942-43.

Every Chapter officer is urged again to assist his membership chairman in improving the membership picture before the next compilation of Chapter Standings, which will be made as of December 15th for publication in the January issue. Remittances of dues to be included in the December standings must be in the secretary's office prior to the 16th.

From present indications, there will be a lively battle this year among New York, Iowa and Ohio for the honor of being the first to wrest the title of "World's Largest Rainbow Chapter" from the Illinois Chapter, with the Father Duffy Chapter of New York appearing now to have the in-



side track. However, eight months remain before the 1949 Reunion and much too early yet to count Illinois out of this interesting membership struggle.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS

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

R. ALLEN GIBBONS, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans, 9/48
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:



Emory W. McIntosh,
5051 1st St., NW,
Washington, D. C.

