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BY WAY OF SALUTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



The honor that you bestowed on me, at the National Reunion last July, comes to few men. That the membership present acceded to the wish of the Father Duffy Chapter delegation to place my name before you as National President, and your then electing me, is a source of great gratification to me. Please believe, all of you Rainbowners reading this, that I am delighted that the girls and boys of New York Town so graciously invited you to our village for the 1949 reunion. We'll go all out to make the visit a pleasant one. You'll be hearing much about this as the months roll by.

No man could agree to take over the job of National President without realizing the trust and responsibility reposed in him. The trust to carry on the truly splendid tradition of the Rainbow Division. The responsibility to maintain (with the aid of his officers and the men in the ranks) the happy association we have enjoyed over a span of thirty years.

There was an understandable temptation for me to comment, at some length, on how all of you could share the trust and the responsibility. Briefly, it is to sign up with your local or State Chapter or send in your dues to the National Secretary. If you live anywhere near

a Chapter, join it and become interested in its activities. Your National Membership Chairman will have things to tell you about that.

Here are the fellows who said "yes" when I asked them to accept, again, appointment to the key jobs of the organization. They know their work. You will be happy, I'm sure, (I was elated) when each one quickly agreed to go along with me during the coming Rainbow year: National Secretary, R. Allen Gibbons; National Treasurer, George E. Seaman; Editor, Rainbow Reveille, Harold B. Rodier; Judge Advocate, Leland L. Whitney; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph Rosalia; Chairman, February 22nd Broadcast, Walker Colston.

The Chairman for the 1949 Reunion will be announced in our next issue, as will the Chairman of the Membership Committee. While on the subject of membership (does any President ever get off it?), this cover page will be used by your Vice-Presidents, who will report to you on their activities and progress made by them while functioning as the National Membership Committee. Presidential items will appear somewhere inside the "Reveille".

During my term of office, I hope to have the chance to visit some of the Chapters. I'm looking forward to that; I'll be able then, to say "hello" to you men and women (I never forget the ladies of our auxiliaries) who hold the Rainbow banner high.

Now, again, many, many thanks. Adieu.

Yours forever in the Rainbow,
EDWARD G. RIEKERT
National President

(Read the notice on Page 8)

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WHAT A REUNION!

The Thirtieth Annual Reunion is now history. If you were one of those who helped make that history, I'll give odds that you will remember July 12-13 and 14th, much longer than a lot of the stuff you were exposed to during your school days. It was one Swell Reunion from start on July 10th when the Early Birds began to arrive until July 15th when most of us headed for home.

Look at this: Early Bird Party on Sunday - Pennsylvania Night on Monday - Dance on Tuesday night - Banquet and Champagne Hour on Wednesday night - sightseeing trips - meetings - Reunions with old friends and new ones; well a newspaper or radio didn't stand a chance.

Everyone remembers different things about a Reunion. No one can remember everything that happens. A sort of chain reaction sets in with the arrival of the

first Early Bird and from then on your days and nights are so crowded that it is impossible to sort out your thoughts in an orderly manner after it is all over.

You remember how good it was to see and have a chance to talk with Rev. John Callan and his lovely wife again - how much you enjoyed Ken Pyle's singing and how you wished he would keep right on at the mike. You remember how glad you were to see those swell folks from Alabama, the Fosters, Mary Jane and Henry and Jane their lovely daughter - how good it was to see and visit with Mother Frew and Stel again - you remember what a pleasure it was to shake hands with Eskil Bjork once more and Frank Gould and to get acquainted with Ed. Johnson and you say to yourself, "With fellows like that, Young, it is no damn wonder that Chicago is the World's Biggest Rainbow Chapter." You recall having lunch with Jim Rolfe and his wife from Florida - you remember another meal with those two Oklahomans Frances and Larry Woods - luncheon another day with Lon Greedy and his wife and a breakfast sometime or another with Harold Browere and his wife from California. You remember a much too short revisit with Walter Dick from Texas - re-living John Griffin of three bucks dues before he could register and G. I. Williams giving you hell for not having his membership card all fixed up for him. You see again Boots and his bunch from Iowa, Jerry Prather and Tom and Margaret Hanson from Detroit and Marx Rosenthaler trying to pull away from the curb in his brand new Buick and discovering he had no clutch - much to his surprise. You think how swell it was to see Bob Hayward again and meet his wife and to see Letz and Madelaine once more. Then you dig up notes you made, "Give Paul Ragsdale hell from Baldy Frazer and John Tabor" and two others extending the same affectionate greetings, one to Bob Hogue from Dick Wayland of D. C. and the other to Jerry Kohn from Bob Harris of Hammond. You see Roy Murphy and Doc Whitesell and their wives and you think, "Damn it these Reunions don't last half long enough. You don't have time to visit with half of your friends." You remember that wonderful banquet the last night, the delicious food, the perfect service, the grand music and the fitting climax, the Champagne Hour with Monroe Johnson presiding. You recall how reluctant the crowd was to break up, new groups forming at different tables for further reunions and to make plans for meeting again next year.

It takes a lot of planning and work to put on a Reunion for 500 people and have everything run smoothly and Fleck, Leo and Walt rate a big hand and a world of thanks for the job they did. It was a swell party with about the finest bunch of folks you will ever meet. We'll be seeing you in New York next July and until then—So long and good luck.

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* There's an important notice on Page 8

THE RAINBOW GHOST WALKS THRU PITTSBURGH

Your Ghost arrived on Sunday morning desiring to miss not one moment of Rainbow comradeship. To our chagrin we found that not less than fifty registrations had been made the day before and that the Reunion had been in full swing on Saturday evening. In front of the Hotel (Wm. Penn) to welcome us in out of the blistering sun were Willie Nevius of New Jersey and Jimmie Dent of Virginia. In the lobby we first spotted Ray Cronnin of Nebraska who greeted us with a nice compliment (or was it?) Spotting the box of cigars on which reporters live when covering conventions, he asked us if we were celebrating the arrival of a new son in the family. We assured him that at our age, we were not.

Missing and missed: Jim and Fern Thomas, Manning Marcus, Larry Bibbs, "Jundge" Renfro, Frank West, Joe Justad, Bill Screws, Bob Reno, Ray and Irma Ramsey, Joe Cardio, Bill Johnson, John Winningham, Ev Hale, Marvin Left, Morton Marks, Fred Dawson, Doc and Kay Foley, Art Dunn, Bill Butts, Jr., Les Langille. High up in the ranks of those who could not attend was the well beloved Matthew A. Tinley.

Highlights and shadows: The splendid manner in which Vince Fleckenstein and George Winslow went about their duties like veterans although it was their first experience in conducting a National Reunion. Leo Maguin did a neat job as banquet chairman and Ronald Rigby presided over the registration desk with calm unruffled dignity. Connie Eibeck, Danny Gordon and all the others did equally well in giving us a very happy time. Alma Eibeck, Dorothy Winslow and all the other nice ladies of Pennsylvania did just as good a job for the Auxiliary. "Pennsylvania Night" on Monday was such a grand mixer that it was repeated on Tuesday with equal enjoyment, especially the copious potions of local brew which were complimentary. On one of these evenings a group of our younger members obliged with their own song, "There's a Rainbow in the Army" and a youngster named Pyle sang "Now is the Hour." The excellent choral singing during the banquet led by the musical director of KDKA and the orchestral accompaniment led by Danny Nirella who many years ago complimented us by composing the "Rainbow Division March." The tumultuous session of the revived "Advance Chasseurs" during which many things occurred simultaneously, no one listened to anyone else, minuets were kept on the tablecloth, Barre stood on his constitutional rights and got nowhere, and Bob Taylor did the neat trick of taking up a collection for Ruthie Butts and her BULLETIN fund. The stately dignity and splendor of the Cathedral of Learning, the interesting trip through the Jones & Laughlin Steel Mill and the extreme care in preparation

of foods at the H. J. Heinz Plant. The pilgrimage to the Joyce Kilmer Monument where a wreath was placed in memory of our own Rainbow Comrade, killed in action, July, 1918. The sad report of the auto accident involving Henry Bootz and his wife which occurred just before they were to start to the Reunion. Bob Bradshaw proudly coming forward to receive the Charter of the new Chattanooga Chapter which he organized. The Executive Committee meeting on Monday morning--no official action taken. The numerous Chapter Colors present on the platform--there should be more next year. The moving and poignant report on Gold Star Mothers greeting cards as given by Lilymae Weitzel.

Items at random: "Ole Bill" Sevier, rakish mustache, long stogie at angle and bedecked with medals--une character, mes amis, une character. Robert and Marian King of S. C.--Marian wearing a badge showing she has served fifteen years as Secy. of the Chapter. The Siegels of Knoxville (still on the Town Council, Charlie?) present and becoming regular attendants. The annual cane presentation and its usual disappearance a few minutes later. Eddie Riekert remarked a short time later that he would probably need a wheel chair. OH Brother, did he stick his neck out. John Tabor who wrote the Iowa history, present. The Treasurer's report with sound effects on Wednesday morning. "Deficit George" won't have to worry any longer, the budget is now thoroughly balanced. Dr. Mitchell away up from No. Carolina and thoroughly enjoying himself. Dick Wayland, a personable youngster from the D. C. Chapter. Eddie Riekert arriving on Sunday, leaving on Monday to Philadelphia for the Convention and returning by air Wednesday morning. Warner Grassell and Harold Browere coming all the way from California to attend. Mrs. Browere came also. Bill Gee (seventy years young) from Oklahoma, present and enjoying the comradeship of his many friends. Georgia Walters and Alma Eibeck enjoying birthdays on the Fourteenth and receiving a Rainbow salute.

Matt Devlin clowning by offering his guest a drink from an empty bottle and then dropping the bottle on the floor. The House Officer periodically doing his solemn duty by entering Riekert's room, demanding quiet, taking his drink and his departure. Jeannette Hoyt Winter flying in from Indiana to attend her first Banquet and Champagne Hour. Having been raised on Rainbow she had known the names for years, now she saw the faces and loved them, everyone. One of the tees on a Pittsburgh golf course is high on top of a hill and the club had thoughtfully provided an escalator. Marx Rosenthaler did not see the device so he crawled up

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the hill on hands and knees with over half of him dragging. Prize crack of the Reunion--Rodier describing an early morning train--"Filled with the stale odors of bananas, Yugo-Slavs and Whatnot," Colston getting a good laugh when referring to those, who must be dropped from the Reveille mailing list for non-payment except possibly New York. On Tuesday morning in Bowerstown, Ohio, Larry Fitzpatrick was shown a news item of the Pittsburgh meeting. He had been captured and had completely lost Rainbow. That same night he arrived in Pittsburgh wearing a grin from ear to ear and saying, "Hooray, I've found Rainbow again." The Butts (Bill and Ruth) hurrying back to Oklahoma for the weddings of their Son and Daughter. The rites will be given appropriately enough, by our own Chaplain Callan. Walter Dick of Columbus, Texas attended his first Reunion in twenty years, in Des Moines. This year he took into his business a junior partner so he could attend future reunions, brought his fine wife with him and she did all right by the family. She is the new Auxilliary Chaplain. The foregoing comes under the heading, "Stay happy, live long and spend your money on Rainbow." Ask Mel Horne, he of the twitching ear, why he goes by the name of "Dynamite Horne".

The Banquet: Held in a stately and spacious ball room with majestic cut glass chandeliers and a beautiful balcony all around, it was one of the finest we have ever held. The food was of the very best brought hot from the kitchen in large serving trays and served to individual order. The salad was cool and crisp and excellent coffee was brought in copious quantities. Every appointment of the banquet was in splendid taste and many favorable comments were heard. It was not just another banquet, it was superb. (You may so inform the Hotel manager, Fleck.) While we enjoyed our food, cool breezes floated down upon us from the balcony. It was most delightful.

The Pilgrimage: The annual phone call to Fred Cornelius with many participating. Among those calling were John Brenner, Edward and Kitty Riekert, Walker and Irene Colston, Allen Gibbons, George Seaman, Harold Rodier, Homer and Ethel Gardner, Louise Carroll, Ed. Letzer and Welthy Hoyt. In addition to the call from Pittsburgh, Fred also received a call from Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, Commanding General of the AAA & GM Centre, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

The Champagne Hour: Solemn, impressive and traditional. In silence and in darkness we listen to the ever longer roll call of dead for the year passed. Many of the names bring poignant memories. These faces we shall, henceforth, see only in memory. Colonel Johnson recalls the old, old story. "Until we meet again-----."

THE RAINBOW GHOST

The Thirtieth Annual Rainbow Reunion convened at 2:40 P. M., July 12, 1948, at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, President John D. Brenner presiding. Chaplain John A. Callan delivered the invocation.

Mr. A. L. Wolk, representing Pittsburgh's Mayor David L. Arnst in his absence from the city, extended a hearty and cordial greeting to the Reunion, and paid high tribute to the Rainbow Division's accomplishments in two wars. Mr. John B. Sweeney, on behalf of the Commissioners of Allegheny County, offered a warm welcome to Rainbow, and spoke with obvious feeling of the happiness it had afforded the community to have Rainbow as their guests. President Brenner then introduced Stanley Mull, Allegheny County's only Medal of Honor Veteran, who spoke briefly, as did Ben Preger, Adjutant of the Army-Navy Legion of Valor.

George Winslow, immediate Past President, Pennsylvania State Association and Reunion Registration Chairman, then greeted the Reunion. He spoke of the part played in the Reunion planning by the six Pennsylvania Chapters, who had cooperated so loyally with Pittsburgh in staging Rainbow's Thirtieth Reunion.

Barre Blumenthal then replied to the welcoming addresses, according to an old and delightful Rainbow custom, in his best vein.

National Auxiliary President Katherine Riekert was then formally escorted to the platform and received an ovation from the Reunion. She expressed happiness in having had a year of splendid activity in the Auxiliary and thanked President Brenner for his cooperation. The Auxiliary Officers and Staff were then introduced amid much applause.

Gold Star Mothers Chairman Lillymae Weitzel then described the program of her committee, expressed thanks for the contributions from various chapters and Rainbowners to enable the Auxiliary to continue its custom of sending appropriate greetings to all Rainbow Gold Star Mothers on Memorial Day, urging that such contributions be continued.

Walker H. Colston then reported for the Reveille Committee, the publication of ten issues at a cost of \$4751.27, a saving over the budget of \$248.73. He reported that altho the printer's contract called for putting out 18,000 copies per issue, 21,000 copies had been printed and mailed each month at no additional cost to the Assn.

The report was approved.

Honorary President Homer Gardner then spoke briefly, lauding the work of Chapter Officers, whose daily work on behalf of Rainbow often pass unnoticed.

Jack Clarke, Bob Hayward, Barre Blumenthal, Walker Colston, Bill Nevius, Cooper Winn, Leland Gibbs, were recog-

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nized as Past Presidents and took a collective bow.

After a benediction by Chaplain Callan the session adjourned at 4 P. M.

SECOND SESSION

The second session convened on Tuesday, July 13th, at 11:25 A. M., with an invocation by Chaplain Callan, President Brenner presiding. Secretary Gibbons read communications from General Tom Handy, Frank Voss, Frank West, Manning Marcus, Fred Cornelius and Col. Jim Thomas. He then rendered his annual report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

He reported that approximately 3,048 address changes in the Reveille list had been handled in the preceding year. He expressed appreciation to National Broadcast Chairman Walker Colston and the National Broadcasting Company for the excellent broadcast on February 21st. He reported that 1800 copies of the 22nd Infantry history are available to members of that regiment without charge.

Four previously active Chapters were reported to have dropped into the inactive list: Lee County and Fort Dodge Iowa; New Orleans, La., and the Wyoming Chapter at Cheyenne, Wyoming. He reported that the New Orleans Chapter, however, has resumed activity as of the coming Rainbow year. He reported that thru the efforts of Robert Ostrom the Oregon Chapter has become active again. New Chapters formed during the year were: Chattanooga, Tennessee; Pickaway Chapter, Circleville, Ohio, and Gruber Chapter Muskogee, Oklahoma. Louisville, Kentucky, may produce a Chapter if the work of Robert L. Meisburg is successful.

Of the 83 active Chapters now chartered only 27 finished the year with increased membership, compared with 50 such Chapters last year. Outstanding Chapter achievements during the year included San Francisco, increasing from 101 to an all-time high of 177, including 35 War Iers. Danville, Illinois, made a new high of 71 while the rest of the state fell off 94. Creston Iowa hit 61 for a new high; Minneapolis passed the 200 mark for an all-time high of 236 while St. Paul set a new High of 52; Oklahoma City set a new high 45; Lancaster Penna. reached a new high of 117, and Maurice Tyler Chapter, Richmond, Virginia, a new high of 38. Secretary Gibbons declared it to be a year of signal success for Rainbow, marked by numerous outstanding functions held in all parts of the nation through-out the year. His report was approved and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer George E. Seaman submitted the following report:

INCOME

Membership dues	\$6,676.00
Donations	9.85
Bank interest	16.91
Refund on express charges	206.40
Sale of lapel buttons	178.92
Sale of decals	52.64
Sale of tie clasps	56.00
TOTAL	\$7,195.72

EXPENSES

(Budget set-up shown in parenthesis)	
Reveille (\$5,000)	\$4,751.27
Secretary's salary (\$2,400)	2,400.00
President's travel (\$400)	195.83
Treasurer's travel (\$200)	94.09
Secretary's expenses (\$200)	25.00
Printing (\$100)	15.52
Office supplies (\$100)	58.92
Stationery (\$300)	501.70
Postage (\$500)	268.73
Emergency (\$500)	143.22
Advanced Pittsburgh Reunion	500.00
TOTAL	\$9,089.85

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in Chase National Bank	\$447.84
Cash Louisville Savings Bank	107.26
On deposit in checks	186.50
Invested U. S. Gov't. Bonds	4,440.00
Inventory, 476 lapel buttons	170.74
284 decals	13.12
28 tie clasps	56.00
TOTAL	\$5,421.46

LIABILITIES

Dues paid in advance	\$150.00
Withholding tax	14.30
Surplus to July 15, 1948	5,257.16
TOTAL	\$5,421.46
Surplus July 15, 1948	\$5,257.16
Deficit, 1947-48	1,902.56
Surplus, July 15, 1947	\$7,159.72
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The Treasurer's report was approved.

Colonel Ruby Garrett was then called upon by President Brenner, and responded in his usual delightful fashion in a talk flashing with humor upon the surface but deeply moving in its substance. He said, in part, "These are the survivors of that great and heroic band that set an example of unselfishness and courage in the face of overwhelming odds; these are the men with whom I had the honor to serve."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman Marx Rosenthaler then reported for the committee named at the Des Moines Reunion, to study possible changes in the composition and duties of the Executive Committee. His committee offered the following amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws; "There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans that shall consist of an elected representative from the District of Columbia and

each State having fifteen or more dues-paying members in the preceding year; and in addition there to these, all former National Presidents. Members of the executive Committee shall continue to serve until their successors are elected or they are re-elected. Each State shall recommend to the Nominating Committee, one man for election representative, if nominated and elected shall serve for a term of one year, and may be renominated for successive terms. If the Nominating Committee receives no recommendation from the State or its delegates the Nominating Committee may nominate a member residing in that State, and if the Nominating Committee makes no selection it shall report such vacancy to the Reunion for nominations from the floor." This report was adopted by a vote of 62 to 22, and the Constitution accordingly amended. A subsequent motion made by Chairman Rosenthaler and duly passed made the amendment effective at the next succeeding Reunion.

Secretary Gibbons then announced Committee assignments; the names of the chairmen will be included in the reports of committees. After a benediction by Chaplain Callan the session adjourned at 12:25 P. M.

THIRD SESSION

The third session convened Wednesday, July 14th, at 11:00 A. M., with an invocation by Chaplain Callan, President Brenner presiding.

Secretary Gibbons read communications from General Collins, Jim Barney, Frank West, Joe Justand, Marvin Leff, Bill Hemme (from Denmark), Bill Hitt, and Ravee Norris.

Colonel Monroe Johnson then spoke with that eloquence which has for thirty years so forcibly and penetratingly expressed Rainbow ideals. He said, "... there is a spirit of comradeship, of helpfulness that we discovered on the field of battle, in blood and carnage, that we brought back here; a deep affection for one another."

Charters were then authorized and presented to the following new Chapters; Chattanooga, Tennessee, Pickaway Chapter, Circleville, Ohio; Gruber Chapter, Muskogee, Oklahoma; and to the reactivated Oregon Chapter, Portland Oregon.

Colonel Eskil Bjork then spoke, urging World War II Rainbowners to interest themselves in National as well as Chapter Rainbow activities. Eskil prayed that his new rank, (derived) from his Battery Reunion at Champaign, Ills.) be accepted without embarrassing scrutiny.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Memorial Committee Chairman Chaplain Callan offered the following resolutions:

That a committee study the practicability of securing the original or duplicates of

all Divisional flags and guidons, and of depositing them in the Rainbow Liberty Memorial at Kansas City, Mo.

That Chapter officers work closely with the National Secretary in keeping up to date the National Memorial file.

That a small Rainbow flag be designed and procured, to be placed upon the grave of all Rainbowners reposing in the Arlington National Cemetery upon Memorial Day.

These resolutions were approved and adopted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Chairman Stanley S. Barrow reported for his Committee that it was impractical to effect an audit of the current year at this time because numerous transactions relating to the current fiscal year were incomplete, and recommended that his Committee be authorized to complete the audit at a later date. The final report will be reported in the Reveille.

The report was approved and adopted.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Cooper D. Winn submitted the following budget for the ensuing fiscal year:

BUDGET, 1948-1949

Reveille	\$3,600.00
Secretary's office	1,200.00
President's expenses	300.00
Treasure's expenses	100.00
Secretary's expenses	100.00
Printing and stenography	250.00
Office supplies	200.00
Stationary	200.00
Postage, phone, express, etc.	300.00
Emergency	250.00
TOTAL	\$6,500.00

The budget, based upon anticipated income for the year, was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Ruby D. Garrett reported the following resolutions. Expressing heartfelt appreciation for the warm hospitality and splendid work of the community of Pittsburgh, The Convention Bureau, The William Penn Hotel, the Pittsburgh Chapter and Chairman Vincent D. Fleckenstein in staging a magnificently successful Reunion.

Thanking the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation for the wonderfully interesting and instructive trip through their mill.

Expressing the appreciation of Rainbow to President John D. Brenner, and his staff of officers, for a year of outstanding effort and outstanding success.

Expressing Rainbow's love, esteem and respect for General McArthur, and congratulating him on his magnificently suc-

cessful conduct of the war in the East and his regime in Japan in the post hostilities period.

Recommending the appointment of a Committee of World War II Rainbows in each state charged with contacting every possible eligible World War II Veteran and urging his affiliation and active participation in our Association.

Recommending that the memorial flags referred to in the report of the Memorial Committee be offered for sale at cost to all Chapters for use in decorating Rainbow graves in their areas.

Setting up two committees, one consisting of a representative from each state charged with endeavoring to secure from each state original Rainbow regimental and organization flags or facsimiles of such flags for deposit in the Rainbow Liberty Memorial at Kansas City, and a committee to endeavor to secure from the Department of the Army any such flags as they might have in their possession.

All the above resolutions were approved and adopted.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Homer Gardner, reporting for his Committee, recommended that the six National Vice Presidents be appointed a National Membership Committee, one of their number to be designated Chairman. (Ed. note: George Winslow has been so designated.) It was further recommended that each Chapter designate a membership chairman, instructed to contact the National Membership Chairman and cooperating with his committee in exchanging ideas and membership promotion plans and in the execution of such plans as are adopted. It was recommended that the National President correspond frequently with Chapter Officers with a view to inspiring and stimulating continued effort in the building up of membership.

The recommendations were approved and adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Chairman Leland L. Whitney reported that his committee had no changes or amendments in the Constitution and By-Laws which they desired to offer, and asked for the discharge of his committee. His report was approved.

REVEILLE COMMITTEE

Chairman Walker H. Colston reported for his committee. Their recommendation that at least nine issues of the Reveille be published during the ensuing year subject to the wishes of the incoming President, urging also that ten issues be published if finances permit. He recommended that a first issue be mailed to the entire list of 21,000, and that this issue contain a prominent and emphatic notice that subsequent

issues will be mailed only to members not delinquent in dues over a period of three years. It was recommended that subsequent issues be sent to the remainder of the list after removal of such delinquent members. He reported that a Reveille budget of \$3,600 had been requested, a reduction of \$1,400 over last year's budget. It was recommended that possible improvements in the magazine be studied, and that more pictures be used. The incumbent Editor was reappointed. The report of the Committee was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

Chairman Ed. Johnson reported that his committee had unanimously voted to recommend July 12, 13, and 14, 1949 as the time, and New York City as the place for the next Reunion.

His committee also recommended that the Reunion allot a maximum of time for visiting and fellowship and a minimum of time for outside entertainment. The report of committee was approved and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Barre Blumenthal reported for the nominating committee the following slate for the ensuing Rainbow year: Honorary President, John D. Brenner, Pennsylvania; President Edward G. Riekert, New York; Vice Presidents, Romeo J. Fagiolo, District of Columbia; Leonard J. Hill, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Harold K. Holden, Des Moines, Iowa; Donald E. Longwill, Chicago, Illinois; Walter W. Wicklund, Minneapolis, Minnesota; George L. Winslow, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Chaplain, Rev. Roscoe C. Hatch, Richfield Springs, New York; Executive Committeeman, Mel Horne, Ohio; Sydney C. Anderson, Illinois; Arthur Slatery, New Jersey; Allan Stout, Maryland; Oliver Atkinson, New York; Thomas W. Painter, Wisconsin; H. S. Foster, Alabama; Russ Minton, Minnesota; Morton Marks, Virginia; Pete Sefton, Iowa.

These nominations having been presented and duly seconded, were elected by the unanimous vote of the reunion.

President-elect Riekert was escorted to the platform and spoke briefly. The remaining elected officers and executive committee were also brought to the platform and were warmly applauded.

AUXILIARY ELECTIONS

President Brenner then asked that Auxiliary President-elect Irene Colston be escorted to the platform. She spoke briefly, and introduced First Vice President-elect, Ethel Gardner and second Vice President-elect Bernice Harper.

Following benediction by Chaplain-elect Roscoe C. Hatch, President Brenner declared The Thirtieth Annual Reunion adjourned.

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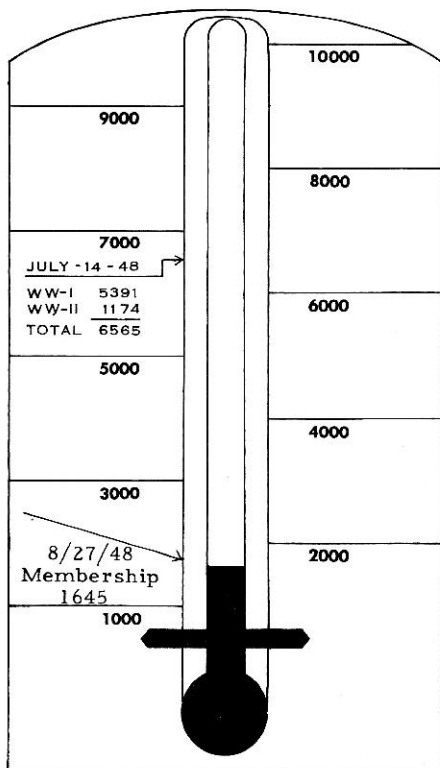
NOTICE!

THIS ISSUE IS THE LAST ONE THAT WILL BE MAILED TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID DUES FOR 1946/47 AND/OR 1947-1948.

IF YOU WANT "THE REVEILLE" IN THE FUTURE, PAY YOUR 1948-49 DUES NOW!

USE THE COUPON BELOW IF YOU DON'T KNOW ADDRESS OF YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER.

R. Allen Gibbons
Secretary



The notice appearing on this page is carrying out the mandate of the 1948 Reunion, ordering a reduction in "The Reveille" mailing list. All Rainbowers, both War I and War II, are affected who have not renewed their memberships at all since the 1945-46 Rainbow year.

The above Membership Barometer shows where our membership stands on August 27th, compared to the 6,565 at the end of 1947-48. Your membership is needed to make the mercury rise!

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:

Harold L. Dawson,
4429 Bowser,
Dallas, Texas