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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The life of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association depends on support from members as evidenced by dues received.

In order to stimulate our income I have set the following membership quotas by states as follows:

MEMBERSHIP BUDGET FOR 1949-1950
(First column is maximum membership attained to date)

	Max.	Par
Alabama	340	500
California	375	450
Colorado	47	60
District of Col.	116	140
Florida	154	185
Georgia	96	115
Illinois	1001	1200
Indiana	513	615
New York	806	1200
Ohio	724	865
Oklahoma	154	185
Oregon	27	50
Pennsylvania	510	600
South Carolina	38	50
Tennessee	34	50
Iowa	660	800
Louisiana	27	50
Maryland	88	100
Massachusetts	80	100
Michigan	205	250
Minnesota	289	350
Missouri-Kans.	171	300
Nebraska	80	100
New Jersey	181	220

Texas	110	150
Virginia	189	210
Washington	33	50
Wisconsin	174	210
Wyoming	15	50
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The state with the highest percentage of its quota will receive a Certificate of Merit.

If a state has more than one chapter, a committee to be appointed by me will determine the chapter that has done the work entitling it to the Certificate.

Each state executive committeeman is hereby designated as the one responsible for maintaining the state membership status. To prove the justice of your selections as the national representative to your state, let each executive committee member build the state membership.

In addition to the Certificate two paid-up registrations at the Reunion at Detroit, Michigan will be available for delegation to the state winning the Certificate.

Let us all hope for the presence of our two permanent honorary presidents, MacArthur and Collins at the next reunion and show them the way Rainbow stands back of them by obtaining the membership increase we are seeking -- World War II and World War I veterans, let's go!

Marx Rosenthaler

RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

November 11 -- Birmingham, Alabama - Hotel Bankhead
Annual State Banquet

November 25 -- Detroit, Michigan - Fort Shelby Hotel
Thanksgiving Dance and Frolic

Note: If THE REVEILLE had received advance notice the following events would have been listed in this box in our last issue:

August 29 -- Philadelphia, Pa. - Rainbow Banquet at Legion Convention
Sept. 3, 4, 5 -- Greenfield, Ohio - Co. "G" Reunion
Sept. 17 -- Omaha, Nebraska - Nebraska State Reunion

Rainbow Division Veterans

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Major General Harry J. Collins

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Historian—George E. Seaman.

Judge Advocate—Leland L. Whitney.

Sergeant-at-Arms—E. Don Hennessey.

Master of Ceremonies—"THE CHAMPAGNE HOUR"—J. Monroe Johnson.

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Your Executive Committee

As the result of a constitutional change adopted by the 1948 Reunion, our Association has an entirely new method of electing its National Executive Committee, which was first used in choosing the Committee that will function during 1949-50.

Prior to the 1949 Reunion, ten members of the National Executive Committee, as nominated by the Nominating Committee, were elected each year for three year terms. So as to secure the benefit of their years of experience in Rainbow before they attained its highest office, Past Presidents were also members of the Committee for life.

Now, each State having a Chapter with 15 or more members is entitled to a representative on the National Executive Committee, whose term is for one year, though he may be elected to successive terms. The State Associations, where organized and functioning, are responsible for recommending to the Nominating Committee a man from a Chapter in such States; where there is no State Association and more than one Chapter in a State, the Chapters should determine among themselves who is to be recommended from

their State. If this is not done and two or more recommendations are received from the same State, the Nominating Committee must choose which man is to be nominated from that State. If no recommendation be received from a State entitled to representation, the Nominating Committee may nominate a qualified man to represent such State. Should the nominating Committee fail to nominate a representative for any State entitled to representation, it shall so report to the Reunion and nominations for such vacancy can be made from the floor, following the report of the Nominating Committee. Past Presidents continue to be members of the Executive Committee, thus assuring us the benefit of their advice and counsel.

The 1949 Reunion made a further constitutional change affecting the make-up of the Executive Committee when it adopted an additional paragraph to Article V, providing for the election at each Reunion of not more than fifteen (15) Executive Committeemen at Large for a term of one year, who are to represent no particular State but all Rainbowners everywhere. This provision is to assure to the Association the knowledge and experience of men familiar with what it takes to perpetuate our Association by electing them to the Committee, when their State representation has already been filled. Nominations for such Committeemen at Large are made by the Nominating Committee of each Reunion.

The Nominating Committee is not bound to accept the recommendations made by the States in choosing the nominees for places on the Executive Committee, since it must consider what is best for Rainbow now and in the future. Obviously, it would not be wise to elect a man who does not attend National Reunions, or who knows nothing of National problems, or who would make no effort to attend meetings of the Executive Committee, no matter how active and popular with his fellows he might be in Chapter or State Association activities. Therefore, in making recommendations to the Nominating Committee, each State is urged to select its member best qualified to serve Rainbow and to assist in its perpetuation.

Eleven States made no recommendation to the 1949 Reunion as to their choice of a representative on the National Executive Committee, despite appeals published in "The Reveille" and a bulletin sent to each Chapter and State Association by mail. Each State having a Chapter is urged to be considering its choice now for recommendation to the 1950 Reunion at Detroit and to send his name to the national secretary's office in ample time

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PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

President Marx Rosenthaler here sets forth his itinerary, for the information of chapters in the areas covered:

Oct. 4	Leave Detroit
Oct. 5	Kansas City - overnight
Oct. 6, 7	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Oct. 8	Oklahoma City
Oct. 9, 10	Dallas, Texas
Oct. 12, 13, 14	El Paso
Oct. 15	San Diego
Oct. 17-Nov. 3	Los Angeles (with undoubtedly a side trip to San Francisco.)

Detroit Offers Reunion Budget Plan

(If you plan to attend the Detroit Reunion next July, why not Register NOW. It will help in the planning and will be a moral boost. It is not necessary to send your check with your Registration -- and if plans change you can always cancel. How about it?)

To make possible the greatest attendance of Rainbow veterans at the 32nd Annual Reunion in Detroit, July 12, 13 and 14th, 1950 the reunion corporation, of the Michigan State Chapter, has designed a "Pre-Registration Budget Plan" to enable YOU to "fade" the ten dollar registration fee in a way that is most convenient to the individual case. The plan is simply this: There are just ten months from October to July during which time you may pay as little as a "buck" a month, or any amount in multiples of a dollar, between now and June 30th, 1950. Each payment will be acknowledged by receipt and when the entire amount of ten dollars is received you will receive a prepaid registration form which in turn you will present at the Registration Booth in the Book-Cadillac Hotel, in Detroit, for your Reunion Credentials, Badge, etc. Simple, isn't it? - and the only reunion cost is faded.

Make all remittances payable to the 1950 Michigan Reunion Corporation and mail to Arthur J. Gibson, Treasurer, 3791
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HISTORIAN'S COLUMN

George E. Seaman, Historian
60 East 42nd Street, New York City

In the past two weeks I have read and reread all the minutes of national Rainbow reunions that are available. It has been wonderful reading and I have marveled at the perseverance shown by each succeeding administration to build our wonderful Rainbow Association, to what it is today.

As Rainbowners sacrificed their lives in battle so did our Association and Chapter officers sacrifice their time and money to foster and perpetuate that spirit of Rainbow comradeship achieved in war service. To understand how well they succeeded in building up our association from a low membership of approximately 500 to its present status of 6500 one has to review reunion minutes and Reveilles.

As it is impossible for all Rainbowners to read these minutes your Historian will endeavor to compile statistics of the association from its inception and make them available to members. To accomplish this it is necessary that I obtain all the missing data that should be in the Association files. All Rainbowners are requested to assist in obtaining these files and all reveilles printed prior to 1924.

For a long time the National Secretaries have been requesting copies of National Reunion minutes that are missing from our files. These minutes must be found
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Rainbow Reunion Party, American Legion Convention

Philadelphia, Pa. - August 29, 1949 - Palumbo's Restaurant

Mrs. Harold Graham, Sidney Burgoyne, Jr., John P. Igoe, Henry Blitzstein, J. Brenner, Mrs. Blitzstein;
G. F. Seaman, National President Marx Rosenthaler, W. Howard Graham, Lloyd Matson, Dave Heller.

WHEN VICTORY CHANGED SIDES

When America entered World War I in 1917, the Germans were winning the war. Russia was defeated, Britain was hard put to maintain herself in the face of the German submarine warfare, and France, which had borne the brunt of the war, was on the verge of demoralization. When the Rainbow Division reached France in October, 1917, Germany was still ahead of the game; millions of their best troops were being released for service on the Western Front by the collapse of Russia, and the German High Command was confident that they could bring about victory in the West before American troops reaching France could upset their preponderance of manpower. But it was necessary that they bring about a decision quickly, and on March 21st, 1918, they launched the first of the great offensives by which they hoped to win the war. The attack drove a deep salient into the Allied lines at the junction of the British and French Armies and seriously threatened the important railway center at Amiens. Then on April 9th they launched a second offensive which drove a salient into the British lines in the vicinity of Arras. Again on May 27th they struck the French northwest of Reims. Advancing rapidly to the west and south they reached the Marne River in the vicinity of Chateau-Thierry before they were checked. At the conclusion of these attacks they had succeeded in driving a deep wedge into the heart of France, bounded roughly, by Reims, Chateau-Thierry and Soissons.

Their offensives had strained the Allies to the limit of their reserves, it was only necessary to enlarge their salient by a few miles along the south side to cut rail communications between the north and the south, and the resulting reduction in Allied mobility would have been as bad as the loss of an Army. The Germans took time out to rest and train divisions for a renewal of the attack, and to bring into the salient vast re-

serves of artillery and munitions.

The German High Command believed, first, that this attack would succeed; and, second, that it would achieve victory. Neither belief was unreasonable, tho their failure in the attack and their speedy collapse thereafter would appear to make it seem so. A German success at this point would have hurt Allied power of resistance to an extent not to be offset by the available American forces. It would have plummeted Allied morale and skyrocketed German morale. And remember that the collapse in Germany which so speedily followed was rather of troop and population morale than of their military machine.

Thus matters stood in June. Generalissimo Foch knew what the Germans planned; no strategic surprise was possible. It remained, to learn, if possible, the precise time and point of the attack. Out of a welter of information these two were narrowed down to a known approximate time and point. General Gouraud's French Fourth Army was responsible for receiving the attack, and to his command the Rainbow Division had been assigned. On July 4th the Division was placed into the line Esperance-Souain with elements of the French XXI Corps, of which it was now a part. General Gouraud believed this sector would receive the German thrust directed toward the critical railroad of Chalons. On July 7th he issued the following order:

"We may be attacked at any moment.

"You all know that a defensive battle was never engaged under more favorable conditions.

"We are awake and on our guard. We are powerfully reinforced with infantry and artillery.

"You will fight on a terrain that you have transformed by your work and your perseverance into a redoubtable fortress. This invincible fortress and all its passages are well guarded.

"The bombardment will be terrible. You will stand it without weakness.

"The assault will be fierce, in a cloud of smoke, dust and gas.

"But your positions and your armament are formidable.

"In your breasts beat the brave and strong hearts of free men.

"None shall look to the rear; none shall yield a step.

"Each shall have but one thought: to kill, to kill, until they have had their fill.

"Therefore, your General says to you: You will break this assault and it will be a happy day."

GOURAUD

On the evening of July 14th a small French patrol penetrated the German lines and returned with prisoners who said the attack was to come that midnight.

THE CARTOONS

The cartoons reproduced on these two pages are a part of a series of six cartoons produced by the French Veterans Association which participated in the entertainment of the Rainbow Reunion held in Chalons in 1930. They published 300 numbered brochures titled "Bataille du 15 juillet 1918" and inscribed:

Edité par l'Association
du Souvenir

Aux Morts des Armees des Champagne.

The Reveille is indebted to Past President M. Manning Marcus for the loan of the copy from which these cartoons were reproduced.

If any member is interested in securing a full-sized reproduction of this brochure, write to The Editor.



At 11:45 p.m. General Gouraud opened up with an artillery counterattack. The Germans, obviously bound by their scheduled orders, did not respond until 12:10 a.m. Then began what was undoubtedly the greatest artillery duel in history. At that moment the anxious watchers in the trenches suddenly saw the sky behind the German lines opposite light with a tremendous flare, stretching farther to the right and left than any individual could see. In the fraction of a second longer which it took the sound to travel came the roar of 2,000 German batteries. This, an average of one gun for every twenty yards of the whole forty miles of front, was the greatest artillery concentration in history. The shells bursting on the whole front and reaching back for miles not only covered the battlefield proper, but fell even in the town of Chalons, twenty miles to the rear.

Meanwhile General Gouraud's plan for meeting the attack had been put into execution. Except for "suicide" squads of machinegunners all troops had been withdrawn from the first to the second line of trenches. These squads were charged with giving warning of the attack, and to prevent the enemy discovering immediately that the main line of resistance had moved back to the second line of trenches.

At about 4:00 a.m. the enemy struck. They were allowed to penetrate the area between the first and second trench lines. They thought at first that the absence of resistance was because their devastating artillery preparation had sent all troops deep into the many dugouts they knew existed in the area. It was a bitter mistake. Throughout the night a death struggle ensued but despite several temporary penetrations of the line by ten o'clock the attack had been crushed and the Germans had been stopped cold in a major offensive without the advance of a foot.

This was the first major effort by either side which had failed to make any gain whatsoever. The attack was renewed sporadically on the next two days but by July 18th it was clear that the attack was stopped for once and for all. The Division suffered some 1600 casualties during this defense, most of them within a few hours in the night of July 14-15.

With the failure of this attack it became clear that the German cause was lost. By the time they could train and assemble troops for another effort, and get together the munitions for another major drive it was evident that American troops, then streaming into France, would have turned the scale against them. They had struck their decisive blow, had been routed, and from that moment victory had changed sides. From then until the end of the war the German army was engaged solely in retrograde action, at which they proved exceedingly adept.

The part the Rainbow Division played in this battle was a glorious one, and was fully recognized and proclaimed by the French. We had been accorded the honor of partici-

pating in the climactic struggle, one of the decisive battles of history, and had borne our part with distinction.

It is for this reason that our Association has selected July 14th as the date around which our annual Reunion is planned. We commemorate an hour fraught with destiny and with glory. We mourn a battalion of dead, who purchased that glory with their blood. It was our greatest hour. While our efforts were often crowned with glorious hours, this was the pinnacle. We had heavier losses in other campaigns; we won thereafter great and brilliant victories. But on that night our Division kept its rendezvous with Destiny, and that night shall be remembered so long as we shall live.

CHAMPAGNE HOUR

What do Rainbowners receive from their membership in the Association? I can't speak for others, but for myself, membership in Rainbow means preserving some of the sweetest memories that have blessed my life, preserving friendships that grew out of mutually shared sufferings and tragedies of war.

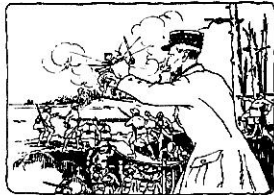
It means an opportunity to participate in The Champagne Hour conducted by Colonel J. Monroe Johnson. That Hour is hallowed. It is a solemn memorial service not only to those lost in action in both World Wars, but also to those who have died since. It is almost a religious sacrament, and every time I participate I feel myself associated with the best and noblest sentiments that ever touch the human heart. The Champagne Hour constitutes the solemn, sentimental and sacred highpoint of each reunion. It binds together in one memorial the hallowed dead of two World Wars.

After The Champagne Hour in New York a veteran of World War II said: "This is my first reunion, my first Champagne Hour, and I now know why so many are devoted to the Association."

For the veterans of World War II it is a birthday anniversary, a de-activation anniversary, and it embraces all of the thrilling experiences that make Rainbow's distinguished record in that war.

For all Rainbow veterans the Association is the only organization which keeps us in touch with our comrades scattered over the world, and our annual reunion gives us an opportunity to see them face to face. It is only through the Association that we may preserve our contacts with each other.

RUBY GARRETT





NEBRASKA REUNION Omaha Chapter was host for the Nebraska Reunion for the first time, September 17. The Omaha Chapter is composed almost entirely of WW II Rainbows and they put on the biggest and best Nebraska Reunion ever.

An outstanding award should go to Howard Brace, president; Herb James, secretary-treasurer; the other members of the Omaha Chapter and the Auxiliary for an outstanding Nebraska Reunion.

The Nebraska Reunion has developed into a midwest Reunion. About ten years ago Lincoln Chapter started holding annual Reunions the nearest Saturday to September 12. It started with just a handful of the old faithful Rainbowers in Nebraska.

Then WW II ended and Rainbow expanded. Four or five years ago Larry and Frances Wood were invited and have attended each year since. Each year more Rainbows from out-of-the-state have attended. This year Rainbows from the states enjoyed the fellowship of Rainbows from both wars.

Distinguished guests were: Marx Rosenthaler, National President; Mrs. Homer Gardner, National President of the Auxiliary; Homer Gardner, Past National President; Mat Tinley and Mrs. Tinley; Lawrence and Frances Wood, Larry acted as toastmaster. Hazel Wright, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Other out-of-the-state Rainbows who attended were: Aneta Black of Winterhaven, Calif.; Fred Cornell of Santa Cruz, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dord of New York; Billy Gee of Oklahoma City, and about 30 from Iowa. RAY CRONAN

CALIFORNIA The thirty-first annual Reunion is now history and all who had the good fortune to be among those present were well repaid for whatever effort it may have cost them to make the trip.

To the Father Duffy Chapter, our hosts, and to the city officials of New York, we say thank you for a most enjoyable time and for the opportunity of visiting places many of us had not been since those days in September and October of 1917 when the Rainbow was being formed at Camp Mills on Long Island, with the future before it a large question mark.

The answer to that question mark is now history and over three decades later hundreds of Rainbows from all over the country, supplemented by their younger comrades of WW II, gathered in New York City to renew that "spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division," and to pay tribute to those who have answered the final bugle call. *****

The San Francisco Chapter opened their new year with VITO BERTOLDO, Medal of Honor winner of the 242nd, conducting his first meeting as Chapter President. Vito was favored with a good turnout and commented that he "was highly gratified." The membership took up the question of holding a Grand Military Ball later this year. A committee was appointed to work out the preliminary details and to report back to the Executive Committee. Another motion was made to hold a "Family Dinner" similar to the Chicken Dinner that was held earlier this year. Our new Chaplain SAM SCHWAB (222nd) urged all members to enter the contest to find a name for the new Chapter paper. Sam also showed the movies which he took at the annual picnic. One of the more prominent actors was PHIL GREENFIELD (E-165th). Our perennial and hardy Secretary W.H. (Pinky) McCANTS (74th Eng.) gave a report on the membership and finances.

LOUISIANA The New Orleans Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans attended a dinner, July 14th, at Arnaud's in the famed Vieux Carre of New Orleans. Most of the members were present. After a sumptuous feast, the members and a delegation of officers began the order of business. The following were duly installed: President - Fred A. Guillory; 1st Vice Pres. - C. Wm. Bradley; 2nd Vice Pres. - Hacker Mayronne; 3rd Vice-Pres. - Henry Enderline; Secretary - Carroll Montet; Treasurer - Abe Katz; Historian - Larry R. Larson; Chaplain - Father Carl Shuten; Publicity Director - John P. Guillot, Jr. It was announced that the flag which had draped the casket of C. Ray Jones, Jr., the son of a former officer of the chapter would be presented formally at the next meeting. The deceased rests in France. CARROLL MONTET

MISSOURI-KANSAS The MO-KAN Chapter held its Spring Meeting at the Spring Meeting at 912 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo. Saturday evening, June 19, 1949. In spite of Bob Taylor's herculean efforts,

the attendance was disappointing - probably because of vacations or the failure of the Chapter generally to realize the importance of the meeting and the privilege of comrades-in-arms to get together at the "extra" meeting, which we hope becomes a permanent institution.

After the usual Rainbow good fellowship hour, a fine dinner was enjoyed after which several matters of business were disposed of with the usual celerity, the most important of which was the vote to extend the terms of the present officers from February 22, 1950 to July 1, 1950, with the annual election of officers to henceforth be held at a Spring Meeting nearer the dates of the annual National Reunion. The meeting then resolved itself into the bull-sessions so dear to all Rainbows.

Among those present were noted Dave Guenther, Carl Willebrandt, Lake Bilbee, Clarence Lavery, Joe Chaffee, Tom Cagney, Ruby D. Garrett, Timmons, Berkeley, Richard, Wynore Anderson, John Hatton, Doc Bowers, Lackey, Lauryl K. Miong, Eppinger, Lamkin, Dougherty, Wells, John Hues, Mues and Taylor. We were especially glad to see Herb Butt and Bob Munsell, the latter coming all the way from Topeka for the event.

The Chapter placed a wreath at the Rainbow Shrine on Memorial Day and fittingly observed the spirit of the day.

Not to visiting Rainbows: The "gang" has a table reserved at Roselli's, 912 Walnut St. Kansas City, Mo. every Thursday. Join the crowd for lunch when in Kansas City on that day. You are sure to run into some of your old buddies. CHET MILES

OKLAHOMA The initial meeting of the current year was recently held at the Walker Juhanhome. After the usual delicious dinner furnished by the ladies of the Auxiliary, the newly-elected president, Victor Stangel, and his corps of officers assumed their duties. It was decided to further table the request from Tulsa Chapter regarding formation of an Oklahoma State Association. A new member, George A. J. Ranken, 1st Airborne, Tr., was welcomed. Reports from the National Reunion were given by W. T. Gee and Lawrence Wood. Plans for attending the Detroit Reunion were discussed and possibilities of a goodly number going in a group by rail or by motor caravan were outlined. It was unanimously agreed to invite President Rosenthaler to include Oklahoma City in his October itinerary. An invitation to attend the Nebraska State Reunion in Omaha, Sept. 17 was favorably received. The recent hospitalization of WW II member, Frank Muller, was reported, and it was decided to send him a carton of smokes. Meetings for the following months were spoken for: September, Victor Stangel; October, Larry Kelsey; November, Bill Key; December, Lawrence Wood. Retiring president Juhan thanked members for making his administration a success. Response was made by Col. Bootz. All Rainbows in this area not already active in our group are cordially invited to join us in making this another banner year for Oklahoma City Chapter. LAWRENCE G. WOOD

PENNSYLVANIA The Pittsburgh Chapter, with John Lotz doing the steering, is on the march again. The Picnic which had been mentioned in this column in the early spring finally took on the form of the real stuff, Sunday, August 14th, at Renshausen Park, McKeesport, Pa. Alvin E. Kemmerer with his two co-chairmen, Wm. J. Pearce and Henry J. Rectenwald did a nice job of arranging for this get-together. We counted noses and discovered a total of forty-four members, with their families. The officers feel quite encouraged. We note with a great deal of pleasure such Rainbows present as William Schiffman, Ernest R. Gerlach, Fred W. Signet, Lawrence Schampale, Angelo Di Lullo, John R. Firth, Jim Tum-mola, Harold Fennion, Jim Hickcox, Elmer Thren-bauer, Robert F. Miller, Dave Stubna, George Winslow, Vince Fleckenstein, George McDowell, the R. boys and many others from the district of McKeesport and Turtle Creek.

We haven't mentioned the Auxiliary but believe me they were at least responsible for the good food, enjoyed by all -- no doubt.

Our own Dorothy Winslow is an artist. She has managed to keep it a secret for a long time. Recently she exhibited at the "Everyman's Show of Pittsburgh" and according to the newspaper press reports, some of her paintings received recognition. Congratulations, Dorothy, and we are proud of you.

The officers who will keep the Pittsburgh Chapter functioning and in the lead in Pennsylvania (we hope) for the year 1949-50 are: John M. Lotz, President; Alvin E. Kemmerer, 1st Vice-Pres.; Robert Miller, 2nd Vice-Pres.; John R. Firth, 3rd Vice-Pres.; T. K. Ayres and Dave Stubna, Executive Committeemen; Vince Fleckenstein, Treasurer; George L. Winslow, Chaplain; Jimmy Hickcox, Secretary.

President John Lotz deserves our thanks for the start he has made. Our next meeting of the chapter -- the Auxiliary too -- will be held Friday, Sept. 23rd, at the Bert Foster Post, American Legion, McKeesport, Pa. LEO F. MOQUIN

News & Views of World War II's

The National Association should indeed be proud of its San Francisco Chapter which has already established a record with its already signing up twenty-five WW II'ers for 1949-50.

Not only has the SF Chapter made such a record but under the leadership of Vito Bertoldo, Chapter President and National Vice President, they have begun to publish a chapter newspaper aimed at informing its membership of chapter, as well as personal news. Hu Game, editor of the newspaper, un-named in the first issue, is really doing a fine job for his chapter. Anyone who sees any of the monthly "four-

In the August issue of the paper we saw that Chapter President Bertoldo's installation was attended by some 175 members and friends, including George Christopher, Acting Mayor of the Golden Gate City. Other officers installed during the July ceremonies were Joe Hester (132d Sig.), Vice President; Sam Schwab (222d Inf.), Chaplain, and Harvey Agens and W. "Pinky" McCants, of the WW I Division.

Bing Y. Huey, of San Francisco's Chinatown, and a former member of Co. I, 222d Infantry, is a new member of the SF Chapter, according to the paper.

But aside from the SF Chapter's newspaper, let's look at the results John M. Janosik (132d Sig. Co.) has gotten from his newsletter, discussed previously in "News and Views." He is now corresponding with 45 members of his old company, and of that number, 10 belong to the National Association. The May issue of the newsletter contained 15 pages and paragraphs about 49 former signalmen, and John rates a pat on the back for his great efforts in the interest of Rainbow.

LET'S LOOK AT THE NATIONAL SECRETARY'S MAIL - Linn E. Joy (132d Sig. Co.) has joined the National Association from his post in Wrangell, Alaska with the

Air Force. He is a sergeant first class, under the new Army T/O, or a tech sergeant to us recruits.....Frank H. Dippo (Div. Hq.) and Rene Jacobs (242d Inf.) have just recently been commissioned second lieutenants through the ROTC at the University of Iowa. Dippo has gone back into service. Our only news of Jacobs is that he is now the proud papa of twin boys..... Harry L. Propst, former company commander of A/T Co., 232d Inf., and Francis P. Howell, formerly a lieutenant in G Company, 232d Inf., have recently joined the Association from their homes in Kingwood, Preston County, West Virginia, and Greenwich, Conn., respectively.

Now we come to the news that Wallace Robert Morzfeld, formerly a tech sergeant with Cannon Co., 222d Inf., passed away at the Hines Veterans Hospital, Chicago. Another of our comrades-in-arms has left us for an appointment with our Great Father.

Let's have some news from you! Send it to Morton Marks, Jr., Apt. #4, 5209 Monument Ave., Richmond 21, Va. Keep it coming! MORTON MARKS, JR.

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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for submittal to the Nominating Committee next July. We are operating, with respect to the Executive Committee, under a new plan. It is up to you to determine by your interest and enthusiasm how well it will serve Rainbow!

R. Allen Gibbons
National Secretary

REUNION BUDGET PLAN

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Blaine Avenue, Detroit 6, Michigan. We know that in the past registering has been difficult for some members but this plan offers a "good deal" for all. IT'S A GOOD PLAN, YOU CAN'T DENY - AND YOUR REGISTRATIONS PAID, COME NEXT JULY. Start NOW - plan your vacation so as to be in Detroit, July 12, 13 and 14th, 1950.

Michigan Reunion Committee
Wilber M. Brucker, Chairman
Sharon C. Cover, Secretary

HISTORIAN'S COLUMN

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and turned over to the National Association, so that they can be copied if the custodian does not wish to donate them.

The missing minutes are as follows:

1st Annual Reunion at Birmingham, Ala., July, 1920 - Secretary, Albert G. Brown.

5th Annual Reunion at Columbia, S. C., July, 1924 - Pres., J. Monroe Johnson; Treas., Oscar W. Underwood, Jr.

6th Annual Reunion at Chicago, Ill., July, 1925 - Pres., Fred Crawford; Sec., Frank Gould.

7th Annual Reunion at New York, N. Y., July, 1926.

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