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President's Message

The justest war can hardly approve itself to any reasonable purpose. To kill one's fellow creatures needs no great genius; but to calm a tempest by prudence and judgment, is a worthy achievement indeed — so says the philosophic Erasmus.

To the realist however, we are at war, global war, entering now the fourth year of the most devastating struggle in the annals of history.

Yet Christianity reigns supreme — **PEACE ON EARTH; GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN** is its traditional message.

Without doubt Peace is of more value than Truth — it is necessary to tread underfoot the monster which would perturb it and render it the prey of knaves.

Opinion rules the world and wise men rule opinion.

We are in this world only to do good in it.

On behalf of the National Officers and Veteran Rainbowers throughout the land, we jointly extend to Rainbow Men now in the armed forces everywhere, — Rainbow Men in hospitals, — Officers and Men of the present day 42nd Rainbow Division, our sincerest hope for a complete and early Victory.

EDWARD C. WEITZEL.

Rainbow Division Veterans



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RAINBOW has a depth of meaning
It means comradeship with you
Born in the heat of battle.
Tested and tried and true.

It means comradeship so lasting
That when the last of us is gone
Its vibrant spirit will not die
'Twill be eternal — like the dawn.

So, at this Yuletide Season
When the world is torn with strife
Let's give thanks to God Almighty
For that comradeship through life.

STAN BARROW.

GEORGIA—Cooper D. Winn Chapter, in its third year, is young and small — but still growing. We have added eight new members this year, and believe we will add another eight before January.



J. K. CALLAWAY, Pres.,
Cooper D. Winn Chap.

Our little group is the essence of harmony and comradeship. We have held some kind of "get together" about every three months since our organization, and in between have done what charitable work we could. For example, last Easter we donated a Bible to each of the 312 beds in Veterans' Hospital 48, and also donated to the Soldiers' Telephone Fund.

We have purchased our National Colors, and a 4' x 6' silk Chapter flag. Our treasury is in good condition. We are on our toes, and you will hear plenty from us soon. There is plenty "cooking".

• Cincinnati in '45. •

ILLINOIS—General MacArthur's return to the Philippines was celebrated at the annual Armistice Day and Navy Day Meeting of the Illinois Chapter Friday evening, November 10th, in the Merchants & Manufacturers Club in Chicago.

The principal guest speakers were Captain Fredrick Ceres, U. S. N., Commandant, Naval Hospital, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Legion of Merit for Service in the Pacific, and Captain Michael Fielding, former British Army Officer and noted radio military commentator of Chicago.

Captain Ceres gave a very inspiring account of what the government is doing for the immediate rehabilitation of wounded and other disabled veterans. Beyond that, he gave a very comforting assurance that the government has a very comprehensive and far-reaching program covering the whole life of these disabled veterans.

Captain Fielding expressed the opinion that the European War might go well into '45 and the Japanese War into '47. In spite of his well supported reasons we hope that he will prove to be overly pessimistic. He also told the story of the preparations Hitler and his gang are making to fight to the last ditch in Southern Bavaria.

Considerable color was added to the speakers' table by the presence, for the first time in many years, of Lt. Colonel Charles MacArthur, former buck private of F. Battery. He stated that General Marshall had made ample amends for any failure to properly recognize his military contribution in the first World War.

Also at the speakers' table was Lt. Howard Bolton, son of Doc Bolton (149th F. A.), just

returned from Italy after flying some fifty missions. He has finished a leave and expects an assignment in the Pacific fighting.

The chapter extends its sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Lucien F. (Bud) Boyles (F Battery, 149th F. A.) whose son, Robert H. Boyles, an air cadet, gave his life for his country in an air accident November 6th.

• 6500 members this year. •

LONG ISLAND—The first meeting of the year 1944-1945 found 26 members answering "here" to the roll call and no less than 23 of them had their Mrs. with them. Our new officers took over and it proved a very interesting meeting. Jack Brawley, our Publicity man, secured official movies of the Normandy invasion and if you other chapters want to know what the boys go for, get some of these official Signal Corps movies for your next meeting. You'll find you have a sell-out.



HAROLD WALTERS, Pres.
Long Island Chapter

Our new President, Harold Walters, assisted by his new Vice-President, Homer Meador (Ohio, please note) kept the party going until the wee small hours and from the looks of things Long Island is going to have a big Rainbow year.

On November 11, as has been our custom, we gathered at the Rainbow Monument in Garden City, the birthplace of our famous Division, to place a Rainbow wreath and pay tribute to our fallen comrades. The Hon. Cortland A. Johnson was our principal speaker.

To clear up a little misunderstanding, the report of the Memorial Committee in the November REVELLE in recommending that contact be made with the Grave Registration Monument Commission to find out what condition the Rainbow Monument is in referred to the Monument in France. Our Garden City Memorial is in excellent condition.

• Have you paid your dues? •

INDIANA—On October 22, the Last Man's Rainbow Club of Fort Wayne held its annual dinner and elected Earl Oberkiser, President; Don Ross, Vice-President; Lawrence Schallenger, Secretary-Treasurer; Arthur King, Chaplain and Charles Phillely, Bugler. Ed Cook, Bill Jackson and Bill Riley attended from Indianapolis. A Reunion of Battery F, held on October 14, at Bloomington, was attended by about 75 Rainbowers. From out-of-town came Roy Fenters, Glenn Hills, Pattison, Dink Rice, Charlie Stuart, Fred Stuart, Paul Summers, Matty Carpenter, Pat Holloway, Bibe Young, Hook Young and others.

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MASSACHUSETTS — Just one year ago,

Rainbow came alive in New England. Trail Blazer Marx Rosenthaler brought the spark of organization to Bill Rodgers who was to be our first president. Shortly thereafter, seventy of us discovered that there were Rainbowers around practically every corner. Arthur Sampson probed for dues and our treasury is frail but living. Our lapels sport Rainbow buttons, in a sector hitherto reserved to 26th "YD" Division pins.



BILL RODGERS, Pres.
Massachusetts Chapter

At Gary Grant's suggestion, we are imitating Chicago in having a weekly luncheon. We invite Rainbowers everywhere to join us Thursdays at one o'clock at Patten's restaurant in Boston at the "Rainbow table."

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, beginning with dinner at Emil Coulon's Hotel Vendome on Commonwealth Avenue.

We see by THE REVELLE that Massachusetts is no longer the youngest chapter, having lost that distinction to Springfield and Greenfield, Ohio — the country of the 166th.

A wonderful outfit, that 166th — anybody want to argue about it?
N. B.

Forgive Tom fellas, he's getting old and his memory is getting short. (Everybody knows that Ruby Garrett's boys Won the War.)

• See you in Cincinnati. •

IOWA—The first issue of THE REVELLE has come and from all reports it is well received. Rainbow Vets in Iowa are going to enjoy the combination of THE REVELLE and The Sniper; both of them will help to keep on building Rainbow in the Tall Corn State.

Armistice Day came and something happened to it especially at the annual stag party put on by the Col. E. R. Bennet Chapter. Hats are certainly off to this fellow Reg. Sanford (G) who lined up the dinner and everything. Any time any Rainbow Chapter would like to borrow Sanford for some especially fine affair you can do so but at a terrific price — we here in Des Moines consider him just about tops. The stag went off like it should; Tom Hansen, our state president, was with us and he really told the boys what was going to happen to the Rainbow membership in Iowa. Lt. Col. Harold K. Holden, back from England, North Ireland and Scotland gave the boys something to think about when he said "there should be no V-E Day until the Japs as well as the Germans were wiped off the map," whereupon Homer Gardner presented the Orville Carson resolution which the National Association adopted. The chapter adopted the reso-

lution, a committee was appointed to present it to the Governor of Iowa and the Mayor of Des Moines as well as all veterans organizations. Lt. Col. Jim Thomas, Col. Claude Stanley and Captain Dan Newquist were the committee.

Membership in Iowa rolls along at the highest peak in history at this time of the year. We're not showing our stuff right now but watch THE REVEILLE from time to time. Mat A. Tintley Chapter at Council Bluffs is the first Iowa chapter to reach its quota and is hard pressed by the usual high clicking Oskaloosa boys. Cedar Rapids and Northwest Iowa at Sioux City have crashed in and Jim Dougherty at Fort Madison has entered the picture and is hard at work on Lee County. Willis Royce at Creston says that a meeting in a short time will put them up among the leaders. Most of the other chapters are moving along and at the present pace most anything can happen. The Bennett chapter only needs 32 more to meet its goal of 200.

All Iowa greets the new President, Ed. Weitzel and his grand bunch of officers. Looks like a great Rainbow year; and with Letzer's guiding hand on THE REVEILLE and Allen Gibbons shoving the membership cards out with 24 hour service — well — it is going to be a great Rainbow year.

• Attend your meetings. •

MISSOURI - KANSAS—Rainbow men took an active part in the Armistice Day parade in Kansas City. Pres. J. Earl Chaffee, Vice-Pres. Harry L. Lackey and Frank H. Coe carried the Colors along the two-and-one-half mile parade route. They had to contend with a stiff wind that threatened to wrench the staffs from their grasps every step of the way.



J. EARL CHAFFEE, Pres.
Missouri-Kansas Chap.

Walter Warren made the route in an open Packard. Turl D. Long covered the distance on his charger in full cowboy regalia.

In the afternoon, at Mt. Moriah cemetery, J. Earl Chaffee officiated at the military burial

services of Captain John Thomas Hensley, 31, of the Rainbow Division, who died at Camp Gruber.

There are many Rainbow Veterans in Missouri and Kansas and I am sure that everyone of them would be proud of their membership card in the Rainbow Division Veterans Association. The Mo.-Kans. Chapter needs you. If you cannot be active, you can certainly help by paying your dues. Please send your \$1.50 to T. L. Cagney, 3226 Karnes Blvd., Kansas City 2, Mo., and you will receive your membership card, as quickly as the mail will allow.

OHIO—Ohio Rainbow opened its year with a membership rush never before achieved in a similar period of time, and a record is in sight if all Ohioans who read this carry their own membership pack this year by paying state-national dues to state headquarters instead of many letting someone else carry his pack.



BENJAMIN E. JONES
President
Ohio State Association

The old 166th's highest ranking officer in this war, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, ex-166th adjutant, recently met his son, Bob, Jr., a paratrooper lieutenant, in the Solomons . . . we hear that Maj. Harry (Hank) Gowdy, ex-166th color sergeant and ex-coach of the Cincinnati Reds, is returning to non-active service after two years at Fort Benning . . . the newly formed Co. G Chapter at Greenfield is showing the old-timers something, 71 members . . . the election of Edward C. Weitzel makes it four national presidents and two national auxiliary presidents from the Buckeye state . . .

Didja know that Maj. Charles Baskerville, who exhibited Army Air Force portraits in the National Gallery in Washington is ex-Lieut. Baskerville, ex-Co. A and Silver Star holder of the 166th? . . . and the Navy is still taking skilled men, Carl Thimmes, ex-state president, entering service as Machinist Mate 1/c not long ago? . . . the state Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of approving the holding of the Ohio and National reunions in Cincinnati instead of the previously approved state reunion there next June?

Invitations to attend Armistice Day celebrations were received by President Weitzel from many sections of the country, all of which he regretfully declined so that he could spend the week-end with Allen Gibbons to lend what ever help might be needed in getting the Secretary's records in proper shape. At the very last moment, however, Allen notified Ed that everything was right up to the minute. Free, then, to accept one of the invitations, Ed selected a chapter near at home, to wit; Veterans of Company G, at Greenfield, Ohio. This youthful, but very healthy Rainbow Chapter, organized by Jim Zimmerman and Orville Carson, now has 71 members and is going strong.

Veterans of Co. G, 166th, Attention:

Mail your present address to Orville R. Carson, Secretary, 1626 E. Arlington Ave., Columbus 3, Ohio, for the current Company Roster, and receive one issue of "Rainbow-Loyalty," the Company G publication. What Rainbow Division Veteran wants to belong to the "Lost Battalion?" That is a 77th Division outfit, but a lot of you fellows have lost track of

your Company buddies, and of course they have lost track of you. MAIL NAME AND ADDRESS TO "KIT" NOW, with a letter. Any sons or daughters in the service? Let us have their names and units.

• Your chapter needs your dues •

OKLAHOMA—Following our regular annual meeting, the first Saturday in June, each year, we have been somewhat active. First, was a good sized representation to Camp Gruber on Re-activation Day, July 14th. Also on Infantry Day many "vets" from not only Tulsa, but Oklahoma City and other points attended a most impressive sight. A review of the entire Division Personnel, all motorized. To say it was most impressive does not commence to describe this superb trained Rainbow Division.

Us "old veterans" were requested to wear our 1918 uniforms; of the twenty-five to thirty present, only two, with the aid of a shoe horn, were able to show up in their "antiques". In comparison to the 1944 variety of military "dress" we were antique without question. President Q. P. Shreck and past President S. J. Lahman were the only two able to show up in their 1918 "vintage", what they wore had to be assembled from many, in order to get a complete "fitting."

Navy Day program was well represented by many members of the Tulsa Chapter. November 10th, at the regular meeting of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, which was mostly a military affair, Rainbow Veterans were asked to be present. Many were there including President Shreck, who had been requested to sit at the head table.

Chapter Officers for 1944-45 are as follows: Quinten P. Shreck, President, 1124 East Admiral Blvd.; Leonard J. Hill, Vice President, 1631 South Cheyenne Ave.; and A. V. Todd, Secretary and Treasurer, 301 Thompson Building, all in Tulsa.

• And your presence. •

NEW JERSEY—Jersey Rainbowers confined their Armistice Day activities to decorating the World War memorial monument at Red Bank with a Rainbow wreath. They feel that the 1918 Armistice was only a pause in the present conflict and that only total victory — V-E & A Day — will herald the time for celebrating. Their Armistice Day spirits were further dampened by the recent passing of 2 N. J. Chapter members — Dr. Harold R. Applegate and Joseph Tenbroeck.

In furtherance of Jersey's support of new Rainbow's Welfare Fund, Jersey Rainbow contributed an additional 100 bucks thereto in

October. The N. J. Chapter's Christmas gift this year to each member's son and daughter in service will be \$5.00, like last year.

N. J. Chapter members deserving of particular mention are Jack Gaul, now serving his 26th consecutive year as Chapter treasurer, and (note: Minneapolis) Irving S. Harrison, who has six sons in active service. Can you match that?

May the New Year bring Rainbow solidarity, and Good Health and Good Cheer to all of you.

• See your secretary. •

PENNSYLVANIA—Pittsburgh's election of officers took place on November 4, with the following unanimously chosen to guide the chapter through 1944-1945:

George Winslow, President; Ronald Rigby, 1st Vice-President; Danny Gordon, 2nd Vice-President; Allen Koch, 3rd Vice-President; H. L. Eyman, Secretary; Vince Fleckenstein, Treasurer; Arthur Dunn, Chaplain; John Lotz, Service Officer; John Firth, Executive Committee; Walter Stover, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Philadelphia Chapter observed Armistice Day with the usual tribute to our departed comrades. In the evening, a dozen or so couples partook huskily of a spaghetti banquet served by and in the home of Carl and Olive Magill. So stuffed with the dinner they could scarcely move. Musser, Middleton, Magill, Graham, and Heller tried bluffing each other in a nickel and dime stud game with the result that a rather healthy kitty was donated for the Chapter's Welfare Fund.

• Merry Christmas. •

RODIER IN SUNNY

Harold Rodier, for 10 years editor-extraordinary of the RAINBOW REVEILLE, is overseas. In a letter to Ed Weitzel, Harold recounted that he is now editing a magazine and supervising several others. He also described a happy evening he spent with a native family which spoke no language other than their own, so conversation was not too easy nor rapid. "We dined, Harold continued, "in luxurious style, and as I sat in their home, overlooking the valley, my gaze rested on the famous ———, sh, musn't tell that."

Harold would enjoy hearing from you. His address is: Major Harold B. Rodier, 0493733, I & E Section, Hq., Comzone, APO 750, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

• Happy New Year. •

CHAPTER SECRETARIES, ATTENTION

When any member of your chapter effects a change of address will you please notify Allen Gibbons on Post Office Form 22-B? This form can be obtained free at your local post office and can be mailed with a one-cent stamp. Of course, a dozen or so can be enclosed in an envelope bearing a 3-cent stamp.

SENATOR-ELECT OLIN JOHNSTON

Former sergeant of C Company; soon became heavyweight champion of 117th Engineers; awarded regimental citation for bravery. Olin achieved the gubernatorial chair of South Carolina at the age of 38 after spending years in cotton mills. Twice Governor of his State, he defeated "Cotton" Ed Smith in the primaries this year and

was elected to the United States Senate.

• Washington State's over the top. •

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following committees have been appointed by President Weitzel:

LIAISON HISTORIAN: Captain Marshall Andrews.

1944-45 RAINBOW WELFARE COMMITTEE: Fred Crawford, Chairman; Cornelius J. Harrington; Edward G. Riekert; H. B. Flowers; Hartley A. Moon; Warner H. Grassell; Irvin C. Henry; Clifford Du Bois; Edward P. Cook.

COMMITTEE ON REACTIVATED 42nd RAINBOW DIVISION to consider restrictions for future membership in the National Association Rainbow Division Veterans: Ruby D. Garrett, Chairman; Robert R. Reno, Jr.; Leland L. Whitney; Jack A. Clarke; Walter Michel.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY BROADCASTING COMMITTEE: Elmer F. Neagle, Chairman.

• A new high for Louisiana. •

URGES BOND PURCHASES

General MacArthur, on Leyte, where liberators of the Philippines are slugging it out with the Japs, sent this stirring message: "We at the front have complete faith in you at home. The spirit of America — always in your heart — has never failed us and we know you will supply needed money through the purchase and holding of War Bonds."

• Maine, let's organize. •

A total of 80,444 placements of veterans of the last war and the present war was made during September through offices of the United States Employment Service, it was announced recently by Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission. This total includes 12,492 placements involving disabled veterans whose skills, aptitudes and experiences enable them to perform many types of productive work.

Of the total number of jobs found during the month, 20,380 were for veterans of World War I.

LARSEN MEETS MacARTHUR

The first Red Cross man to set foot on the Philippines with the invading troops was Howard Larsen, past President of Long Island Chapter. For a while, Howard was pinned down by sniper fire but was soon able to get his canteen set up and working. He had previously made D-Day landings at Gloucester and Hollandia.

When General MacArthur stepped ashore on Leyte, Howard walked up to him, shook hands and congratulated him on behalf of the Rainbow Division Veterans on the wonderful progress he has made in the Southwest Pacific. When Howard introduced himself, MacArthur beamed all over and they had a nice little chat together. The General, however, said he didn't want any coffee.

• How 'bout it, Arkansas? •

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Homer W. Gardner has suggested, for the benefit of traveling Rainbowers, that THE REVELLE publish a list of forthcoming events each month. Because of the uncertainty of mail delivery (it took 10 days for the November REVELLE to reach some points in Iowa) it would be advisable to publish activities to take place the following month. Consequently, will chapter secretaries please mail THE REVELLE editor your copy for *unusual* meetings or events to take place in February? Mail it pronto, please, so we can publish it in the January issue.

• Make '45 the record year. •

FROM PARIS

Rainbower H. P. Jackson, of Newark, N. J., received the following card, which we believe will interest many in our Association:

"How I wish to get news from you. We are all alive, but had a pretty bad time. It has lasted so long. Our own house is still standing. As you can fancy we have been extremely glad to see your new army already so glorious. America will no doubt give us Peace in a short time. I should be very happy to meet here any Americans you know in Paris. Kindly let me know names and addresses. Of course, I am at your disposal if there is anything I can do. We were entirely cut off from the outside world. I hope you are all well. Tell me about your life. Very heartily yours" (signed) Charles Mathon, 238 Bis Boulevard, Jean Jaures, Boulogne sur Seine, Seine, France. (Charlie was liaison officer of the French Army attached to our 117th Ammunition Train - ed.).



Larsen in Uni. form of Captain of New York State Guard

WHY MEMBERS ARE NEEDED

The Treasurer is vitally interested in the membership trend at all times but this year he is especially concerned.



R. J. HAYWARD
National Treasurer

Unusual circumstances and general conditions, familiar to all, have caused a steady increase in our operating costs over the past few years. Fortunately, this rise in costs was accompanied by a considerable increase in membership. Nevertheless, we have continued to lose ground, for the percentage of each dues dollar that goes for operating expenses has

also steadily increased.

The exigencies of these times, therefore, would seem to threaten the continuance of our present high standard of operation unless membership continues to grow.

Our budget this year calls for 6,500 members and to get them we must overcome, among other things, the time lost this year because of the unavoidable delay in electing and appointing new officers.

It is not an overstatement to say that the situation that faces us here requires the extraordinary thought and effort of all to the end that every possible source and manner of obtaining memberships may be exhausted — and quickly.

While the obtaining of 6,500 members this year will be no easy task, it is far from impossible when you have in mind that THE REVELLE goes to about 5,000 veterans who are not now members of a Chapter or of National at large.

These men have been receiving REVELLE regularly and are well aware that the Association has kept alive for over a quarter of a century the glory and prestige of our great Division and has made possible the continued social contact of Rainbow Veterans all over the country, nourishing their sacred war memories, solidifying old friendships and creating new ones. That they are proud of their Rainbow connections, appreciate and are interested in the Association, I have no doubt.

Hundreds of these men, each year, fill out the coupon on the back cover of REVELLE and send in their dollar or join a Chapter. I believe this process can be accelerated if these prospects are properly and personally approached for, largely, the only reason they are not now in the fold is the same reason that makes it necessary for someone to remind you and me each year that we haven't paid our dues.

Let us all join, in a great effort to make this year a bigger and better Rainbow Year than the biggest and best of the past.

Yours in Rainbow,

R. J. HAYWARD.

CINCINNATI REUNION

Why not plan now, if you've not already done so, to spend your vacation in Cincinnati next summer and be sure it includes the 13th and 14th of July.

The 1945 Rainbow Reunion is expected to dim out all the other glorious Reunions since the first one was held in Germany. The Ohio State get-together, alone, is well worth the trip to Cincinnati. Coupled with the National Reunion, Cincinnati, on July 13 and 14, promises you unexpected pleasures and surprises. We ain't kidding you, fellows, when we say you just can't afford to miss it.

Our membership goal this year is 6500. We're going to accomplish that. Let's make this a year of goals; another should be the largest turnout at Cincinnati of any Rainbow Reunion. We'll be seeing you there.

- What's delaying Connecticut. •

A note from Bob Taylor, Oklahoma Chapter, stated that he read in a Kansas City newspaper a press dispatch quoting a German commentator under date of November 11, "The famed U. S. 42nd Rainbow Division has joined the battle for the Saar, having only recently arrived from the United States."

Adds Bob: "the krauts must be seeing the ghosts of the old Rainbow."

- Idaho, time to form a chapter. •

The November 9th Camp Gruber RAINBOW REVELLE, in a new dress and format, carried this announcement, "For months we have been planning to put out THE REVELLE on our own press. The press has finally arrived, and here's the result — a smaller REVELLE, but the same paper, following in the footsteps of THE REVELLE of World War I, which took many forms during its existence."

- A charter is issued to 15 members. •

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Bloomington is the home of Battery F and Indiana University. Officers of the Bloomington chapter for the coming year are: Kenneth P. Williams, Pres., Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.; Mathew Carpenter, Vice-Pres., Spencer, Ind.; Marion C. Rogers, Sec., Rogers Ins. Agency, Bloomington, Ind.; Kenneth Moat, Treas., R. R. No. 5, Bloomington, Ind.

Bloomington Chapter meets twice a year regularly, once in the fall and once in the spring. The Spring meeting is held approximately 60 days after the frost is out of the ground and the place is at least 7 miles from the city limits, where the sassafras grows luxuriantly. At this affair, the boys who like their likker, not on'y red but potent, come into their own and have their day, and may stay on the premises indefinitely. In the fall we have the round up on the evening of the Indiana University Homecoming Football Game. At this meeting every effort is made to contact all former members of Battery F, near and far. A program is always provided in addition to a swell dinner at the American Legion Home.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

R. Allen Gibbons, P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.



It is being demonstrated that Rainbow Chapters can go "over the top", even when they get off to a late start, due this year to the late election of national officers. Bouquets are in order for the following chapters, which have equaled or exceeded last year's membership as of November 18th:

CRAWFORD ABLES CHAPTER, Gadsden, Ala.; JULIAN M. STRASSBERGER CHAPTER, Montgomery, Ala.; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER, Washington, D. C.; COOPER D. WINN CHAPTER, Atlanta, Ga.; DANVILLE CHAPTER, Danville, Ill.; INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER, Indianapolis, Ind.; MATHEW A. TINLEY CHAPTER, Council Bluffs, Iowa; NEW ORLEANS STATE CHAPTER, New Orleans, La.; NEW JERSEY CHAPTER, Red Bank, N. J.; EDISON MILLER CHAPTER, Delaware, Ohio; LUTHER SWIGART CHAPTER, Mansfield, Ohio; WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, Seattle, Wash.; and two new chapters, SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER, Springfield, Ohio, with 24 members and VETERANS OF CO. G, 166th CHAPTER, Greenfield, Ohio, with 71 members — both of which bid fair to establish marks at which some of the older chapters may try to shoot.

After the appearance of the last issue of THE REVEILLE, I had asked to be covered up with applications for the issuance of membership cards. The response was good in spots, as represented by the above record; but, frankly, I was a bit disappointed in not hearing from every chapter secretary in the country. Even if you do not have any memberships to send in,

my fellow scribes, I want a list of your chapter officers for 1944-45 with names, titles and addresses . . . and the day of the month on which you meet. A chapter directory is slated for publication after the first of the year and every chapter must be represented with its correct slate of officers for 1944-45. The only way in which to assure the correct listing of the officers of your chapter, Mr. Rainbow Secretary, is for YOU to advise this office and do it NOW. (The foregoing does not apply to those who have already complied with individual requests, for which spirit of fine cooperation your secretary thanks you!)

All chapter secretaries who do not know that Rainbow Lapel Buttons are available from this office at \$1.00 each postpaid, if payment is made in advance, will kindly go to the foot of the class. (Quit that crowding down there on the tail end!) Requests for these handsome identifying buttons, gold-plated on Sterling Silver, have been moderate; they should be on the lapel of every Rainbower. Let your orders pour in! The stock of Rainbow Windshield Decals is exhausted. However, another order is in the making, so let me have your orders for these too. Many a fine friendship has been generated by just such simple devices as a Lapel Button and an identifying Rainbow decalcomania on the window of a car.

What I had to say last month about information for the Memorial File is so important that it will bear repeating. Be sure to advise this office of the name and outfit of every Rainbower man who passes on to his final reward. If you can give additional details, such as his last resting place, date of demise, etc., so much the better.

As of December 20th, Chapter Standings will be compiled for publication in the January issue of THE REVEILLE. It is up to you, boys, as to what the record will show. Leave no stone unturned and "KEEP 'EM COMING AS YOU GET 'EM"!

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

R. Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans,
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 \$1. Please send me my membership card and continue sending THE REVEILLE to the following address:

