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## The President's Page

**N**OW starts a new calendar year and the second half of the Rainbow year. Let us take stock of ourselves and see what we have done. Still inspired by the dauntless valor of our beloved Commander and Comrade, General Douglas MacArthur, many veterans again serve their country, not only in posts and stations all over the United States but in the South Pacific and North Africa. The whereabouts of these Comrades cannot be told at this time but we have every confidence that they will uphold the Rainbow tradition and return to greet us again at future Reunions. Some of them we shall see no more.

ON DECEMBER 24TH THE SUPREME COMMANDER called to higher duty General Alexander Anderson of New York. He is the second of our veterans to die in service, the other being Charles Quinn, also of New York.

ON THE HOME FRONT, OUR RECORD GENERALLY IS good, although we are a little behind last year at this time. From now on the going will be harder due to war conditions. All Past National Officers are asked to voluntarily return to duty to assist in maintaining the standards of former years. We must not fail those who serve beyond the Rainbow, nor those, again in uniform, who serve us here on the home front.

AL HOYT.

*Season's Greetings.*

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### THE BEGINNINGS OF A RAINBOW

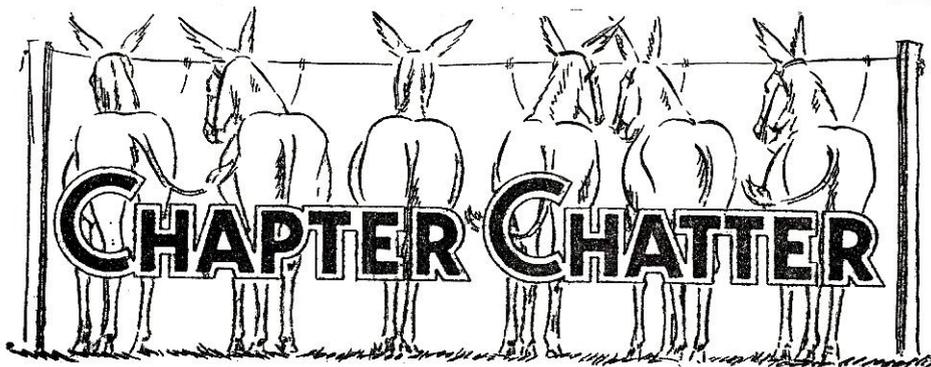
Since the last Reveille went to press the events of the war have taken a turn offering the greatest encouragement. Most notable from the American viewpoint was the opening of a second front in Africa by a large American force. This new A.E.F., operating in conjunction with the British (and French troops regained as allies), promises to gain complete control of North Africa when Rommel's forces are finally crushed between the two great armies between which he is now placed. With the destruction of Axis armies in Africa it becomes possible to build up immense Allied bases there; to regain use of Mediterranean routes; to completely knock out Italy as an enemy factor, and to freeze enormous Axis armies in south and south-eastern Europe while the Russians revive

their offensive power against Hitler's weakened forces. The crucial battles to ensure these ends have not yet been fought, the issues of these battles can by no means be foretold with assurance. But to our sturdy confidence in the final outcome may now be added the reasonable hope that the final phase of the conflict in Europe and the Near East has been reached. How much time will be required to achieve final victory in that theater of war, how many heartbreaking setbacks will be encountered in its accomplishment, we know not. But it is crystal clear that for Hitler's dream of power the sands of time are fast running out. Meanwhile, in the Pacific, American naval victories have offset the disastrous blow struck at Pearl Harbor; the tide seems to have turned against the Japs in the Solomons, while General MacArthur has gone far in his campaign to eliminate the Japs from their control of New Guinea bases. The Chinese have reported important victories in south China; and as this is written the British have just made a deep advance into Burma, hinting at a move to regain control of this crucial strategic link between China and India. On the home front, incredible strides have been taken toward the transformation of our peacetime industry and economy into one vast military machine, embracing all of our resources and all of our manpower and womanpower. The results have been beyond our expectation, but not beyond our requirements; and on the home front, too, the crucial battles remain to be fought and won. All in all, we enter the New Year bolstered by encouraging news, but possessing the grim knowledge that final victory lies beyond many distant and bloody battlefields.

### RESTRICTED, SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL

"Full many a rose is born to blush unseen,  
And waste its fragrance on the desert air."

No secret plans for a new bomb sight, no blueprint for a bigger and better bomber have received more hush-hush treatment than the newest Rainbow opus, an unexpurgated history of the 117th Trench Mortar Battery written by The Reveille's Maryland correspondent, Harry Stansbury. A pen dripping with pungent wit, and using as a subject the outfit which produced Jack Clark, Steve Mason, Abe Stout, Ratty Ratcliffe and their ilk could not fail to produce a masterpiece. The volume is veiled in a deeply suspicious secrecy, however. No copy has come to your Editor for review; no man has seen its pages save the select few whose names adorn the roster of the Maryland Chapter. One can hardly fail to wonder why. What secrets, excavated from the mouldering bones of the past, are so zealously guarded by the publishers of Stansbury's tome? Quien sabe?



### COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

There is an important change in the date for sending in copy for the next issue of *The Reveille*. The deadline has been extended to January 12. But correspondents are urgently requested to cooperate by sending their copy in not later than that date. Please note also that copy may be sent direct to the Editor at the following address:

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**ALABAMA**—Armistice Day passed without its usual gaieties. Parades, long lines of soldiers, flags and Army fighting equipment were absent from the streets. Instead, there was a cessation of all activities and men, women and children bowed their heads in one minute of silent tribute to the men who gave their lives in 1917-1942 for the cause of democracy.

Many Rainbowers participated in the memorial exercises and decoration of the graves of World War I and II heroes, sponsored by the Jefferson County Council of the American Legion.

Albert Hoyt of Cleveland, National President, had his wings clipped en route to Birmingham. His plane was grounded in Atlanta, Ga., and to continue his journey he was compelled to hire a taxi to carry him to the Alabama state line and there he was met by the Alabama State Highway Patrol, which escorted him to Birmingham at the speed of 70 miles an hour, arriving at the Bankhead Hotel in time for the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter's traditional Armistice Day banquet. He was serenaded by the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. Better luck next time you make a trip, Al.

At the banquet, Albert Hoyt was the principal speaker. Other speakers included Capt. Harold B. Rodier of Washington, D. C., editor of *The Reveille*; W. B. Dandridge of Mobile,

state president; B. J. O'Hara, president of the Tuscaloosa Chapter; A. A. Holsemback of Anniston, past state president; E. W. Pritchett of Montgomery, past state president; Ted Hagen, commander of the Gorgas Post, American Legion; Mrs. Gaines Burnett, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Mrs. Evelyn Dandridge of Mobile, national first vice-president of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Jimmy Thigpen, president of the chapter, presided. Dr. Armour, general chairman, acted as toastmaster.

Turkey was served with all its seasonal trimmings and chapters throughout the state were well represented.

By acclamation, Joe Adams has been elected to serve out the unexpired term of H. S. Foster as secretary-treasurer of the Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter.

With B. J. O'Hara, president, presiding, the William M. Peters Chapter of Tuscaloosa held its regular monthly meeting in its clubrooms over Baker's Restaurant.

After considerable discussion, pertaining to the Alabama War Chest appeal, a motion was made and adopted to contribute \$10 to this worthy cause.

President O'Hara, in his campaign for membership, urged all members to canvass the city and surrounding territory for Rainbowers and to bring in delinquent dues.

ALBERT L. NORTHRUP.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—Rainbow celebrates its Silver Anniversary in the midst of civilization's worst holocaust. Our most famous one-time commander, General Douglas MacArthur, has shown to the world why Rainbow is what it is. We were indeed fortunate to have as our leaders men of such character and military genius. That is what made Rainbow, then, and we, you and I must keep its brilliant colors unfurled to the breeze now. Do it now! Whatever you can do will help, but do it now. Keep up your Rainbow affiliations for they are priceless. There will never be another Rainbow we are told by our military leaders. It behooves us, therefore, to keep alive "... that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division." It

is the sacred memory of our departed comrades that we shall carry on.

Dave Brown of Bethlehem advises they have fifty-two paid up members, which is not bad considering times. This outfit, if it really gets to dealing, will give us all something to shoot at, methinks. Former Bethlehem men now in the service are: Hugh Ward, Fort Meade, Md.; Henry Schuster, former Sgt. Major of the Machine Gun outfit, together with his son, are now in the Navy (how do you like that?), and Leidy Draugh, Hdqts. Co., 33rd Division, A.P.O. 33, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Earl Dennis of Lancaster Chapter and former State Association Secretary-Treasurer, is now Sergeant R. E. Dennis, Sqd. K, 6th Station Comp., Duncan Field, San Antonio, Tex. Earl's friends are legion, for he has been one of the leaders of Rainbow for a long, long time. We all wish you luck, Earl. In a recent letter Earl tells us that he has already run into another Rainbower down in Texas, William W. Price, once of the 150th F. A. Leave it to Rainbowers to get together.

Madeline Letzer of Philadelphia was observed recently to buy several War Bonds. As she handed over the money, she explained to the clerk, "I was really saving this dough to buy a divorce from Letzer, but, believe it or not, I can stand him even better than I can Hitler." This happy ending was discovered at the last meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter when Letz was awarded the official doghouse. This neat contrivance was fashioned by Lee Benson, himself the original holder of the prized award. Benson surrendered the doghouse to Howard Graham, chairman of Philadelphia's executive committee, who earned the right to possession by keeping his wife waiting two hours at a recent appointment. Letzer feels the honor to be undeserved. All he did was to invite the executive committee to his home for a regular business meeting—on Madeline's birthday.

This column wishes to pay its humble respects to Jimmy Ellsworth, former President, Father Duffy Chapter. It was my privilege to have known and worked with Jim. He was a real Rainbower and a gentleman. Jim passed away recently in New York City. Also, closer to my own regiment comes news of the death of Lawrence Kingsbury, former motorcycle dispatch rider of F Co., 117th Engrs. Kingsbury had just received a commission in the Marines and was killed just one week after in an accident near San Diego, California. Rainbow in general grieves at such sad news and we extend deepest condolences to the families of our former comrades.

Randy Randolph, President of our Pennsylvania State Association, was principal speaker at a recent flag unfurling ceremony over in Lancaster. We understand he did all right. When, can I ask, doesn't he do all right?

Col. Robert H. Tyndall, former Commander

of the 150th F. A., was recently elected Mayor of Indianapolis. Congratulations, Colonel; we know you will do the job.

We here in Pittsburgh are having our regular meeting this coming Saturday night. This will be my first meeting as President, and I am already looking forward to it with great pleasure. We have a swell gang here in Pittsburgh and we don't go much for strict parliamentary proceedings. When fellows come from as far away as 160 miles to attend meetings, then it can be said, "We've got something." We have a paid-up membership of seventy-two as of this writing. Have we got something, or have we?

So long.

WALT MICHEL.

#### MICHIGAN—

New Year's Day in '43!

A serious year it's going to be—  
Do without this, do without that,  
Some of us will wear a tin hat.  
But when our Freedom is at stake,  
What difference does it make?

So let us all together

Dig in and do our bit;

Put an end to tyranny,

And make a job of it!

In spite of a bitter wind and freezing temperatures, 25 loyal Rainbowers turned out for the Armistice Day Parade which was held at night to accommodate war workers. Our two ambulances, driven by Vic Yan Yax and Julius Hesse, led the column. Next came our Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, 25 strong, under the able direction of Dr. McAfee, putting to shame some of their seniors who didn't turn out. Pop Irwin and Niel Furton were colorbearers, while "3 Star" Hennessey and Fred Eckhout were color guards.

Waiting for us at the Veterans Building was some very welcome hot chow served by the combined Auxiliaries. Fenna Downey, Betty Peyton and Mother Northrup were on the job to see that Rainbow was taken care of.

Having replenished the inner man, we journeyed to Ed Coury's Rainbow Inn where we met several of our ladies. As always, when the gang gets together, there was reminiscences and story telling.

Our annual visit to the Veterans' Hospital was advanced to Nov. 15 because of the impending gas ration. Because Chaplain Holliday was in bed recovering from an operation, Mrs. Holliday did the honors. Forty patients, many of them in wheelchairs, gathered in the auditorium. Among them was a casualty from the present war.

Several of the old hymns were sung, led by Mrs. Lucille Schleicher, who also gave several solos. Dr. Charles Wuerst was at the piano. After brief remarks by the chapter officers, Past National President Wilbur Brucker was introduced as the speaker. With his happy faculty for suiting his remarks to

the occasion, he made an informal talk that was well received by all present.

At the conclusion of the program we visited several of the wards and stopped in to wish Chaplain "Joy" speedy recovery.

The feather party held at Fairview Post's new home was a success although bad weather did cut down the attendance. Thanks are due to Chairman Hennessey, Bill Hemme and all of those who helped put it across.

Greetings, Buddy, how are you?

I'm still lookin' fer yere dues.

KURT W. FREDERICK.

**CALIFORNIA**—Our Reveille correspondent Warner Grassell apparently has been so busy turning out Boston Bombers for Douglas that he just hasn't had strength enough to keep the rest of Rainbow posted on doings out here on the Coast. So, we are going to do a bit of pinch-hitting for him.

Our "MacArthur '42 Club" is still going strong. The boys are still paying in their 42c each week and Uncle Sam is still delivering War Bonds. Jack Wilson, treasurer of the fund, supplied a most interesting report on the activities of this club at our November meeting. Seems that while every member signed up for the 42c per week, most of them have been pouring in many times that amount.

For the first time since we came home from Germany, everyone in California realized this year that Armistice Day surely was just that. So, instead of the big parade through the Los Angeles downtown area, this year the former soldiers and sailors put on a series of four smaller parades, timed for different hours, each about ten blocks in length, and winding up at Victory House—that Treasury Department War Bond "spot" in the heart of town—where a continuous program of Bond selling went on from early morning until late at night. The committee which annually represents all veteran groups in planning the celebration of Armistice Day sponsored a campaign among the Posts and Chapters to see who could sell the most Bonds. The prize was the privilege of naming a CalShip Liberty cargo vessel. Won by Beverly Hills Chapter of the D.A.V., those boys promptly named the vessel the Frank J. Irwin in honor of a 27th Division D.S.C. man known and loved by every combat veteran in California, who departed this life a few months ago.

Los Angeles Chapter and our Auxiliary have just agreed to hold no Christmas party this year. Instead, a definite program to see that each Rainbower or son of a Rainbower now in service be properly remembered on December 25, is to be undertaken. Your correspondent does not have a list of these uniformed Rainbowers available, but from memory we can list a few: Frank Bughman and Harry Hardy (D-149th F.A.) are back in the Army, the latter coming back from Pearl Harbor to re-enlist with a camouflage outfit. In the same outfit is "Bud" O'Neill, son of our Past President "Tip"

(B-149th F.A.3, Jess Gurley (B-117th Amm. Train) is in the Army Air Force. Clyde O. Duckworth (E-117th Engineers) re-enlisted with the 108th Engineers, and darned it they didn't sent him to Camp Lewis, Washington, where he started the last war! (Incidentally, he re-enlisted exactly 25 years after his original enlistment date.) "Hap" Williams and Frank Otto (151st F.A.) both hold commissions, the former being temporarily stationed somewhere in the mid-West, and the latter with the M.P.'s out here on the Coast. Amos Dow (K-165th Inf.) just sold his business in Nevada and quit the State Legislature to get back into active service as a Captain. Among the "kids," we're first going to mention Mildred Roberts, daughter of Ron (E-168th Inf.) who is "pointing" for the Ferry Command! She is a Pilot . . . no less. G. E. Aiken (C-151st F.A.) has two boys in service—one in the Army, the other in the Navy. "Bugs" Rockhold, son of Lt. John and brother of Pvt. Howard (E-117th Engrs.) is in the Navy, as is Kenny Davidson, son of Don (E-168th Inf.) And (we almost forgot)—the Navy also claims the services of Frank Butler (E-168th Inf.). We know there are others, whom we'll tell you about in our next.

The hearts of all California Rainbowers were saddened recently with the announcement by the Marine Corps of the accidental death of Lawrence W. P. Kingsbury (F-117th Engrs.). "King" had been commissioned only a few days when a convoy he was in charge of came upon a highway accident near San Diego. As it was particularly foggy, "King" and a sergeant attempted to direct traffic around the accident, and both were run down by a truck coming down the grade. We buried "King" in the National Military Cemetery at Sawtele.

Just a closing "shot"—our "grapevine" tells us Los Angeles Chapter's President "Stub" Bledsoe has passed his examinations for entrance into the Navy (and him with a wife and two kids, too!) How's that for Spirit?"  
MARK TIME.

**IOWA**—November 11 saw the Col. E. R.

Bennett chapter put on its annual Armistice Day dinner. Surprising enough it was a free feed and though it was the largest turnout on that date, yet we were surprised that more did not come. Maybe they thought there was some sort of a gag. Representatives from the Army, the Navy, State Guards and Selective Service were honored guests and each spoke a few words of greetings. Mayor John MacVicar told us that we at home had a most important part in trying to do our part to see that the proper kind of peace is secured at the end of the war. This is something for all of us remaining at home should have a part in by doing the proper kind of urging upon those who will have something to do about it.

The boys in Des Moines have taken over new meeting rooms on the third floor of the

Marks Building. V.F.W. Post 3626 (mostly Rainbow Veterans) have leased these quarters and we have rented from them. The quarters are fine and the ladies like their own rooms as well. Should help the chapter greatly.

Creston Chapter crashed through in November with a bang after one of those lagging years. The chapter is now in good hands with the following Rainbowners heading things up: President Walter P. Jones; Vice Presidents Ray Conrad and Walter W. Wallace; Secretary-Treasurer Willis G. Royce. More power to these fine Rainbow leaders.

Shenandoah, or southwest Iowa have also come to the front and we are again looking for big things from that direction. Iowa at this time is ahead of last year's banner Rainbow year. All who paid last year are urged to get in contact with their chapter officers at once.

HOMER W. GARDNER.

**NEW YORK**—Once again Armistice Day has rolled around and we have held our usual reunion and paid our respects to our departed comrades. Each year more and more of the familiar faces are missing and one cannot but wonder how much longer he will be around to enjoy the comradeship of his buddies.

The Armistice Party was held on November 11th directly after the meeting in the Father Duffy Room and you may be sure the meeting was very, very brief for the boys were rarin' to get to the eats and drinks. It was like old home week with tables allotted to each company so that one could visit and seek out whatever buddy he was looking for and compare notes.

Chances on liquors were sold but by the time they were to be given out they were among the missing. The liquor sleuths were called on and their sense of smell soon took them to the table of the M. G. Company where the liquor was confiscated before it could be used to appease the hairy throats of the gunners.

C Company put on one of their usual high class parties at the Hotel Martinique and had an overflow crowd. Manning Marcus, who never fails to attend, was there, and, I understand, in very good voice. A farewell party was given to Tom O'Hagan, who has been commissioned a major in the Army. When Tom starts giving commands with that voice of his the boys will sit up and take notice. Good luck, Tom!

We are planning to have a Roll of Honor in the Father Duffy Room for members of that Chapter who are back in service but before the plaque can be ordered we want the names of all who are in service in order to anticipate how large it must be. At the present time we have names of fifty and it is requested that the Chapter be advised of any names you may have.

It was noticed in the Illinois column of

the last Reveille that Chicago is bragging about the flat feet they have. We are surprised to hear this for we were under the impression the flatness was at the other end. Tell us some more of your secrets, Dan.

Armistice ceremonies were held by the Long Island Chapter on November 11th at 11 a.m. at the National Rainbow Division Monument and after the wreath was placed taps were blown by John Brawley's son, Barney.

On Friday night, November 20th, the Long Island Chapter puts on the Rainbow Review for the Coast Guardsmen at Gilgo Beach, L. I. We anticipate entertaining at least 400 men and have arranged a crackerjack program. Among the entertainers will be Ruth Richmond and W. J. Arenholz, a Rainbow Veteran, who have generously volunteered their services.

The Women's Auxiliary to Father Duffy Chapter is greatly concerned over the serious illness of their past president, Mrs. Thompson, and we all join with them in a prayer for her recovery.

The Luncheon Bridge held at LaGuardia Airport was a huge success both socially and financially and they will now be in a position to take care of the boys in hospitals and away from home for their Christmas.

G. E. SEAMAN.

**NEW JERSEY**—At the last meeting of the New Jersey Chapter on November 9, Major Alf S. H. Helmer, Sec Girt, N. J., formerly with E Co., 165th Inf., and Captain W. P. Beckman, Ft. Monmouth, N. J., formerly with the 117th Engrs. (Colonel "Moe" Johnson's dog and pony show) were welcome visitors. Sleuth Art Slattery unearthed these two Rainbowners at nearby camps and brought them in to meet the gang. It was a pleasure to have them with us.

Of the "regulars" who attended the meeting the one deserving of particular mention is our old mess sergeant Jim Reid. Despite a 70-mile trip and seldom an offering of refreshments or entertainment as an inducement to attend, he rarely misses a meeting. As mess sergeant, Jim's capacity for absorbing punishment was "tops." He can still "take it"—for Rainbow—and how!

On November 10 at the Miro Club, Newark, N. J., our baby chapter of Newark was christened the Charles T. Menoher Chapter. Champagne was not in evidence (due to rationing) but an ample supply of other potent beverages was available for the "soaking" ceremony. After a chicken dinner with all the trimmings, National Executive Committeeman Art Slattery did the honor of presenting the chapter's charter to President Charlie Rothholtz. Bob Hayward, National Treasurer, officially greeted the members and extolled the officers for the splendid showing the chapter has made. Remarks by President Rothholtz, O. E. Harrison, President, New Jersey Chapter, Fred Sackstetter, Ed Bryan

and Harry Smock topped an evening that was enjoyed throughout.

The New Jersey Chapter has again provided for the service men by procuring and distributing to local Army camps 100,000 sheets of writing paper bearing the imprint of the Rainbow emblem. If the boys can find enough ink, Uncle Sam in a short time will have delivered the name of Rainbow throughout the country. Credit for this idea of gaining Rainbow publicity while aiding the boys in service goes to "Pep" Mitchell, our First Vice President.

As the holidays approach may I suggest to you delinquents who have not kept faith with Rainbow by not paying your dues that you "Praise the Lord and Make Restitution." Pay your dues now. Your Christmas will be whiter and your heart will be lighter.

STAN BARROW.

**INDIANA**—The Indiana Medics (Martinsville Chapter) were in Reunion again. On Nov. 1 the recreation room of Floyd and Bernice Harper, Martinsville, was the scene of a gay and happy gathering for the Medicos, their bashful wives and half-starved offsprings.

Thirty enjoyed a noon dinner of turkey and the trimmings, but where did the Harpers get all that coffee and those huge quarts of old ale? While the boys reminisced and played poker, the gals got into their famous bingo game, winning fancy prizes.

During the business session a moment's silence was held in memory of their departed comrades. Following this officers were elected: Honorary Presidents, Dr. J. R. Burlington, Attica (deceased), Dr. Roy Whitsell, Lafayette; President Ralph Phelps, Indianapolis; First Vice President, Wm. R. Peterson, Martinsville; Second Vice President, Boyd Rudicell, Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer, Floyd L. Harper, Martinsville.

This very thriving little chapter dispersed late in the day pledging increased devotion to Rainbow.

PILL ROLLERS.

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER**—We were very disappointed that our Armistice Party at the Bar Association was called off. We were all set to have General Reilly give us the low-down on the big war show as only he can give it. Our efficient entertainment committee had to do some fast work to find a suitable place for our party. With the combined efforts of E. A. Johnson, Eskil Bjork and C. E. Johnson, who have always been more or less in sympathy with the Scandinavian race, we were wined, dined and entertained royally at the exclusive Swedish Club. Just imagine seeing dapper little Freddie Crawford choking on herring bones, Barre Blementhal juggling Swedish meat balls, Bob Reno and Tom Finnegan sweetening their coffee with Copenhagen. The dinner was served a la smorgasbord with plenty for all and we noticed several comrades from the speakers table going back for seconds and thirds.

The meeting was opened by our Worthy President Neil Harrington, but when he took one look at the overflow crowd, their cheeks bulging with snore, he decided he bane better turn the gavel over to Eskil Bjork, who, for some unknown reason was much at ease.

The first speaker of the evening was our esteemed friend and comrade Col. Hughes. He gave us a talk that all of you would have enjoyed. He told of his boyhood friendship with Douglas MacArthur in a western Army post.

Lt. Col. Hinkle, who is now attached to the Adjutant General's Dept., U.S.A., gave us a nice talk in which he explained why the colonels' commissions we have all applied for are still hanging fire. He is a busy man at this time and we appreciate his taking time out to speak to us.

Past Chapter President George Savage, who went into a coma at the Detroit reunion, has finally snapped out of it and has taken on the job of keeping the chapter out of the red. As usual, Howard Crowther spent the evening taking in dues.

We dropped in at the Foley palatial residence and noted that there are now two stars on their Service Flag. We spotted Doc at the far end of the lawn with a yardstick laying out a pup tent camp to house the New York boys who come to the Reunion. He has already obtained plastic G.I. cans. Doc is now a thirty-second vice president of the chapter.

I tank I bane sign off.

DAN AVERY.

**TEXAS**—Well, boys, I have just had a most heart-warming thrill. Such a thrill as comes only a few times in a lifetime. My first message from the midst of the fight. A letter from Capt. Lawrence Wood from Africa.

And, believe it or not, boys, it came all the way from there to El Paso, Texas, in eleven days. Yes, sir, and what a letter! A letter that just took me right there where I so want to be and made me a part of the grand job they are going.

He said he is fine, has plenty to eat and is having good luck with his work there. Morale is high and his boys are rearing to go. He has a swell outfit, and how they are working to keep those vehicles rolling for the boys farther up.

He says mail service is good and he can hear regularly from home. He gets the Rainbow Reveille and says he enjoys it immensely. He has been somewhat worried about his dear wife. But the Red Cross got on the wire and informed him that Frances, who has been ill, is doing nicely, and all Rainbow is thankful for that. He is looking forward to seeing us all in the spring.

Well, boys and girls, I just had to tell you about this. Letters! Letters! Letters! How much they mean to all of us!

FRED CORNELIUS.

## From the Desk of the National Secretary

Individual Chapters, attested by performance to date, or by pledge, made in the spirit of Rainbow will, are all destined to reach new highs in membership during our TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. The "Shock Troops" are those Rainbowers who are now unattached. You men must "Pass the Ammunition" to make this our SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF RAINBOW outstanding in its History. Will you be in there "passing"? Send in the coupon at the bottom of this page TODAY—sure. You will be assigned to the Chapter that you specify.

ED. WEITZEL.

### CHAPTER STANDING CHART AS OF DECEMBER 20, 1942

|                           |       | Progress | Goal |                           |       | Progress    | Goal        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|------|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Alabama Association       | ..... | ---      | 15   | Minneapolis               | ..... | 51          | 103         |
| Crawford Z. Ables         | ..... | ---      | 33   | St. Paul                  | ..... | 19          | 26          |
| Maj. John W. Carroll      | ..... | 39       | 76   | Minnesota Total           | ..... | 71          | 144         |
| Mortimer H. Jordan        | ..... | 70       | 118  | Missouri-Kansas           | ..... | 51          | 74          |
| William M. Peters         | ..... | 20       | 33   | St. Louis                 | ..... | 6           | 15          |
| Dallas B. Smith           | ..... | ---      | 15   | Missouri-Kansas Total     | ..... | 57          | 89          |
| Julien M. Strassburger    | ..... | 72       | 71   | Nebraska                  | ..... | 20          | 34          |
| Durward Crowder           | ..... | ---      | 16   | New Jersey                | ..... | 52          | 50          |
| Alabama Total             | ..... | 201      | 377  | Gen. Charles T. Menoher   | ..... | 9           | 18          |
| Los Angeles               | ..... | 114      | 125  | New Jersey Total          | ..... | 61          | 68          |
| San Francisco             | ..... | 139      | 150  | New Mexico                | ..... | ---         | 17          |
| Joyce Kilmer              | ..... | 25       | 23   | Father Duffy              | ..... | 207         | 557         |
| James Dougherty           | ..... | 1        | 18   | Long Island               | ..... | 18          | 50          |
| California Total          | ..... | 279      | 316  | Westchester               | ..... | 22          | 47          |
| Pueblo                    | ..... | 1        | 15   | New York Total            | ..... | 247         | 654         |
| Denver                    | ..... | 30       | 39   | Ohio Association          | ..... | 25          | 80          |
| Colorado Total            | ..... | 31       | 54   | Ralph Berger              | ..... | 5           | 24          |
| District of Columbia      | ..... | 50       | 88   | Cincinnati                | ..... | 41          | 45          |
| Jacksonville              | ..... | 26       | 23   | Columbus                  | ..... | 41          | 54          |
| Miami                     | ..... | 1        | 24   | Newark                    | ..... | 21          | 25          |
| Pensacola                 | ..... | 2        | 15   | Luther Swigart            | ..... | 15          | 19          |
| St. Petersburg            | ..... | 2        | 15   | Akron                     | ..... | 8           | 24          |
| Gen. Charles P. Summerall | ..... | 18       | 26   | Dyer J. Bird              | ..... | 26          | 19          |
| Florida Total             | ..... | 49       | 103  | Paul Hume                 | ..... | 2           | 15          |
| Georgia Chapter           | ..... | 7        | 33   | Sedan                     | ..... | 13          | 16          |
| Frank Joerg               | ..... | 1        | 15   | Edison H. Miller          | ..... | ---         | 15          |
| Cooper D. Winn            | ..... | 36       | 40   | Lancaster                 | ..... | 45          | 50          |
| Georgia Total             | ..... | 44       | 88   | Ancerville                | ..... | ---         | 15          |
| Illinois                  | ..... | 208      | 461  | Cleveland                 | ..... | 26          | 33          |
| Danville                  | ..... | 35       | 46   | Ohio Total                | ..... | 268         | 434         |
| Illinois Total            | ..... | 243      | 507  | Oklahoma Association      | ..... | 1           | 15          |
| Indiana State Chapter     | ..... | 121      | 136  | Oklahoma City             | ..... | 9           | 36          |
| Bloomington               | ..... | 65       | 73   | Tulsa                     | ..... | 33          | 40          |
| Fort Wayne                | ..... | 26       | 36   | Oklahoma Total            | ..... | 43          | 91          |
| Lafayette                 | ..... | 23       | 28   | Oregon                    | ..... | 3           | 15          |
| Martinsville              | ..... | 17       | 20   | Pennsylvania Association  | ..... | ---         | 15          |
| South Bend                | ..... | 1        | 15   | Easton                    | ..... | ---         | 15          |
| Indiana Total             | ..... | 253      | 308  | Pittsburgh                | ..... | 75          | 62          |
| Iowa Association          | ..... | ---      | 15   | Bethlehem                 | ..... | 56          | 50          |
| Des Moines                | ..... | 104      | 177  | Lancaster                 | ..... | 71          | 65          |
| Cedar Rapids              | ..... | 15       | 34   | Reading                   | ..... | 30          | 50          |
| Oskaloosa                 | ..... | 27       | 30   | Philadelphia              | ..... | 43          | 51          |
| Creston                   | ..... | 23       | 32   | Pennsylvania Total        | ..... | 275         | 308         |
| Lee County                | ..... | 12       | 26   | South Carolina            | ..... | 2           | 24          |
| Fort Dodge                | ..... | 5        | 22   | Tennessee                 | ..... | 2           | 22          |
| Mason City                | ..... | 10       | 29   | Texas                     | ..... | 9           | 44          |
| Red Oak                   | ..... | 4        | 46   | Virginia                  | ..... | 55          | 74          |
| Council Bluffs            | ..... | 16       | 44   | Lynchburg                 | ..... | 24          | 26          |
| Cedar Valley              | ..... | 24       | 31   | Virginia Total            | ..... | 79          | 100         |
| Ottumwa                   | ..... | 17       | 58   | Washington (Seattle)      | ..... | 3           | 19          |
| Southwest Iowa            | ..... | 11       | 32   | Wisconsin Association     | ..... | 4           | 15          |
| Northwest Iowa            | ..... | 5        | 28   | Appleton                  | ..... | ---         | 23          |
| Iowa Total                | ..... | 273      | 604  | Gen. Douglas MacArthur    | ..... | 28          | 29          |
| New Orleans               | ..... | 16       | 19   | Fond du Lac               | ..... | 15          | 36          |
| Louisiana Total           | ..... | 16       | 19   | Oshkosh                   | ..... | 24          | 20          |
| Maryland                  | ..... | 61       | 75   | Wisconsin Total           | ..... | 71          | 123         |
| Michigan                  | ..... | 87       | 139  | National Chapter-at-Large | ..... | 21          | 136         |
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