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## REMINISCENCES OF A MINNESOTA ARTILLERYMAN



Maj. Gen. George E. Leach

Ye Editor has honored me with a request for an article covering the Artillery activity of January 1918. The selection of that particular January 1918 was bad luck for me as it was full of headaches and preparation for our march against the enemy which did not start until February 16.

To begin with, it was the month of our wind-up training at Coetquedan. The mud that month was a large part of my memory. Our picket lines were a foot deep in the stickiest batter I ever saw before or since, and every inspection from G.H.Q. (and we had one about every day) rode us plenty.

Our firing practice had progressed to a point which we thought we were about perfect, and, believe it or not, when Colonel Mettre, from the French Mission, came and

put us through an all-day problem, he said we were good.

During the month of January we had two cases of infantile paralysis and on January 15, Private George M. Peterson died and it was a pretty ticklish time. Speaking of inspections, one day, January 16, we had Generals Lassiter and Brewster and Colonels McNeir, Bernie, Lewis and Cruikshank—I admit that was our high-water mark on inspections. However, so nothing should be missed, Col. Bernie came back the next day and did it all over again. The latter part of January we had some training in the use of observation balloons and my stomach hasn't all the wrinkles out of it yet.

In reading about the awful prison camps in this war, I am reminded of a protest I made on the 20th. "That the German prison camp smelled so bad you couldn't pass it within a hundred meters"—I guess war prison camps are just prison camps in anyone's language, except in the United States where we make life, in my humble way of thinking, a little too deluxe.

During this training period we were, as you know, using French guns and ammunition and we had bad luck with a certain long fuse—the worst day was January 24 when a gun blew up killing Corporal Buckley and Private Alexander and injuring three others. Just to show how small the world is and what a neighborhood affair the 151st was, Capt. Soper, the surgeon who handled the medical attention necessary, was the family doctor that had attended Corp. Buckley's mother when he was born. Anyway that's what the Doc told me and it's a good story.

The Editor did not ask me to comment on the cafe life during January, but it did play some part—in fact it was a part. General Summerall, who was our Brigade Command-

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enlisted in that cause and in that service. Deeply and intimately linked and in ways that are many and varied. Those of us who were privileged with the opportunity are once more bearing arms or serving with the colors. And, with infinitely greater sacrifice, we have given our sons to serve and if need be die in that cause. And the colors of the Rainbow have gone forth to every battle front, borne by the regiments in which we once served and living again the glory of Rainbow. And finally, in the re-established Rainbow Division we see the whole sweep of the Rainbow preparing to engage the foes we once have met.

And although a victorious and triumphant peace is our goal, rather than glory, we have an inescapable happiness in the knowledge that in every phase of Rainbow's connection with the raging battles, new glories are being won by our sons; new lustre added to our flags.

Daily the count grows. We have before us the recognition of the valor of the son of a Rainbower, Lt. Robert Allison, Jr., the son of an old fighting engineer, Robert G. Allison, 117th Engineers. Lt. Allison was awarded the Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" in the Southwest Pacific. Illuminating as to the spirit of this young "second generation Rainbower" is this extract from a letter to his kid brother: "Tom, I wish I could send you the ears off what I got on your birthday. I was making a pass at two Zeros that were closing in on one of my buddies, when another one (that must have had his mind in Tokyo!) flew right in front of me. All I had to do was pull the trigger and he sure did burn pretty. Then I looked around and there were four Zeros on my tail firing away. Well, I knew I wasn't alone in that cockpit for they didn't hit me. \* \* \* There is nothing like having God on your side."

But all the distinction is not being gained by these youngsters. Maj. Gen. James K. Crain, once our Divisional Ordnance officer, was recently awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious service \* \* \* by his leadership, judgment and high professional attainments \* \* \* made a material contribution to the development of the fighting Army of the United States."

Truly of one blood, one faith and one piece are those who have been touched with the radiant hues of the Rainbow.

### How Big Is Your Heart?

You've been asked to make a money contribution to the Welfare Fund of the new Rainbow Division. That is great stuff. Go ahead; give till it hurts. The money will do a lot of good. You can afford to make a contribution and you will get a great sense of satisfaction out of the action.

But it'll generally be a pretty easy contribution to make and we're asking you now to make a contribution that will really be a serious sacrifice. You've got a number of books—Rainbow histories, regimental histories, books on the Rainbow such as "Men

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### " - - - In Never Ending Glory"

Once in our youth we of the Rainbow engaged ourselves in the service of our Nation and the cause of freedom everywhere. With high heart and firm resolution we committed ourselves to that cause; followed its banners through the valley and the shadow of death. When the great battle ceased (for all time we then vainly believed), we laid down our arms and returned to our homes to resume the peaceful pursuits interrupted by the conflict. How often, since that time, have we been cautioned by our leaders that the lives which had once been placed upon the altar of our Nation's need could never fully be returned to us? And, oh, how fully have we been brought to realize the truth of that conception. Today there scarcely breathes a Rainbower who is not, somehow, once more

## A RAINBOW REVIEW

It was my pleasure to have been a guest of Major General Harry J. Collins of the Rainbow Division on November 30 when a complete divisional review was held following a week of inspections and tests by the 10th Corps inspecting officers. Present also were representatives of a number of the State Chapters and Past National President Fred Crawford, Chairman of the Welfare Committee.

Preceding the review, State flags of Alabama, California, Illinois and Minnesota were officially presented

to the Division, and Rainbow patches worn during 1917 and 1918 by men who then served in the Division were awarded to enlisted men for outstanding service.

After observing the Division on parade and in camp, we are convinced that the training these men are receiving is of the most thorough order and that the Rainbow Division will surely be among the best of the fine divisions which at present are units of the Third Army.

BOB RENO

Christmas this year was outstanding because so many of you were kind enough to send me your greetings during the holiday season. My sincere wish is that I may greet you personally on next July 14th in Chicago.

BOB RENO

## CHAPTER CHATTER

**IOWA**—The Iowa State Association has adopted a new slogan for its membership drive for 1943-1944. It is now "A Rainbow on the wall in every home where a Rainbow Veteran lives." The Rainbows are already for framing, size 9x12 and with suitable distinction that will honor any Rainbow Veteran's home and place. The big drive is on and is certainly meeting with success. The only way one of these Rainbows can be secured is by payment of the annual \$2.00 in any one of Iowa's thirteen chapters. The present drive has put every Iowa Chapter back on the map and they are rolling in.

Northwest Iowa Chapter at Sioux City, which was installed on the day the Japs took the sneak stab in the back, December 7, 1941, is now back in action. On December 7 they reorganized and put on the showing of "Rainbow Recollections" the World War films of Iowa's 168th Infantry. Really brought back some memories to the boys. William F. Mann was elected president; Roy Fox, vice president, and F. Max Wiltsey, formerly of Alabama's 167th was elected secretary-treasurer. These boys are out for new members and have promised us their goal will be reached.

The North Iowa Chapter at Mason City, the home chapter of our State President, Cliff DuBois (151st Minnesota) is really stirring around and have taken the challenge of the other chapters for leadership. They have

reached their state goal and say they will not stop there. Our hats are also off to Willis Royce and his gank down around Creston. A swell job is under way there. Des Moines is really shooting at the 200 mark and we're betting that they reach their goal.

To Rainbow Veterans everywhere Iowa sends the best of wishes for the New Year and a desire to see Rainbow continue in all of its glory wherever a Rainbow Veteran may live.

HOMER W. GARDNER.

**The Conferences at Cairo and at Teheran were of world shaking importance—but—the 1944 Rainbow Division Reunion to be held in Chicago is what Chicago is now concentrating on.**

FRANK GOULD, 1944 Reunion Chairman

**INDIANA**—Another month has rolled around and again the Editor has requested something for the publication and the writer will endeavor to give a few things of interest to those who are willing to read over the booklet.

First, must advise that our good friend Major Dan I. Glossbrenner happened back in town over Thanksgiving to spend a few days with his family, having finished his course at the Military Government College waiting for assignment. The writer was informed of his presence one evening by Sidney S. Miller, who in turn began to get his telephone committee busy and the following

members presented themselves on Wednesday, December 1, at a noon luncheon at the Hotel Antlers: Gen. (Mayor) R. H. Tyndall, Major Dan I. Glossbrenner, Sidney S. Miller, Paul V. Brown, Supt. of Parks Ted V. Corbin, Phil C. Lewis, C. F. Siegrist, Carlos A. Morris, Chester B. Camp, John D. Morrison, Edward P. Cook, Hugh Secor, John Caylor, Paul B. Bonham and Karl Erath. Other members were contacted and promised to come but business and sickness evidently interfered with their presence. It was a happy and friendly get-together.

Since my first letters to your Editor, I find that I overlooked advising of several deaths of former members of the 150th Field Artillery, however not all of them were members of the Chapter:

Cleston G. Berry, Battery A, Frank La-Barbera, Battery E, Frank Heathco, Battery E, and David B. Strode, Battery A. The writer has likewise advised the National Chaplain of the death of these former members, who will incorporate their names in his Memorial Record. It is of utmost importance to have any member knowing of the death of some former associate in the Division to notify his Chapter officers so they in turn can carry on the work that is assigned to them to do, as National Headquarters can't do everything unless they know what is going on locally.

Have you seen the new booklet entitled "42nd Division" that is being printed by the Johnson Printing Company of Tulsa? It gives you a first hand glimpse of the old and the new with pictures of some of the old officers as well as the new Commanding Officer of Division, Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins. Your own Chapters may have ample supply for each member that desires to purchase one and it is something each member should see. Also don't forget your contribution to the Welfare Fund that was spoken of in the last copy of the Reveille by your Welfare Committee, headed by Judge Cornelius J. Harrington, Treasurer, No. 706 County Bldg., Chicago, Illinois. All checks to be made payable to the Rainbow Division Welfare Fund and sent through your Chapter Chairman, who in our own case is Edward P. Cook. Do it now, as the time is short and action is NOW.

The writer was informed this week that we have a local man here in Indianapolis that is in the new Rainbow Division and his name being Charles Jackson, 742nd Ord. Company, L.M. He was extended an invitation to be present as our guest at last Wednesday noon's luncheon but failed to present himself, so have no further news about him. Perhaps we will hear more from him later. Also heard about another member of the new Division, who had returned home for a convalescent period by the name of Perry East, living on a rural route out of Norman, Indiana. He, too, was advised to be with us but have heard nothing from him. It is of great importance to all of us to get news and if you will each one remember that

when something comes up that they hear or see to advise your officers, some mention will be made of it in these columns. We can't write all of the news unless someone gives us ideas and therefore tell us about some of the "little things" that we don't hear about, and we will see that they are formed and shaped up for all concerned.

KARL ERATH

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Members of the

D. C. Chapter and friends thoroughly enjoyed films of the Rainbow of '17-'19 in training and in action, shown to an S.R.O. audience in November. We were delighted to see a number of former active members among those in attendance. The monthly meetings now being held in the famous National Press Club are exceptionally well attended and the Chapter is indebted to Bob Litchfield for securing these ideal quarters.

President Irving (Ziggy) Silverberg is looking forward to a new high in memberships if some has not been reached before going to press. The February meeting will probably be a dinner with the ladies in attendance in case the annual Tri-State Reunion does not materialize this year.

New Year's greeting to all and our congratulations to you "Major" Harold Barnhart Rodier.

"OLE TOUT."

MINNESOTA—This is the time of the year when the State President is rounding up his committee for the Annual Reunion. Your President, Bill Andres, is very anxious to get these committees going and asking for volunteers to take the various committees. Any of you fellows who have nothing to do, get in touch with him.

St. Paul's monthly meetings, which is held on the first Monday of each month at the Veterans Hall, are being well attended. The last meeting, however, consisted of only a few faces, seems as everyone else had the flu. Try to remember that date, you St. Paul men, and attend your meeting.

The Minneapolis Chapter can boast of another successful Armistice party, the weather being fine and a lot of hard work by President Kroboth and his First Lieutenant, Otto Martin, plus all of his committee help, made it one of the nicest parties we have had in years. Not only everyone having a grand time but they made some money for the outfit which is a big item these days.

The Battery Last Man's Club are having a grand year of it. Both B and D Batteries have held their meetings and regardless of the gas shortage you see a lot of faces from all over the state there. F is the last one to hold it's meeting, which will be in January.

We would like all 151st men throughout the country, who have sons and daughters in the service, sit down and write us a card or letter and let us know their whereabouts and what branch of service they are in. We will try to keep a record of this and we hope you will cooperate with us in keeping it up

to date. Send all your letters to Frank West, 4900 31st Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

In behalf of all the officers of the State and Local Chapters, we wish each and everyone of you a marvelous holiday and a very successful 1944!

FRANK WEST

**NEW YORK**—I am still chasing Rainbows and hope in my next bit of news will be able to add 100 more members for New York . . . we have now 400 and have not started, yet it looks as if Chicago will have to get Mrs. Murphy's cow back for milk and not candy from N. Y. . . . Just read the "swats-on-cans" and after reading what they say about me I think they are the best artillery in the country period . . . Gene Eagan and that terrible Swede, Ollie Atkinson, are talking about absolutely nothing . . . Well the old regiment, as you have seen in the papers, has added more glory to the Colors . . . We of N. Y. know the rest of the Rainbow feel just as proud of them as we do . . . although our Regt. is not in the new Rainbow it is our hope that they will meet on the battle field and chase those slanty-eyed Japs back to Tokio . . . What could be better than the Rainbow and the 165th (69) in line with each other . . . I would not want to be on the receiving end . . . Had a large gathering at our December meeting and plenty of camel's milk for the gang . . . after the last sip they admit their company was the best in the Regt. . . . they are all wrong; mine was . . . In closing, New York sends Season's Greetings to all Rainbowers in all chapters . . . also all new Rainbowers—may they all soon return to their homes and enjoy a good, long life and a Rainbow one.

JIM MASON.

**NEW JERSEY**—The Gen. Charles T. Mencher

Chapter's fall meeting was held on November 22 at the Irish War Veterans' home, Newark, N. J. Emil Huber, that chapter's "plugging" secretary, reports that the turnout was good, considering the scattered membership and the solely business nature of the meeting. Ray Winegerath and Joe Salaman displayed the true spirit by being present, despite the distances they had to travel from Fairview and Passaic, N. J. Also Postmaster George Colburn of Short Hills, N. J., the chapter's second vice president, who never misses. Ways and means for contributing to the Rainbow Welfare Fund was chiefly discussed. I am not informed whether a definite fund-raising plan was adopted, but I know that the boys of this chapter will do their bit in true Rainbow style. For this chapter, and every other chapter, to do its bit requires the generosity of every member. You have "Backed the Attack"! Now, BACK IT AGAIN! This time by giving the new sons of Rainbow those little things and pleasures which cushion the effects of worry and loneliness and thus

bolster confidence and courage—the ingredients of morale.

Rainbowers in north Jersey who are not affiliated with a chapter, or affiliated with a chapter too distant for them to be active, get back in the ranks NOW by contacting Emil Huber, 89 Allen St., Irvington, N. J. Those in south and central Jersey should contact Art Slattery, 107 McLaren St., Red Bank, N. J. Rainbow needs you now as never before. Not to keep it alive, for the pioneers who blazed the Rainbow trail and to whom a debt of gratitude is owed will never let it die. But it needs you, as it needs all its sons, to swell its ranks, to give it added strength, to help it keep faith with the new Rainbow.

Under the direction of Bob Hayward, the New Jersey Chapter's drive for the Welfare Fund is effecting good results. All members have been solicited by letter and the early, liberal responses indicate the true depth of Jersey's interest in the welfare of the new division. Members who, through oversight, have not responded, please contact Bob Hayward immediately.

STAN BARROW.

**OHIO**—News dispatches cleared by the War

Department reveal Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, ex-regimental adjutant, 166th Infantry, in our war and his 37th Division is on Bougainville, after Guadalcanal and New Georgia islands. Which, together with the Distinguished Service Medal awarded him for personal bravery and his ability as a combat division commander, indicates Rainbow's only divisional commander is brilliantly upholding our belief the Rainbow of World War I had the greatest collection of fighting men and officers of any division in military history.

When we sent out Christmas greeting cards from the State Association to Ohio Rainbow veterans again in service the count reached an even 30, including a major general, four colonels, eleven lieutenant colonels, five majors, five captains, two lieutenants, a first sergeant and a private in the Army and a lieutenant commander in the Navy. Undoubtedly there are others of whom there is no association headquarters record.

As this is written, State President Roy Grant's home chapter at Cincinnati leads in membership with 75 . . . the Auxiliary at Columbus has donated \$50 for the Welfare Fund, matching the Columbus Chapter amount . . . there are now thirteen states, in addition to Ohio, represented on the state dues list, Jeff Harmon adding Mississippi . . . Welfare Fund total now \$266 . . . Have we mentioned that Hank Gowdy was promoted to major at Fort Benning . . . and we want to congratulate our good friend, Rainbow Reveille Harold Rodier, on his promotion to the same rank.

With the best holiday greetings and wishes of the Buckeye Rainbowers to Rainbowers everywhere.

JACK HENRY.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—First, right off the bat and in behalf of all of us here in Pittsburgh, I want to wish all of our friends throughout this great nation the happiest and most cordial of Season's Greetings. May next year bring us the victory our gallant army so richly deserves, one so decisive that no future Hitler or Hirohito will ever dare rear his ugly head again.

Your reporter has just returned from a three weeks trip out to the Pacific Coast and had a swell time visiting many of his friends and many comrades. In Los Angeles it was swell to sit in on the Chapter's regular meeting on November 11th. Quite a coincidence that I was privileged to sit in with several fellows, some of whom I had not seen in quite a few years, and on a date that every Rainbower will not forget despite the inevitable new armistice day that will some day soon come to this troubled and war-weary world. It was also a particular pleasure to visit with some twenty or more Rainbowers and their wives in Seattle. The regular first annual meeting of the Washington State Chapter was held on November 18 and, as stated, a swell turnout was enjoyed. Your scribe was guest of honor and after delivering a message from National President Reno he gave an account of the reactivation ceremonies at Camp Gruber last summer. The boys and girls enjoyed the comradeship away into the night. President Clem Kempa and Secretary Jack Faulkner proceeded to introduce your reporter into the mysteries of Cuba Libras. What a gang!

I landed back in Chicago just in time to attend the weekly luncheon held by the local Rainbowers as guest of your National President. Present were Reno, Blumenthal, Crawford, Johnson, Nyons and several others.

Pittsburgh Chapter's regular meeting was held while this writer was out in the sunshine of the West. Despite the fog and smoke some 25 loyal Rainbowers turned out for the usual interesting evening with their comrades. The welfare activity was discussed and I am told that a sizeable sum was collected and will be sent to Fred Crawford post haste. After the meeting the usual refreshments and fellowship went on away into the wee hours. Have you written him or her a letter? So long. WALT MICHEL.

**VIRGINIA**—The Virginia State Chapter has been making progress with its part in the raising of the National Rainbow Welfare Fund since our last writing. The chapter appropriated \$25.00 to this cause from its general fund and a check for that amount has been sent to Judge Harrington. To date \$32.00 in contributions have been received and will be forwarded before the end of the year.

In addition, members of the chapter have bought 181 boxes of "Rainbow Matches" at 50c per box. One-half of this money will go to the Welfare Fund as soon as enough other matches are sold by Rainbow Chapters throughout the country to complete the mini-

mum order required. Those chapters which have not taken hold of this match deal are overlooking a good bet to raise money for the Welfare Fund or to increase your chapter coffers.

Our chapter goal of 100 members by Christmas is going to be a tight squeeze. We now have 80 in the fold, which is four more than our previous high; but those other 20 are going to be hard to round up. Any Rainbower in Virginia can help by sending \$2.00 to P.O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Virginia, and I will see that his membership card reaches him. Recent new members of the chapter include C. A. (Gus) Hasty, care Hasly Venser Co., Maxton, N. C., formerly Co. A, 117 TH&MP; Huston Stinnett, RFD Shipman, Va., formerly Co. C, 167th Infantry, and F. William Robas, CWO, USA, 34 Hampton Road, Fort Monroe, Va., formerly Co. C, 117th Engineers.

Rainbower Robas has been in the Army during nearly all of the time since the last war. He closes his letter with the following paragraph: "With regard to the newly activated Rainbow I can only say that my heart goes out to each and every one of the boys. I feel as though they are part of us, and I'm indeed proud of them. I'm looking forward to the day when I shall join hands with the old and new members of the Rainbow. I've always thought it was the best damned division in the AEF."

For the past month your correspondent has been receiving copies of the Rainbow Reveille which is being published by the 42nd Division now in training at Camp Gruber, Okla. All members of the division who have anything to do with its publication certainly are to be congratulated upon its excellence.

R. ALLEN GIBBONS

### Ladies' Auxiliary

Through the magnificent cooperation of its member auxiliaries, and individual memberships, the Ladies' Auxiliary has made splendid progress during the first six months of the current year. New auxiliaries have been organized, and the memberships at large have more than doubled in number. Welfare work is being carried on in almost every locality throughout the country and reports coming in indicate that the boys are most appreciative of the fine work being done by the ladies of the auxiliary. Every Rainbower's wife should be a member of the Auxiliary. How about it, fellers. Let's talk to the better-half and if she is not a member already have her join her local auxiliary, or if there is no local auxiliary in her immediate community she may become a member-at-large by sending Two (\$2.00) Dollars to Mrs. Irene Colston, Secretary, National Auxiliary, Rainbow Division Veterans, 1317 Iris Street N.W., Washington, D. C. Nuff said.

The Auxiliary joins in extending to its parent organization warm and heartfelt greetings of the season.

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der, and to my mind one of the greatest soldiers of all times, thought that he, with officers of the brigade, should attend every French officer's funeral for miles around, so I was able to spend most every Sunday in a cemetery somewhere. I could on each occasion think of other places I would have preferred to be.

To go back to your editor who gave me that month of January to write about, may I tell you that target practice for the artillery is the same day after day except that some days are worse than others and it's the last thing I want to write a story about, especially as profanity is barred in your publication. I read with interest the articles written by Tinley, Garrett, and Screws. Your editor tells me they were to confine these stories to a certain time, but regardless they shot all over the map, so Mr. Editor, I am going to take a few liberties myself.

All the time we were sloshing around in the mud, trying to improve our shooting, we were happy over it and worked our hearts out because we knew we were going to support the finest infantry in the world. Our highest ambition was to be worthy of that infantry and to the end of the war we never had another idea.

Now my six-hundred word contract has been completed. Nothing in my happy and somewhat eventful life means anything to me in comparison with the fact that I was honored to be your comrade in the greatest fighting division in World War I.

GEORGE E. LEACH.

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of the Rainbow," "Bug's Eye View of the War," etc. You don't look at them often but occasionally you remember them, pick one up and have a nostalgic session with the boys of 1917-18, and you value these books. You hate to loan them and we're going to ask you to pick out one or more of them and give them away. The fledgling Rainbowers at Camp Gruber are hungry and thirsty for every word that's printed about the old Rainbow and these books are absolutely unobtainable from any other source than the generosity of you Rainbowers. We believe that all of them are out of print, with the exception of one or two of the most recent of them, and the librarian at Camp Gruber has tried in vain to obtain copies. Now she has appealed to us and let's give even though it's going to hurt. Send your treasured books to Elizabeth C. Cooper, Senior Librarian, Library No. 1, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. She will acknowledge your contribution with gratitude and will be asked that she advise the Reveille so that your name may be printed in a real roll of honor.

## IOWA'S RAINBOW

To stimulate results in its membership campaign, Iowa has had printed up, on a heavy sheet, nine by twelve inches, a bold and striking rainbow, suitable for framing. They are sending one of these to everyone who lays his dues on the line. Indications are that the plan will be successful in encouraging many of the brethren who are "shy" to ante up. Believing that some other chapters might be interested in trying the idea, Iowa has kindly offered to supply these rainbows at cost to other chapters. They will be supplied for two dollars per hundred. Address your request to Homer W. Gardner, 1253 East Thirteenth Street, Des Moines 16, Iowa.

## WITH THE NEW RAINBOW

**Inspectors Praise Men**—On the basis of incomplete returns the Rainbow Division appears to have passed its first Corps tests with results which will place it among the best of the fine divisions which have been units in the Third Army. Unofficial reports so far received indicate that the Division has received this remarkable record:

Division Artillery: No U's for unsatisfactory performance.

Infantry Regiments: A few scattered U's, all assessed against individuals or squads and none against companies.

Special Troops: No U's.

Engineers: No U's.

Medical Battalion: No U's. Maj. Gen. Anderson, Commanding General of the X Corps, spoke repeatedly of the fine appearance and bearing of the Rainbow officers and men, and commended the Division highly.

**Florida Fruit for Rainbowers**—Grapefruit and oranges on the Christmas menu of the Division will be by courtesy of Florida Rainbow Vets, who have offered to send a carload of citrus fruit to the Rainbow. In a letter to General Collins, Lieut. Col. B. J. Sullivan, president of the Florida Rainbow Division Veterans stated: "The Rainbow Division Veterans of Florida remember Christmas of 1917-1918 and desire to make Christmas of 1943 a little more pleasant for the boys of your command. . . ." Colonel Sullivan took part in the activation ceremonies July 14, carrying Old Rainbow Division flag when it was being presented to the Division commander.

**Select Combat Squads**—Division Commander's Combat Squads will be selected tomorrow when the best squads from the three Infantry regiments will be put through a series of squad problems by a committee from Division Headquarters. Winners will be given 15-day furloughs and presented with the insignia of a member of the Rainbow Division in the last war.

**Awards**—Nine top marksmen of the Division were awarded insignia of World War I Rainbowers, at the Divisional review held Tuesday. They were:

Pvt. Villalobus, Co. B, 242nd Inf., won patch of James M. Salters, Co. L, 166th Inf.; Pvt. Thompson, Co. B, 242nd Inf., won patch of Jesse Thompson, 168th Inf.; Pvt. North, 142nd Eng., won patch of E. L. Laden, 117th Engrs.; Pvt. Zwickle, 542nd FA Bn., won patch of Lindsay L. Cox; Pvt. Smith, 2nd Bn. Hq., 232nd Inf., won patch of Henry Ludwig; Pvt. Shupak, Co. M, 222nd Inf., won patch of George E. Seaman, 165th Inf.; Pvt. Farrell, Co. G, 232nd Inf., won patch of J. P. Paterson; Pvt. Butler and Morrison, Anti-Tank Co., 242nd Inf., won patches, respectively, of H. J. Mitchell and J. N. Lotz.

# From the Desk of the National Secretary

## CHAPTER STANDING CHART AS OF DECEMBER 20, 1943

Many Chapters throughout the United States are doing an outstanding job of collecting dues as shown by the progress made to date. We know that all Chapters will come through with flying colors by Reunion time. Our immediate concern is the unattached Rainbow—the Rainbow Veteran who has no contact with Rainbow except through the medium of the Reveille which he receives regularly. Will you please contact this office immediately? We will be most happy to line you up with the Chapter nearest you, or with your old outfit, as you choose. It is the responsibility of the Association to continue sending you each issue of the Reveille. You do your part. The coupon at the bottom of this page is for you, Mr. Unattached Rainbow Veteran. Send it in at once.

Yours for 15,000.			ED WEITZEL		
Chapter	Progress	Goal	Chapter	Progress	Goal
Alabama State Association	5	391	Minneapolis	47	150
Crawford Z. Ables	3	33	St. Paul	23	50
Major John W. Carroll	43	76	Minnesota Total	70	350
Mortimer H. Jordan	68	118	St. Louis	1	25
William M. Peters	24	33	Missouri-Kansas Total	94	125
Julian M. Strassburger	95	82	Missouri-Kansas	93	100
Durward Crowder	17	750	Nebraska	23	100
Alabama Total	238		New Jersey	102	100
Los Angeles	143	200	Gen. Charles T. Menoher	19	50
San Francisco	100	200	New Jersey Total	121	150
Joyce Kilmer	16	30	New Mexico	1	25
James Daugherty	3	20	Father Duffy	310	700
California Total	262	450	Long Island	26	50
Colorado	21	21	Westchester	14	50
Denver	18	39	New York Total	350	800
Pueblo	1	15	Ohio State Association	40	324
Colorado Total	19	75	Ralph Berger	3	27
District of Columbia	89	88	Cincinnati	75	85
Florida State Association	19	19	Columbus	51	56
Jacksonville	1	27	Newark	27	28
Miami	8	24	Luther Swigart	18	19
Pensacola	2	15	Akron	23	26
St. Petersburg	15	15	Dyer J. Bird	24	29
Gen. Charles P. Summerall	85	100	Paul Hume	4	15
Florida Total	96	200	Sedan	1	16
Georgia Chapter	9	33	Edison H. Miller	15	15
Frank Joerg	25	27	Lancaster	31	53
Cooper D. Winn	37	40	Ancerville	15	15
Georgia Total	71	100	Cleveland	14	42
Illinois	490	700	Ohio Total	316	750
Danville	27	50	Oklahoma State Association	1	25
Illinois Total	517	750	Oklahoma City	25	50
Indiana State Chapter	84	150	Tulsa	55	75
Bloomington	75	75	Oklahoma Total	81	150
Fort Wayne	14	40	Oregon	8	25
La Fayette	25	16	Penn State Association	15	15
Martinsville	21	25	Easton	15	15
South Bend	20	20	Pittsburgh	73	100
Indiana Total	214	350	Bethlehem	56	75
Iowa State Association	25	25	Lancaster	61	100
Col. E. R. Bennett	124	200	Reading	21	60
Cedar Rapids	2	50	Philadelphia	37	60
Oskaloosa	37	35	Pennsylvania Total	248	425
Creston	24	40	South Carolina	5	250
Lee County	11	30	Tennessee	20	100
Fort Dodge	21	25	Texas	105	100
Mason City	21	35	Virginia State Chapter	90	100
Red Oak	19	50	Lynchburg	28	25
Mathew A. Tinley	22	50	Virginia Total	118	125
Cedar Valley	11	75	Washington (Seattle)	16	25
Ottumwa	11	50	Wisconsin State Association	5	50
Southwest Iowa	4	35	Appleton	1	50
Northwest Iowa	4	35	Gen. Douglas MacArthur	29	50
Iowa Total	275	750	Fond du Lac	19	50
Louisiana (New Orleans)	19	25	Oshkosh	34	50
Maryland	53	100	Wisconsin Total	88	250
Massachusetts	41	50	National Chapter-at-Large	17	7412
Michigan	102	150			
Minnesota State Association		150	TOTALS	3677	15,000

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ED WEITZEL, National Secretary,  
P. O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio.  
Dear Ed:

Pry thee loose from yon wailing wall to accept one dollar herewith joyously enclosed in payment of my just Rainbow dues for the current year.