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The Rainbow Moves Into Lorraine

By Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall

Your National President, Bob Reno, asked me to contribute a short article regarding the division's activities during the month of March 1918. Since one of my battalions was at Dombasle and two at Baccarat, forty kilometers apart, it kept me busy looking over the 150th Field Artillery, especially after having been assigned the operation of French batteries in the Baccarat sector above 75mm up to and including 220 Howitzers and gave me little time to observe much of the division. The French had no prepared positions for guns of greater caliber than 75's. The 150th Field Artillery was called upon to prepare its own gun positions as well as dugouts and live in the open to do this work. As everyone will remember we had every type of weather that March usually contributes, such as rain, sleet, and the accompanying mud.

Many inspectors arrived during the month and such men as Lieutenant Colonel Drum gave good advice and made constructive criticism. We had our first casualties on March 5th and our roads were shelled by the enemy. Both the French and the Germans considered this part of the line as the rest sector but the Americans wanted training and stirred up the monkeys.

We had raids on the 5th and 9th, capturing some prisoners, which caused some casualties on our side. There were occasional dog fights in the air to drive off the enemy observation planes who were trying to locate the new positions established by the heavier guns. The enemy had a fair idea where the other occupied positions were located as both armies had held this ground from time to time.

On March 6th, General Pershing drove up to B Battery unnoticed as the men were lined up for mess in the sleet and rain. Their unfinished positions furnished little shelter and the mess was none too good. The General asked one youngster about the mess; turning around this young man saw four stars and yelled out, "Fine!" It is easy to imagine



MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT H. TYNDALL
Mayor of Indianapolis

what a razzing he got from his buddies later.

Later in the month all elements of the 42d Division were moved into the Baccarat sector to relieve the French who were sent north to assist in the German drive on the 21st of March at Amiens. Later one entire French regiment of this division was captured and a few of the officers, who escaped, visited our sector and their morale was rather low. General Reilly entertained them at his P. C. as best he could to cheer them up. Our wounded were evacuated to Contreville to base hospital 32. This Indianapolis unit had arrived in France about the time our divi-

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A GREAT REUNION FOR RAINBOW

Just about two years ago the Solons of Rainbow gathered together in Washington and gravely debated the question of whether or not Rainbow could succeed in holding its Reunions in time of war. The decision reached was that nothing could or should stop Rainbrowsers from gathering together for their accustomed annual meetings. Two brilliantly successful Reunions since then—Orlando, Fla., and Tulsa, Okla.—have demonstrated the wisdom of that decision.

Now another Reunion approaches, to be held in Chicago, Ill. It is apparent that interest in Rainbow is at fever heat and that this Reunion will be marked by a high attendance and keen enthusiasm.

To most Rainbrowsers this Reunion will constitute their only break in a year of strain

and toil on the home front. It is fair to describe this as a much needed "furlough" rather than a vacation in the usual sense of the word.

Because of this, Chicago Rainbrowsers in general and Reunion Chairman Frank Gould in particular recognize their especial responsibility under the circumstances. It is up to them to produce a Reunion which will be packed with color, thrills and interest to every Reunioner. That is exactly what they are determined to do. Plan now to participate in their beautifully organized program for July 14th.

HAROLD B. RODIER.

RAINBOW BROADCAST

It has been our pleasure to listen to all broadcasts of the Rainbow Veterans as well as our honor to have been accorded opportunity of participating in several. The February 22nd broadcast this year was without a doubt one of the finest.

"We men of Rainbow have particular reason for putting our hearts and souls into the successful prosecution of the war effort. For today at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, a new group of Young Americans are enrolled in the Rainbow Division. To them we gave our flags, our traditions and our hearts. We must not and will not fail them." Thus spoke National President Bob Reno from Chicago.

Opening in Chicago the program switched to Camp Gruber for an instrumental and vocal rendition of "There's a Rainbow in the Sky," by the 42nd Division Band.

Major General Harry J. Collins, the Division Commander, said in part: "Our morale is high and our men are proud of their division. Yes, they are proud of themselves and justly so. They are soldiers."

"To the veterans who gave us everything they had to give us, there is one thing I want to say on this anniversary so important to them and to their country.

"There was a time when we called ourselves the new Rainbow Division. That time has long since passed. You changed that for us. You have shown us that there never was an Old Rainbow and a New Rainbow. There has always been only one.

"When I say men and women of Rainbow, I mean not only veterans of the Division, their families and the soldiers with us now; I mean also the fathers and mothers who have given us their fine young sons and all of you close to this Division. You are all Rainbow."

Staff Sgt. John Wintrobe, wearing three overseas stripes from Rainbow service in World War I, said: "You men are getting in training what we got and learned on the field of battle in the last war. Your training is thorough, you are learning it the right way and you will all be better soldiers because of it."

We only wish that all of you could have heard this excellent program broadcast this year through the facilities of the Mutual network.

WALKER H. COLSTON.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

No, it just doesn't seem possible that 26 years have slipped by since that memorable February 22d when the Rainbow went into the lines on the Luneville sector. At our National Executive Committee meeting in Chicago, on February 22d, the following message was received from Major General Harry J. Collins:

"Just 26 years ago tonight you wrote Luneville on your battle flags and touched off the train of memories which have become your richest possession.

"These things are valuable to you, I know, beyond the power of men to reckon value. Yet with the generosity of brotherhood, you have freely made all these things ours—your memories, your honors, your very battle flags themselves.

"How much that has meant to us, I am sure you know. You have struck within us the spark of life.

"A military organization must be more than a stated number of men, armed and equipped and drilled according to Regulation. If it is to live, it must have something else—call it esprit de corps, or soul, or spirit, or inspiration—call it what you will, it is the one quality without which no military unit can live and have vitality.

"Because of what you did 26 years ago, The Rainbow Division has that today. By some feat of spiritual alchemy you have passed on to us what it was that made you great. You can see it in the eye of any Rainbow soldier today, you can sense it in his speech, you can feel it in the way he carries himself—he knows he's a soldier of the Rainbow and he's proud of it and determined so to conduct himself in combat that your bright record will be the brighter for your having lent it to him.

"At our activation ceremony last July, I asked you to have faith in us. Let me repeat that now. I do not want to make high promises or paint you a picture of greatness in the making. I am satisfied to leave to the future whatever the future holds.

"This much I can promise you: That we are training ourselves as well as experience and hearty willingness can give us training outside of actual battle itself; that we are eager to do our job whenever and wherever we are called upon to do it as well as God will let us; that we will never forget that we are soldiers of the Rainbow."

Some one of these days the Rainbow Division now in training will experience the same feelings you and I had in 1918. To every member of that Division we wish you good luck and God speed!

BOB RENO

CHAPTER CHATTER

D. C. CHAPTER—If our favorite Rainbow columnist, Harry (Grandpap-to-be) Stansbury had forwarded his usual breezy witticisms then "Major Harold" would not have found it necessary to air-mail us for report of the Tri-State Reunion dinner held in the Longfellow Hotel in Baltimore on the 26th ultimo. Well, anyway, President "Ziggie" Silverberg

and nineteen Rainbowers from the Nation's Capital joined with about seventy members of the roll-throwing host Chapter so ably presided over by prexy Elmer Schulz. The dinner was excellent as was the music. The drinks were scarce while the speeches were abundant. Past National Presidents Jack Clark, Elmer Neagle, and Walker Colston oratorized gesticulately, while Abe Stout and Tommie Murphy supplied gestatory observa-

tions whispered above the din of a perfect non-listening audience. It was a grand party but the gang from Ole Virginny was sorely missed this year.

The silver anniversary dinner of the D. C. Chapter will be held on Saturday, April 15, in the South American room of the new Statler Hotel. Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, National President Bob Reno, Mrs. Camille Neagle, National Auxiliary President, and many other prominent Rainbowers are expected to attend. The ladies have been invited, thereby assuring a banner attendance. See you then.

"OLE TOUT"

OHIO—February, as always, was a busy month in Ohio with the various Chapters holding anniversary banquets. Maj. Hank Gowdy was up from Benning for the Columbus affair, but Brig. Gen. Frank Henderson was unable to settle the long-standing question as to whether Hank or George Forester was the ranking 166th Inf. color sergeant. George was afraid to speak up since Hank was wearing his leaf.

Maj. Gen. Bob Beightler, 37th Division commander and ex-regimental adjutant 166th, has been awarded the Legion of Merit as well as the DSM . . . the Ohio contributions to the Welfare Fund now total \$388.50 . . . Walter Fillman has completed his Ohio-Oklahoma-Washington, D. C. circuit and is now in the legal department at Veterans Facility at Dayton . . . Fort Hayes at Columbus, Fifth Service Command headquarters, has a number of Rainbow officers: Col. George Campbell, Lt. Col. Louis W. Eggers, ex-166th Inf., and Capt. Norman H. Shortridge, ex-150th F.A., and Capt. John P. Ragsdale, ex-168th Inf., being on our list. . . Lt. Col. David R. (Peck) Smith and Lt. Col. Edwin F. Heilman, ex-166th Inf., are back in the States from Southwest Pacific combat duty . . . Past State President Carl Thimmes has passed Navy exams for petty officer and is awaiting call . . . Mort Rooney, chairman, says the annual state reunion June 9-10 in Columbus will be a whizz.

Dues payments have been fine this year—and it's not too late to join the dues-paying gang for this year . . . \$1.50 pays the state and national dues in Ohio of men not affiliated with Chapters, and Chapter dues are very low . . . Cincinnati leads the state for the second year in succession . . . Ohio has discovered a 166th Infantry veteran in the New Rainbow: Warrant Officer Al G. Gerlach, chief AG clerk at Camp Gruber and ex-Cod. K, 166th Inf., of our war . . . Lt. Col. O. H. Cornwell, ex-166th Inf., is now in Italy . . . State 2nd Vice President Sam Neiburg, ex-149th F.A., has been quite ill . . . but enough of this'n that—try to make the annual state reunion of the Buckeyes, you'll enjoy it.

JACK HENRY

PENNSYLVANIA—(Written from Birmingham, Alabama.)—Have just arrived from one of America's most interesting cities—New Orleans, La. Interesting because of its climate and its old French atmosphere. All one needs do is amble about the old Latin quarter and at once you can feel the very breath of some old villages you and I knew long ago in La Belle France. Interesting also, because of the swell gang of Rainbowers. For instance, there is big, congenial Rich Sighinolfi, Abe Katz, Niel Cummings and Bill Lahare. These hombres saw to it that I felt at home and proceeded to make sure that I was shown everything, starting with the New Orleans Athletic Club down to the Cafe Midi. If you boys and girls don't think New Orleans would be a swell place for a convention, and if you think that gang down there aren't just itching to put one on, then, comrade, you don't know what makes Rainbow click. Thanks to you fellows from New Orleans for a swell time. Hope to see all of you in Chicago.

A letter from Mrs. Michel received as I arrived here in Birmingham brings me the sad news regarding the heroic death of one of President Leo Moquin of Pittsburgh Chapter's sons. This comes as a terrific shock to us of Pittsburgh, as Leo used to bring his boys to chapter meetings when ever possible and we all learned to love them as our very own. All of Rainbow, I feel sure, Leo and Ann accepts your loss as their very own. Such is the sacrifice which must be made so that others may continue to breathe in God's free America. Leo's son was a pilot and was reported killed in action presumably over Germany on January 23.

Vince Fleckenstein's boy has enlisted in the Marines. He was last heard of by your reporter via post card from boot camp in South Carolina. He said he liked it but that the haircut they gave him was just like his dad's and Randy Randolph's. I think the boy was trying to tell me they just about left him baldheaded. What do you guys think? Bob will be a good Marine and a credit to his nation, of that you can be sure. What else can he be coming from such illustrious fighting stock. Good luck, Bob.

Your reporter expects to meet our good Rainbow Comrade Harold Rodier before the day is over. I have already phoned Ted Hagen and so the prospects of an informal Rainbow gathering are very bright.

Tomorrow I leave for Atlanta, Jacksonville, Macon and several other stops. Yes, I expect to run into some more Rainbowers as I go along. I'll try to tell you who I see from here on in but it will have to come in the next issue of the Reveille.

Remember the boys who have given their all and put a few more bucks into war bonds.

So long.

WALT MICHEL

GEORGIA—Just a few words from down in ole Georgia. About the good ole Cooper D. Winn Chapter, we have the year of 1944

cut out for our banner year. We have been reading in Reveille about the big membership drive in New York City, Chicago and Iowa. That really is good. We wish these boys success. Although Cooper D. Winn Chapter is only one and one-half years old, we feel proud to announce that with three new members added this year we have a paid-up membership of forty and considering the fact that Atlanta had no unit and the state of Georgia had only a battalion in Rainbow, we feel that a membership of forty stragglers is something to boast of. How about it?

On January 26, commemorating General MacArthur's 64th birthday, Cooper D. Winn Chapter gave a dinner dance at the Atlanta Woman's Club with a total of 75 members, wives and friends present, and a good time was had by all when we played and sang the old '17-'18 songs as well as the new songs and we danced into the wee small hours of morning. Present at this social was a Sgt. Barton, a member of the new Rainbow.

Also at this social the Chapter presented to our president the Cooper D. Winn Rainbow Division Veterans Banner, a beautiful thing of Chinese silk. It is a military secret how we were able to get priorities to import this silk, but we did at a price of \$190.00. If you can find space in the Reveille for this little bit of boasting we will appreciate it very much. Just so the boys up East and out West will know there is a little activity going on down South, and extending a welcome to all Rainbowers when passing this way. Please call on us, 18½ Broad Street S, Atlanta, Ga. If not before we will see you one and all at Chicago in July.

You have not heard from this Chapter very often, but we are not asleep and are busy all the time. LEWIE L. ALBERSON.

MASSACHUSETTS—The Rainbow spirit is running high here in Massachusetts. Our membership has reached 57 paid-up members to date and although we are rather young to start boasting here is just a word of warning. This is only the beginning. You older chapters had better get going; our membership committee hasn't got started yet, so watch out.

We are looking forward to our next meeting, February 29, at Hotel Vendome.

Tom Freeman and his committee are planning quite a time and says that he has something special lined up. Our first election of officers will take place at this meeting and we are looking for a large turnout.

ARTHUR DAVIS

NEW JERSEY—How clearly I remember the day! It was January 12 last when Miss Jersey Rainbow experienced a state of ecstatic joy. It was the day she first learned that Prince Charming (National President) Bob Reno, Jr., soon would visit the East. The mere thought that he might pass through her realm, and pause to greet her, thrilled her.

She even dared to envision that she might induce him to meet her at a Jersey rendezvous, where they could blissfully wine and dine and speak of their Rainbow love.

Now Miss Jersey Rainbow realized she was small in size, but concluded that she could successfully pit her vivaciousness, charm and personality against the attractiveness of glittering Miss New York Rainbow—one of her more glorified sisters—for the attentions of Prince Charming Bob. Activated by her ardent desire to see and entertain him, she forthwith dispatched an emissary to convey her request and make the necessary arrangements. With her heart a flutter, she donned her silks and satins and anxiously awaited his arrival.

But alas! she was doomed to keen disappointment. For Prince Charming Bob, who had dashed across country primarily on a business mission, found spare time for only the more dazzling Miss New York Rainbow. Miss Jersey Rainbow, forlorn but not disheartened, doffed her silks and satins and carefully laid them away for another day. For she has hopes that someday—yes, perhaps, someday—a dashing Prince Charming bearing the Rainbow scepter, will come a tapping, tapping at her castle door. And so ends this woeful tale about little Miss Jersey Rainbow.

Sunday, March 26, is the date set for the New Jersey Chapter's annual stag banquet. Just where in Red Bank it will be held has not been decided. Those who attended last year's affair know what a grand time was had. This year's affair will be bigger and better—an added reason why you can't afford to miss it. STAN BARROW.

MICHIGAN—We see by the last Reveille that Top Davis started off his column with a song. We are going to double the "topper" and start off with two songs: "Jingle, Jangle, Jingle" and "My Little Buckeroo." Believe me these Michigan Buckeroos brought in enough of the Jingle-Jangle of coins from the Cigarette for Soldier Jars to mail out 50,000 cigarettes to Camp Gruber and to our sons, daughters and members in service. They dood it and then went out for more. Watch their smoke. Looks to me that Monsieur Le Docteur Lecklider has prescribed the proper medicine for the Chapter and for the boys in service.

Having heard about Ambassador Rosenthaler gathering Rainbowers in Boston, the Michigan Chapter of the Yankee Division invited the Rainbow gang to a joint dinner meeting. There wasn't a bean on the menu, nor a "has-bean" in the crowd, if one could accept as truth the many boasts and counter-boasts of the two groups. But with Rosenthaler and Hennessy on our side Pete Sady's and the other "Y.D." men didn't have a chance. Two sailors, recently returned from Guadalcanal, gave us the low down in unexpurgated fashion on what our boys can

expect from the Nip-Apes and what they passed out in return. Tom Hanson challenged the "Y. D.'s" to a pinocle fest, but they refused, declaring he had lost his amateur standing, but they contributed \$10.50 to the fund for cigarettes instead, while Tom went on to collect as usual from Marx Rosenthaler. If this keeps up Marx will soon be coming around to borrow my long-handled short scroop WPA shovel I've been saving for my old age insurance.

"There's a Song in My Heart" was Max Phillips tune as he counted the house at the Washington's Birthday Party February 19. Quite some doings, chum, and one of the very best in enjoyment, and profitable, too. John Winners, the old sea dog, swam ashore with his Mae West filled with folding money from the bar, and Bill Hemme's pals from Fairview Post. V.F.W., showed the boys how they collect by gathering \$67.15 in the cigarette jars. The "Y. D." gang came down with 26 people in honor of the 26th Division. Hanson and Hemme again led in ticket sales and one of Cover's large crowd won the cocktail set donated by Bill Hemme.

Hot Shots: Chett Lowe is thinking of taking out a patent on his idea for sealing envelopes. Chett sealed them all with a kiss—but for the Nazis and Nips, that the boys at Gruber can some day collect in person. Special mention to Mrs. Charles Merrit and to Jack Erickson for their help on the cigarettes. Erickson's boy is at Gruber. Sgt. Bill Iglehart and his Mrs. came over to help but the gang kept his table so full there wasn't room to do any work. Both the Sergeant and Jim Core attended the last meeting and gave us interesting talks on the progress of the Rainbow.

"BUCK" REILLY

ALABAMA—The State went into its 25th Annual Commemoration of our Division's first entrance into the front lines, with the Julian M. Strassburger Chapter of Montgomery, Ala., putting on an elaborate entertainment at the Whitley Hotel, which was well attended by Rainbowers and their wives, and guests included 15 French Cadets.

Speakers were Major Harold B. Rodier, Col. Henry C. Wood, who spoke for the State President, who was in the U. S. Veterans Hospital, near Montgomery; State Commander E. R. Lehmann of the American Legion; State Commander A. J. Lankford of the V.F.W. and Gen. W. P. Screws, Col. Evert Jackson acted as toastmaster.

Col. Hartley A. Moon made a report on the Rainbow Welfare Committee and called on every chapter to contribute to this fund.

The State Executive Committee held a meeting on the evening of February 19 with the following members present: Henry C. Wood, acting as chairman for the State President; B. J. O'Hara, R. E. Gwin, B. J. Vogel, Joe M. Dickerson, John H. Winningham, E. W. Prichett, and Julian N. Nylon, present. Mont-

gomery was named for the Annual to be held in the month of June. Date to be named by the department president.

After the banquet was over at the Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dickerson invited a large number of Rainbowers and the special guest out to their home. All enjoyed the hospitality and midnight meal.

During the entire stay "Rainbow" music and songs were enjoyed. The title for leadership of the music should be divided between Rodier, Gardner and Sgt. Berry.

General George Cleere, Adjutant General for Alabama, was also the guest of the evening. The Birmingham Chapter had a good number present, including John Winningham, Chapter President and Mrs. Dusey Berry, President of Mortimer Chapter Auxiliary, had members present.

In a message sent by our State President J. B. O'Hara, expressing his regrets that he was unable to attend, and thanking the members of the Julian M. Strassburger Chapter and the Auxiliary for the beautiful flowers and "Get well wishes" received from them during his illness, and said that these are tokens of real Rainbow spirit. Things like this make a man proud of the fact that he is a member of the Rainbow family.

ALBERT L. NORTHRUP.

HEADQUARTERS CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY

There was a very low ceiling in Chicago on February 22. It was so soupy that all planes were grounded, but that did not stop the doughboys from going over the top without any aerial support to make the meeting one of the largest and most successful since the preview of the Fighting 69th. After eating their fine turkey dinner and it being Washington's Birthday, we decided to bury the hatchet, after cutting down the cherry tree so that we could pluck the few remaining candied cherries off the top branches to add to our already overflowing bag.

President E. O. Johnson opened the meeting by introducing our out-of-town guests. The list included such nationally known men as Ruby Garrett, Henry J. Reilly, Ed Weitzel, Al Hoyt, Gen. George Leach, Col. Bob Harris, Bob Hayward of New Jersey, M. Rosenthaler and Tom Hanson of Detroit, Bill Butts of Tulsa, Floyd Harper and Ed Cook of Indiana, Jack Clarke of Baltimore, Norman Allyn and Art Shores of Rockford, N. P. Parkinson of Decatur and Springfield, Jim Farrell of Joliet, Ivan Midkiff of Aurora, Ed Schatz of Rantoul and Homer Gardner of Iowa. Most of these men had attended the all-day national executive meeting and after going through hundreds of motions they were liquidated as fast as the glasses could reach their lips. They carried their liquor like true Rainbowers and left nothing tabled to be brought up in the near future.

It being the doughboys show, President Johnson turned over the "mike" to G. E.

Johnson who introduced the speakers of the evening, Col. Ruby Garrett and our own General Henry J. Reilly. We will not dwell on their speeches other than to say that they held the attention of a hall crowded to capacity with Rainbowers, many of them crowded to capacity with drinks, without having to resort to the gavel.

National President Bob Reno, as usual, was a very busy man, only fading out of the picture in time to broadcast the veterans share in the national Rainbow program. All of you lugs who tuned in on the big show will have to admit that he did a good

job. Through the efforts of Homer Gardner and the cooperation of Iowa chapter we traveled on the screen through World War I with the 168th Infantry from start to finish. It thrilled us artillery men to go over the top into no-man's land and be returned home safely.

Illinois Chapter's auxiliary, which is nationally known as the world's finest and smallest, have joined hands with our entertainment chairman Frank Gould to make the coming reunion a memorable one for our guests. More about this later.

DAN AVERY

THE RAINBOW MOVES INTO LORRAINE

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sion arrived and, as far as the Indiana troops were concerned, it was like "old home week" to visit the hospital made up of doctors who were outstanding in their profession in their home communities.

Now regarding my most unhappy moment: It happened in May. We were fighting under the French Corps, whom we depended upon for ammunition, and who believed that we were wasting too much for a quiet sector. They only allowed us one thousand rounds at the gun positions of the 150th Field Artillery. On the evening of May 15th orders were received from the division, accompanied by photographs taken, to destroy a projector gas attack. The rate of fire would consume three thousand rounds. It was necessary to secure that amount from the French Corps, and, after dark, as the firing was to begin at 10:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. and resume again at 4:30 A.M. to 6:30 A.M.

In this country our powder was in brass shell cases. In Coequidan the powder came in bags covered with tinfoil. Since we were using French equipment and they were using ammunition prepared in this manner we accepted, of course. The ammunition we secured on this particular night came in boxes with as many as three different lots in a box, unprotected, without tinfoil. During the night it was impossible to even see marking that would indicate exposure. The one thousand rounds we had at the guns had been calibrated but ammunition secured from the French that night was an unknown quantity. There is no doubt some old sergeant issued the unknown quantity, as many an old sergeant would do, since none of his people would be hurt. At twelve o'clock a report came to my headquarters of short firing. I sent word to have the guns checked and received reports that everything was OK. We finished the first part of the mission. A little later we received word of short firing again but, as we were not firing at that time, it was very evident they were enemy shells coming over. We resumed firing at 4:30 and later received word of short firing. We finished our mission, which was a delicate one on account of the closeness of the enemy pro-

jectors to our front line. At daylight I immediately started out to see what had happened on the ten kilometer front. I found there were twenty-seven shorts out of the twenty-seven hundred rounds that had been fired. Otherwise the mission was successful and we had destroyed the projector attack. Another division which was not supported by 155 Howitzers came in later and the enemy succeeded in causing 400 casualties, of which many died. We, unfortunately, killed three of our own infantrymen but saved the lives of many others. A French trench mortar battery commander insisted that this was an old game to them and they immediately left their positions, which was fortunate, as they were simply blown to pieces. We unfortunately, were the first American artillery to fire over our own infantry and the killing of our own fine infantrymen had a very depressing effort on all of us. But they fortunately never lost faith in the 150th Field Artillery and our teamwork was excellent throughout the war.

One English officer told me that they figured 5 per cent of their casualties were from their own guns. A French colonel told me that it was up to the battery commanders to do some "kitchen work." Upon pressing him to tell me what "kitchen work" was he said that was for battery commanders only and they were supposed to just "poop" the shells over at long range when they had not calibrated their powder. My only answer was that we were supposed to destroy the enemy projectors and save our people.

I hope our grand old infantrymen who read this will take this in the spirit it is meant. That it was an experience over which we had no control due to the fact that the French did not allow us to have sufficient ammunition at the guns.

Many of the officers and men of the 150th Field Artillery served with me through the twenty-one years that I commanded the 38th Division following the war until I was discharged for age while in command at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in '41.

ROBERT H. TYNDALL

DON'T READ THIS MESSAGE IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES

We want to huddle right now with the several thousand non-paying, unattached Rainbow men who receive this Reveille. This is your inning—the bases are loaded with the regular dues payers—we need pinch-hitters to bring them home. YOU can and we know YOU will do just that. Use the coupon at the bottom of this page, NOW. No arrearage to be made up, send in your dollar now to be in good standing during 1943-44. Pay in advance if you like, but, DO IT NOW, PLEASE for 15,000. ED WEITZEL

CHAPTER STANDING CHART AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1944

Chapter	Progress	Goal	Chapter	Progress	Goal
Alabama State Association	6	376	Minneapolis	88	150
Crawford Z. Ables	3	33	St. Paul	23	50
Major John W. Carroll	45	76	Minnesota Total	111	350
Mortimer H. Jordan	71	118	St. Louis	3	25
William M. Peters	25	33	Missouri-Kansas	95	100
Dallas B. Smith	1	15	Missouri-Kansas Total	98	125
Julian M. Strassburger	95	82	Nebraska	26	100
Durward Crowder		17	New Jersey	102	100
Alabama Total	246	750	Gen. Charles T. Menoher	26	50
Los Angeles	148	200	New Jersey Total	128	150
San Francisco	120	200	New Mexico	1	25
Joyce Kilmer	17	30	Father Duffy	414	700
James Daugherty	4	20	Long Island	27	50
California Total	89	450	Westchester	24	50
Colorado		21	New York Total	465	800
Denver	41	39	Ohio State Association	139	324
Pueblo	2	15	Ralph Berger	3	27
Colorado Total	43	75	Cincinnati	75	85
District of Columbia	89	88	Columbus	51	56
Florida State Association		19	Newark	28	28
Jacksonville	2	27	Luther Swigart	18	19
Miami	8	24	Akron	30	26
Pensacola	2	15	Dyer J. Bird	27	29
St. Petersburg		15	Paul Hume	4	15
Gen. Charles P. Summerall	85	100	Sedan	1	16
Florida Total	97	200	Edison H. Miller		15
Georgia Chapter	27	33	Lancaster	41	53
Frank Joerg	25	27	Ancerville		15
Cooper D. Winn	37	40	Cleveland	14	42
Georgia Total	89	100	Ohio Total	431	750
Illinois	649	700	Oklahoma State Association	1	25
Danville	27	50	Oklahoma City	25	50
Illinois Total	676	750	Tulsa	56	75
Indiana State Chapter	87	150	Oklahoma Total	83	150
Bloomington	76	75	Oregon	10	25
Fort Wayne	14	40	Penn State Association		15
La Fayette	24	40	Easton		15
Martinsville	22	25	Pittsburgh	81	100
South Bend		20	Bethlehem	56	75
Indiana Total	223	350	Lancaster	61	100
Iowa State Association		25	Reading	23	60
Col. E. R. Bennett	177	200	Philadelphia	38	60
Cedar Rapids	39	50	Pennsylvania Total	259	425
Oskaloosa	44	35	South Carolina	5	250
Creston	40	40	Tennessee	20	100
Lee County	17	30	Texas	105	100
Fort Dodge	5	25	Virginia State Chapter	100	100
Mason City	35	35	Lynchburg	37	25
Red Oak	7	50	Virginia Total	137	125
Mathew A. Tinley	30	50	Washington (Seattle)	18	25
Cedar Valley	33	50	Wisconsin State Association	6	50
Ottumwa	21	75	Appleton	1	50
Southwest Iowa	11	50	Gen. Douglas MacArthur	30	50
Northwest Iowa	30	35	Fond du Lac	29	50
Iowa Total	489	750	Oshkosh	35	50
Louisiana (New Orleans)	19	25	Wisconsin Total	101	250
Maryland	63	100	National Chapter-at-Lodge	23	7412
Massachusetts	57	50			
Michigan	122	150			
Minnesota State Association		150	GRAND TOTALS	4523	15,000

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