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"I HAVE RETURNED"



This 1944 picture was made in a reconnaissance plane (U. S. Signal Corps photo from Acme)

"This is the voice of freedom (radio station), General MacArthur speaking.

"I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God, our force stands again on Philippine soil, consecrated in the blood of our two peoples."

Rainbow Division Veterans



A national association of veterans of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and to keep alive the memory of departed comrades.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Reunion in July was postponed, as you know, because of the vital war need for transportation.

However, our Constitution makes it mandatory for us to hold an Annual Reunion or Convention, the principal item of business being the election of officers. The necessity of such a business meeting is clearly for the good of Rainbow.

Accordingly, Robert R. Reno, Jr., asked the Executive Committee to designate the place and date.

By a majority vote, the meeting was called for and held in Chicago on September 29 and 30 and the proceedings are published in this issue of The Reveille.

ALABAMA—The Alabama Chapter is still alive with plans for an expanding program.

The Mortimer H. Jordan Chapter will hold an annual program on November 11 in Birmingham. They have held this program since the fall of 1919 and this November 11 will find Chapter President H. S. Foster in the driver's seat. As we go to press he is appointing his committees to help do this job up in real Rainbow style.

The program will start with a meeting at 3 P. M., in the Gold Room of the Bankhead Hotel. This will be a meeting of the State Executive Committee and the Chapter officers of the State Association, with State President John H. Winningham, presiding. All chapters are urged to send representatives and notify H. S. Foster, President of the local Chapter how many will be in your party and if you want hotel reservations at the Bankhead. We suggest this be done at once—direct with the manager of the hotel. Registration will be conducted by a committee of the local Chapter and started at 2:30 P. M., on the balcony of the Bankhead Hotel.

Stewart Jackson, the State Association Historian, is anxious to obtain the signatures of all Rainbow veterans possible for the History he is now compiling. He will have the history present at the registration desk. We are very happy to know that Stewart's health is now improving. Keep on keeping on, Buddy, that's the Rainbow spirit.

A banquet will be held at 7:30 P. M., in the headquarters hotel, with the ladies present. An invitation was extended to our newly elected National President, Edward Weitzel, by the Alabama delegation in Chicago to have him as our honored guest on this day. He will be present, if possible.

A general invitation is extended to all Rainbow veterans to be in Birmingham on November 11. A good time is promised so make your plans to be in the Magic City of the South and help us celebrate Armistice Day once more.

The Department Chaplain will be on the program honoring our deceased comrades.

Reports have come in to the writer of a very interesting meeting held in Lanett, Ala., in the form of a fish fry. Among the visitors to this well attended meeting were John Winningham, H. S. Foster, Ace Coggins and L. J. Logan. Also good reports have been coming from the Major John Carroll Chapter, down on Mobile Bay, about their Rainbow Flower Sale.

"Yours Truly" has been appointed Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Alabama State Association, so direct your communications to me, please, in care of the Birmingham News.

We are looking forward to seeing each Chapter well represented and a good number of out-of-state visitors at our Armistice Day celebration. The plates at the banquet will be \$2.50 each.

J. F. McCARTNEY.

MARYLAND—It has come to our attention that with the approach of Armistice Day, Maryland Chapter has hit upon certain reforms in keeping with the event. The Armistice Day dance has been cancelled to avoid further bloodshed. Hickman has promised to cease his 30-year-war on the Chesapeake Bay oyster. Tommy Murphy and "Ratty" Ratcliffe have agreed to suspend hostilities in their feud over who is a half inch taller than who. Now that he can no longer win, Abe Stout has discontinued his practice of wrestling with his son for his son's breakfast. Clarke has promised to never again murder the French language. Our mortician, Skeets Fanning, has agreed to bury the dead. Reducing the meetings from one each month to one each quarter was discussed, with the end in view of eliminating eight battles annually. Some mercenary members were dissuaded from forcibly taking Ratty, who recently had a gold injection for arthritis, to the blood bank, hoping to extract not blood, but a gold nugget. Herb Jones and the undersigned, banking rivals for many years, have agreed to turn over all our big accounts to each other. Steve Masson and Jack Clarke have agreed to sit down together, toast marshmallows and not disagree over anything. Anyway, it's a beautiful dream.

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As we were writing the above, the shocking news has come to us that Doctor Henry A. McMains has died very suddenly.

A veteran of the Spanish-American War, married and the father of two children at the outbreak of the War in 1917, he nevertheless felt he should take some part in the struggle. He joined the Y.M.C.A., and asked for overseas duty. We met him at Pexonne. A Baltimorean, he had known many members of the Battery.

Forsaking a life of comparative comfort, he had attached himself to our Battery and from that time forward in battle, in the long marches, in our short periods of rest, he shared all of our hardships and dangers. Some of us are alive today because he carried us to a first aid station in time. Possessing great physical strength, we never knew him to show anger; never knew him to show the least indication that he knew what fear was.

No man ever lived who more deserved or possessed the love and respect of his comrades than did he. For us, our meetings will never again have quite the same warmth, our Memorial Service will never again have quite the same dignity, the sun will never again shine quite so brightly, for Doc McMains is gone.

HARRY D. STANSBURY.

The annual meeting of the Last Man's Club of the Fort Wayne Chapter was held Saturday, October 21. Sorry that we received the story too late for inclusion in this issue, but we'll tell you about it in the December Reveille.

RAINBOW BOOK IS PUBLISHED

The American Battle Monuments Commission of which Gen. John J. Pershing is chairman has just completed publication of a volume giving a summary of the World War 1 operations of the Rainbow Division. The book may be obtained from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington (25), D. C., for \$1.50.

We have not seen a copy of this book telling of the operations of the Division, but undoubtedly it will be a comprehensive and accurate summary that will be a prized volume in the library of every Rainbow veteran. "Sight unseen" we recommend it.

The Commission has now had printed 21 books dealing with combat divisions of World War 1. Seven more are to be printed.

And, speaking of books on World War 1, the American Battle Monuments Commission has published an over-all book on "our war" that summarizes what each Division did in that war. It tells of each Division's part in each offensive, lists units, divisional casualties, days in action, and other authentic data of the war. This volume is titled "American Armies and Battlefields in Europe." It is priced at \$2.75 and may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents.

Cards and Letters Came Raining Down

The mailman came limping up and pushed the doorbell. Marian went to the door, and the fellow began unloading. He handed her bundle after bundle of letters and cards. The sweat streamed down his face, and he mourned, for his poor back was broken.

Yes sir, it was broken slap dab in twain from lugging what looked like ten million letters from ten million Rainbowers. Rainbowers from all over the country. Ex-buck privates and ex-M.P.'s. Ex-second and first looies. Generals and colonels and majors — some ex — and some active.

Cards of every color and hue and size and shape. Some as big as wagon sheets, some with funny pictures and some with masterpieces of verse. All just simply wonderful.

Gosh! How can I thank you, Rainbow, for the best birthday a boy ever had? Some day I may wade into that huge heap of cards and answer each and every one of them — write each man a letter or a card and thank him for his thoughtfulness of me. Or, I may be able to get up from this bed some day and come to a Rainbow Reunion and shake the hand of every man who wrote to me. Gosh! I hope that day will not be too far off.

But right now all I can do is to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, and may the Good Lord bless you every one.

FRED CORNELIUS.

IT'S CINCINNATI IN '45

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to attend Ohio State Reunions know what a grand time to expect next year when the National and Ohio State Associations will hold the Reunion jointly.

Cincinnati, Ohio, October 4, 1944
Edward C. Weitzel, President
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

After approval by Ohio Rainbow, State Board of Trustees, to save transportation time and money, the Cincinnati Chapter RDVA requests national sanction to hold joint National and State Rainbow Reunions at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14, 1945.

LOUIS E. STAGMAN,
Chapter President.

October 14, 1944

Mr. Louis E. Stagman, President,
Cincinnati Chapter, R. D. V.,
616 Overton St.,
Newport, Ky.

Dear Lou:

Confirming our several telephonic and telegraphic communications, may we again say to you that the National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans, is most happy to accept the invitation of the Cincinnati Chapter to be host of the National Reunion on July 13th and 14th, in 1945.

You will be interested in knowing that the National Executive Committee was unanimously and most enthusiastically in favor of accepting your bid. To say that we are looking forward to a splendid Reunion, would be putting it far too mildly.

We feel that the selection of Roy Grant as Reunion Chairman is a most fortunate one. I have already arranged to have his name and address appear on the National stationery as well as the announcement that the Twenty-Seventh Annual Reunion will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 13th and 14th.

With the confidence that the Cincinnati Reunion will be outstanding among a long list of very successful Reunions, I remain,

Yours in Rainbow,
EDWARD C. WEITZEL,
National President,
Rainbow Division Veterans.

Now we know why Marx Rosenthaler is such a lover of alluring figures, why he audits books, balances budgets and makes \$5 bills disappear and reappear. Marx showed us this little trick in Chicago:

Multiply your age by 2 and add 5. Multiply the total by 50. Add the change in your pocket if it is less than a dollar. Subtract the number of days in a year (365), then add 115 for good measure. The two left hand figures will show your age. The two right hand figures will show the amount of change in your pocket.

MINNESOTA—The Minneapolis Chapter at its last meeting night held a special meeting to honor Captain Bill Cross who was elected Vice President of the National organization at Chicago. We know of no officer in Rainbow who is more deserving of the honor than Captain Bill. He rarely misses a meeting of the local Chapter and is always standing by to do whatever he can for the good of the organization. A very nice crowd turned out to do him honor.

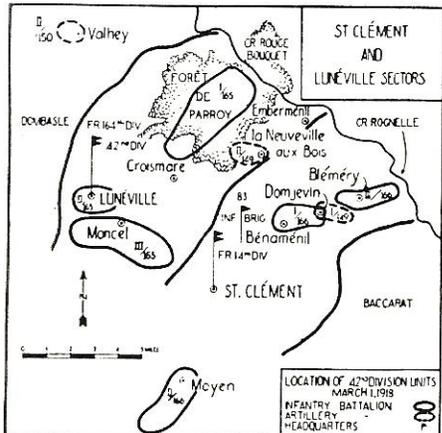
President Otto Martin of the Minneapolis Chapter has taken hold like an old veteran and I am sure he is going to have a great year. We are better than half way toward our mark for dues this early in the season and we are all going to work to set a record.

Minneapolis Chapter meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 35th Street and Chicago Avenue. In case you want to pay your dues, send them to John Becker, 4628 - 2nd Avenue South.

Ben Flihs, the St. Paul Chapter President, would like all of you fellows to turn out the first Monday of each month at the Veterans Hall in St. Paul. Their first meeting after the summer recess was well attended but the officers will not be satisfied until they have 100% attendance at their meetings. Just in case some of you want to pay your dues in the St. Paul Chapter, send them to George Morgan, 1622 Stanford, St. Paul 5.

State President Frank Horton gave a nice little talk at the last meeting and if enthusiasm and pep will make this the best year in the history of Rainbow, Frank says he is going to land on top. More power to you Frank.

Just a word about our youngsters in the service. Out of our little group here in Minneapolis we have about 125 in the service including 4 girls, with 53 of the boys overseas. If any of you fellows around the country can top that, we would like to hear



Remember this battle area? As Walt Michel mentions on another page, some of General Patton's men may be using the same billets we did lo, these many years ago.

from you. We are very anxious to keep track of the activities, promotions and welfare of these youngsters and we hope you parents will take the time to keep us informed. Send your communications to Frank West, 4900 31st Avenue South, Minneapolis 6, Minnesota.

We feel that the National has a very efficient and capable set of officers this year and we want them to know that Minnesota stands ready to help them in any way possible in making this Rainbow's greatest year. Our congratulations to President Weitzel and his entire staff.

FRANK WEST.

PENNSYLVANIA—Our good friend, Harold Rodier, as everybody knows has been taking orders from Uncle Sam for a couple of years and doing a whale of a job in turning out THE REVELLE to boot. Harold has told us that over a ten-year-period of editing THE REVELLE he has been privileged to make a host of Rainbow friends; to really know Rainbowers from every chapter in a

deep and abiding kinship. But the pressure of military duties increased and Harold asked to be relieved of THE REVELLE.

It is especially gratifying to us to hear that Ed Weitzel is our new National President and Allen Gibbons our new National Secretary. Knowing these hombres as most of us do, we know also that the future of Rainbow is in good hands. Good luck to both of you, Ed and Allen. Call on us of Pittsburgh for any help we may be able to give you.

Pittsburgh Chapter held its regular meeting on October 28, and elected officers for 1944-45. (This issue of THE REVELLE went to press prior to October 28, hence we're unable to tell you who will guide Pittsburgh through the current year. We'll list the Chapter's new officers in the December issue—Ed.)

General Patton's boys may well be billeted in some of the same billets even as you and I were some 27 years ago. What do you think? So long.

WALT MICHEL.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CHICAGO—SEPTEMBER 29, 1944

The meeting was called to order by President Robert R. Reno, Jr., at 2:40 P. M. He expressed his appreciation for the attendance of so many members of the Committee, and advised that expressions of regret had been received from most of those unable to be present.

Leland Whitney, of the Incorporation Committee, stated that everyone had high hopes of having this bill for the Incorporation of Rainbow passed by Congress long before this time, but Jim Fahey, sponsor of the bill, reported that he ran into a snag in the Spring of 1944, when the Judiciary Committee advised him they did not favor bills of this kind and, further, could not take on consideration of it at that time due to the fact that because of pressure in Congress private bills were being placed aside in favor of war bills. Therefore, Rainbow bill is laying dormant. Barre Blumenthal suggested that the same Committee be reappointed for the current year.

Treasurer Robert Hayward reported that as of July 14, 1944,

Cash in Roosevelt Savings Bank, Brooklyn, was	\$ 797.22
Cash in the National City Bank of New York	786.83
Four \$1,000 War Bonds at Cost	2,960.00
Balance on Hand	\$4,544.05

Motion made by Elmer Neagle to accept report. Seconded by Lawrence G. Wood.

The Secretary gave a resume of many of the activities of the National Association since July, 1943, referring to the success of the so-called "Ambassador Plan" of contact with Chapters; the splendid work done by National Chaplain John Callan in writing individual letters to all Rainbow Veterans in various Veteran Hospitals throughout the United States; status of the National mailing list; organization of new Chapters. He advised that the membership as of July 14, 1944, was 5,510, an increase of 994 over last year.

Motion made by Marx Rosenthaler, to the effect that the action of the National President, Treasurer and Secretary, and the reports on their receipts and disbursements be accepted and approved for the year ending 1944.

Motion seconded by Lawrence G. Wood.

Motion made by Fred Crawford that the Executive Committee authorize General Collins to appoint some

member of his active staff to act as a liaison historian between the present 42nd Rainbow Division and the Rainbow Division Veterans.

Seconded by William Carroll.

Fred Crawford, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, advised that the total funds contributed to date by all Chapters was approximately \$4,000. The Welfare Committee Chairman was asked to express to all of the members of his committee, the appreciation of the Association for their accomplishments.

Motion made by Henry Wood that the Executive Committee recommend to the Reunion on September 30, 1944, that the Welfare Committee be reappointed for another year.

Motion approved by the Executive Committee.

The President read report submitted by Colonel Ruby Garrett to the effect that the members of his Committee were divided as to the disposal of the Rainbow colors. One of the members thought that each National President should be the custodian of the organization's colors until they disintegrate in sentimental service; others believed that the colors should be retired to honorable security where coming generations can view them.

This file being referred to the new administration.

Suggestion made by Marx Rosenthaler that some form of resolution be drawn up for discussion at the Reunion on September 30, 1944, as to what restrictions should be placed upon the Reactivated 42nd Division for future admittance to the present 42nd Rainbow Division.

Motion made by Robert Hayward that such a committee be appointed at this Reunion to consider the above matter and be prepared to report at the next Reunion.

Seconded by Lawrence Gibbs.

The next administration will be instructed accordingly.

Leland Whitney, Chairman of the Reveille Committee, made the following suggestions:

1. The appointment of a new Editor to replace Major Harold Rodier, who is going overseas.
2. Have eight issues, plus one to be paid for by the Convention City.
3. Raise the budget from \$2,600 to \$3,200 this year.
4. Recommends the appointment of Emil Letzer as Editor and allow new Editor the privilege of appointing his own Associate Editors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P. M.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, 26th ANNUAL REUNION CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER 30

The following Resolution, authored by Orville Carson, of Ohio, and presented by Committee Chairman Barre Blumenthal, of Illinois, was unanimously carried:

"WHEREAS, any public demonstration would interfere with the continued maintenance of all our national efforts toward ultimate victory; and

WHEREAS, we regard it as unseemly that public celebration be held while our sons and daughters are still facing the enemy in other corners of the world, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS recommend that no public demonstration be held on V-Day; that instead thereof each of us remain at our allotted tasks with renewed zeal and effort toward the attainment of ultimate victory over all our enemies; that as decent men and women, sensible of the blessings which Providence will have bestowed upon us on V-Day, that instead of indulging in public and riotous demonstrations we again give thanks to Almighty God from Whom all blessings flow; that we again rededicate ourselves to the respective tasks before us with renewed zeal and energy, to the end that peace may be restored upon the earth."

REPORTS OF MEMBERSHIP & MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Reverend John A. Callan, Oklahoma
Chairman

Membership:

1. That State Chapters cooperate with National Secretary in use of names from mailing lists, and that a Rainbow note be carried in the publication of the Veterans organization.

2. That individual Rainbow members do all possible to promote Rainbow membership, and form new chapters.

3. That the National Association publish a new Year Book as soon as convenient.

4. That the incoming new National President designate other national officers and Rainbowers to attend meetings in areas through which they may travel, for the purpose of promoting Rainbow.

Memorial:

"Be it resolved that here in reunion assembled we again remember with profound love and gratitude our heroic Rainbow dead. As we so beautifully wrote: 'Wherever Rainbowers gather, the air is vibrant with spirit of these men of the Rainbow who now dwell in love's sunlit heights where the Rainbow never fades.' Also we pledge ourselves to hold in our thoughts and love the friends and loved ones of those departed. We again recommend to State Chapters that the

last resting places of departed be marked by suitable headstones.

"We further recommend that at the earliest possible date contact be made with the Grave Registration Monument Commission in order that we may find out what condition the Rainbow Monument is in and if necessary take suitable measures to place same in good condition and repair."

REPORT OF AUDITING, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Marx Rosenthaler, Michigan

	Budget	Actual Expenses
Secretary's Postage % ..	\$225.00	\$275.00
President's and Treasurer's Expenses	250.00	293.63
Reveille	2,600.00	2,649.00
Stationery and Membership Cards	200.00	356.69
Office Supplies and Equipment	100.00	129.98
Secretary's Stenographic Allowance	450.00	655.00
Secretary's Allowance ..	200.00	29.93
Emergency	475.00	483.39
TOTAL	\$4,500.00	\$4,872.62

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman, Elmer Neagle, District of Columbia

The Nominations Committee presented the following men who were elected unanimously to serve Rainbow during 1944-1945:

For Honorary President—Robert R. Reno, Jr., Illinois.

For President—Edward C. Weitzel, Ohio.

For Vice Presidents—William Cross, Minnesota; Thomas L. Freeman, Massachusetts; Eugene B. Halpin, New York; Harold A. Stein, Florida.

For Chaplain—Reverend Harry Carter, Kentucky.

For Historian — Col. Henry J. Reilly, Illinois.

For Master of Ceremonies — "THE CHAMPAGNE HOUR"—Col. J. Monroe Johnson, South Carolina.

For Members of the Executive Committee—John Treiney, New York; Col. James Thomas, Iowa; Thomas C. Hansen, Michigan; Vincent Fleckenstein; Pennsylvania; Floyd Harper, Indiana; Garrett W. Olds (again in the service of his country), Indiana; Alan B. Stout, Maryland; Frank West, Minnesota; Henry C. Wood, Alabama; Arthur Davis, California. Barney Sullivan, of Florida, was elected to serve the unexpired two-year-term of Edward C. Weitzel, elected National President.

NEW YORK—We are having our next regular meeting on Armistice Day and all hands will be on hand with their charming wives—one for each. This is the first time the ladies will be at our Armistice party as we always thought that that was the one day the men should have to themselves, but some of them are getting old now and cannot get out alone. In the old days, they drank plenty of Camel's Milk and were able to find their way home but who can do that on Coca Cola?

Our meeting will start at 8:30; after a short session we will retire to our Mural Room where refreshments will be served until . . .

Had a fine time in Chicago. Some of our gang were surprised when, on passing a cemetery near Chicago they saw quite a few headstones without names on them but I knew the answer and told them that Eskil Bjork took those names off at two bucks a head. We of New York, of course, are all live ones. If you don't believe it, come to one of our meetings the second Friday of every month.

That bunch in Chi are only allowed out three or four times a year; then they have to eat with the Swedes. I feel sorry for Howard Stone as he told me he just says yes or no and hopes he is right.

Our membership drive has started and we picked up 200 members last week. At that rate, and as we have only just started, why don't the rest of you chapters go home? That is a **CHALLENGE TO EVERY CHAPTER IN RAINBOW**. Let me see any of you try to beat New York this year. Get out your members if you have to carry them or roll them or drag them and at the end of the year it will be New York first—and then all the rest of the States.

And in closing, let me say this: those of you who did not get to Chi missed a fine time. Bob Reno and his Crew are tops!

JIM MASON.

101 CHAPTERS

Two new Ohio chapters, one formed in Springfield and the other organized by Veterans of Company G, 166th, in Greenfield, enables Rainbow to pass the century mark in the number of chapters and state associations. Who's going to be next, boys? Step right up; mail your check for \$15 and the names and addresses of at least 15 members to R. Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.

Let's do more than stretch the Rainbow from coast to coast, from border to border. Let's embrace every state in the Union. How about you, Arizona? And you, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming?

A Message from the National President

GREETINGS Rainbow Men and Women Everywhere — The Twenty-Sixth Annual Reunion is now History, marking the passing of another milestone in the long list of successful Rainbow reunions. The luster of Rainbow enthusiasm grows increasingly brighter, and comradeship, increasingly sacred.

Your President deeply appreciates the high honor conferred upon him and he senses fully the great responsibility which accompanies that honor. He confidently asks the continued, splendid cooperation of all to enable him and the other officers to further advance the glorious traditions of Rainbow. We are most grateful to Judge Advocate Leland Whitney and Treasurer Bob Hayward, who have agreed to continue in their respective offices during the ensuing year. We feel particularly fortunate in securing the services of R. Allen Gibbons of Virginia, as National Secretary; E. A. Letzer of Philadelphia, as Editor of *The Reveille*; and B. J. O'Hara, of Alabama as National Sergeant-at-Arms.

No formal bid having been made for the 1945 Reunion, the quandary in which the present administration was placed was short-lived, as Cincinnati, thru its genial Chapter President, Louis E. Stagman, invited the National Association to be its guests on July 13 and 14, 1945. The unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the National Executive Committee enabled us to accept with pleasure the gracious invitation of the Cincinnati Chapter.

Roy Grant, the immediate Past President of the Ohio Association, has been appointed Reunion Chairman.

We do have many men who work hard and effectively for Rainbow, who do give their time and energy so that the Association may continue to thrive. Their efforts are reflected by the consistent gains noted in membership over the past ten years. The revered position which Rainbow has held in the eyes of the nation is your individual responsibility to uphold. It is your Association, and its future rests upon you.

LET'S GO RAINBOW, determined to scale new heights.

EDWARD C. WEITZEL.

To insure getting *The Reveille* into the hands of all Rainbowners possible, bulk copies of each issue will be mailed to Chapter secretaries for distribution to Rainbowners who fail to get *The Reveille* direct. Will EVERY Chapter secretary promptly mail his name and address to the undersigned?

E. A. LETZER

4218 Terrace Ave., Merchantville, N. J.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

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



It would be too difficult to find the proper combination of words adequately to express my appreciation to our new president for the honor conferred in asking me to accept appointment as secretary of Rainbow. My only hesitancy was occasioned by the excellence of the job he did in the office and

the difficulty I shall have in attempting to fill his competent shoes.

However, with the help and cooperation of all chapter officers — and, especially, of the chapter secretaries — it will be the endeavor of this office to serve you as effectively and as efficiently as our capabilities will permit. Therefore, let us consider together a few concrete suggestions.

Membership is the first order of business. No organization such as ours can long exist without adequate support in the form of dues-paying members. A good start has been made on membership for 1944-45; but, due to the late election of national officers, we are behind schedule. So, chapter secretaries, get those memberships in and forward them to me, pronto! Just as soon as the new membership cards come from the printer — and they will be here by the time you read this — they will be filled in the order of receipt. **GET YOURS IN EARLY!** After the first big rush — yes, I'm expecting you boys to swamp me at first (and will I love it!) — it will be the aim of this office to continue Ed's policy of twenty-four hour service in all possible cases. Remember Ed's motto, "KEEP 'EM COMING" and add thereto "AS YOU GET 'EM."

Don't forget to notify the secretary whenever a Rainbow man passes on to his reward. In the case of a Rainbower who is a member of an established chapter, the chapter secretary, of course, will forward the deceased member's name and complete history. In the case of a possible Rainbower — and by "possible" I mean one who does not hold membership in any chapter — it is suggested that he include in his will, or leave somewhere among his papers, a request that the national secretary of Rainbow be notified of his demise. Only in that way will his going be properly entered on the record and his memory properly memorialized at the "Champagne Hour", which is such an unforgettable feature of each National Reunion.

Your new secretary has not yet seen the list of chapter officers for 1944-45; therefore, he does not know just how complete that most important compilation is. This is to urge the secretary of any chapter which has not sent in a list of its current officers to do so at once.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will put the national secretary's name on your mailing list to receive copies of your various chapter publications and bulletins as they may be issued. From such sources, it is possible that he may be able to glean information that can be passed on for the good of all Rainbow chapters.

And now, men, let us get going for 1944-45! Let us show those martial sons and heirs of ours in the 42nd Infantry Division at Camp Gruber, Okla., that we are behind them every foot of the way by enlisting every eligible man in these United States in the ranks of the National Association Rainbow Division Veterans. Toward that end, this office pledges every possible assistance.

"Keep 'Em Coming as You Get 'Em!"

R. ALLEN GIBBONS, *National Secretary.*

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

R. Allen Gibbons, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans,
P. O. Box 342, Roanoke 3, Va.



Dear Allen: I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow Division and wish to join our Association. I enclose \$1. Please send me my membership card and continue sending THE REVELLE to the following address:

