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Come to Baltimore!



11th Annual
RAINBOW
REUNION

July 13-15, 1929

Eleventh Annual Reunion

To the Secretaries of Rainbow Division Chapters:—

We have just had a great shock here in Baltimore! A past president has written to us that "Nobody has heard anything about the Baltimore Reunion." Imagine!

If Baltimore had the kind of weather that most cities are having at this time of the year, this piece of news would have finished us, but Baltimore's climate is one of the most salubrious in the world at this time of the year, and will be during the Reunion period in July, so we shall probably live. But it was certainly a blow.

We can't believe it is true that Rainbow Division men do not know that the biggest, pleasantest and most memorable Reunion in Rainbow Division history will be held in Baltimore, metropolis of the Maryland free state, the queen city of the Chesapeake and the home of soft-shell crabs and beer, on July 13, 14 and 15th.

Fearful, however, that there may be Rainbow men somewhere who have not heard about it, may we ask you to do the following things, and do them at once, in the interest of a successful Rainbow Reunion.

1. Get in touch with all the heads of the sub-chapters in your state and let them know about the Reunion.
2. Let us have a list of the heads of these chapters and their addresses for our own Reunion headquarters.
3. Get all the newspapers in your

jurisdiction to print stories about the Reunion. Such stories will be real news and eagerly read by all Rainbow Division men and their families and friends among the subscribers to these newspapers.

If you will do these things at once, you will be helping us a lot and co-operating with the City authorities who are also helping us to give the

Division a real hearty Baltimore welcome. The City government has appropriated a substantial sum of money to help us defray the expenses. Baltimore business men are going out of their way to cooperate with us.

General Gouraud is coming. President Hoover has not definitely promised to come, but we have great hopes that he will.

In every respect, we are trying to make this a worthy forerunner to the Paris Convention in 1930, and it will be in Baltimore that most of the plans for the Paris trip will be consummated. It is therefore, of supreme importance that every Rainbow man who can possibly do it, get to Baltimore for the big time here.

Please let us know whether it seems true in your locality that the Rainbow men are not acquainted with general information about the Reunion, and also what we might do at this end to make them better acquainted with the facts.

OLD PAL

I wish that we could live the old days over,

◀ Just once more.

I wish that we could hit the trail together,

◀ Just once more.

Say, Pal, the years are slipping by

With many a dream and many a sigh;

Let's chum together, you and I,

◀ Just once more!

Baltimore, July 13, 14, 15

The following distinguished men have signified their intention of being present at the Baltimore Reunion. After reading the list you will realize immediately that you cannot afford to miss this brilliant affair—probably the most noted assembly at any Rainbow Reunion.

Honorable Herbert Hoover
President of the United States of America.

Gen. Henri Etienne Joseph Gouraud
Commander of the 4th French Army in the Battle of Champagne, July 14th, 1918, and at present the Military Governor of Paris.

Captain Morris Drouhin
French Army.

Lieutenant Daru
French Army.

Paul Claudel
French Ambassador to the United States and his military attache.

Jules Henry
First Assistant Secretary of the French Embassy

Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of State.

Patrick Hurley
Assistant Secretary of War.

Newton D. Baker
Ex-Secretary of War.

Senator Walter Edge of New Jersey

Senator David Reed
Chairman Military Affairs of the Senate.

Congressman W. Frank James
Chairman Military Affairs of the House

General Charles P. Summerall
Chief of Staff of the U. S. A.

Major General Briant Wells
Deputy Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

Major General James G. Harbord
President Radio Corporation of America.

Brigadier General W. W. Atterbury
President Pennsylvania Railroad.

Governor Henry F. Byrd of Virginia.

Of course, to this list should be added all the old unit commanders and other prominent Rainbowers: Reilly, Hough, Donovan, Screws, Tinley, Leach, Johnson, Murphy, Hughes, Ogden, Talbot, Smith, Duffy, and many others. In fact, every living Rainbower has promised to answer roll call.

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These Baltimore boys are actively engaged in preparing the greatest Rainbow Reunion on record. The Maryland Chapter enjoys the distinction of being the smallest unit in the Rainbow Division, yet they predict a Reunion second to none.

Chairman General Committee, J. A. Clarke.

Vice-Chairman General Committee, Henry A. McMains.

Members General Committee: J. W. Greene, Chairman; Francis E. Shea, Chairman; C. F. Michael, Chairman; R. E. Carson, Chairman; Col. Prather, Chairman.

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Parade Committee; O. Travers.

Printing Committee; L. M. Dwyer.

Invitation Committee; J. F. Cassidy.

Badges Committee; I. Lathroum.

Welcome Committee; H. W. Fanning.

Citizens Fin. Com.; H. P. Brawner.

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We, the members of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, in order to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which has been the greatest single factor in the success of the Division, and in order to continue unbroken that spirit of fraternal friendship which has always manifested itself throughout our activities, and to perpetuate the sacred memory of our valiant dead, do establish the Rainbow Division Veterans.

Au Revoir

JUST a word of appreciation to you, buddy, for your assistance, as well as your patience with the editor during the past year. No one realizes more clearly than myself that the *Reveille* could be greatly improved upon, and this condition was not bettered during my term as editor, frankly, because of my inability, rather than indifference. You've been very patient and tolerant—but then, all Rainbowers are—and your complaints during the year have been few, which I appreciate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation, especially Father Duffy, Manning Marcus, Homer Gardner, Sam Lichtenstein, and a few others who helped a lot toward smoothing the pathway.

Again I apologize for my feeble efforts and ask you to believe that my mistakes were of the head rather than the heart.

Bon Voyage, Steve

We hoped to have only cheerful news in this issue of the *Reveille* but here is an item that many will be sorry to hear of. Steve Masson, our National Secretary, will not be with us at the Baltimore Reunion. Owing to the pressure of business Steve is forced to forego the long anticipated pleasure of helping to entertain the Rainbow Veterans at their Reunion in Baltimore, and on June 29 will board a steamer for Europe on a business trip that will keep him away until late in August. A trip to Europe is alluring to most everyone at anytime, but we know that if Steve had his choice he would choose the Reunion first and Europe second.

So long, Steve. Best o' luck! We're going to miss you,—and we know your thoughts will be with us on July 13, 14 and 15.

Chapters, Attention!

Chapter Secretaries are earnestly requested to bring or send to the Baltimore Reunion a typewritten list of the names and addresses of their chapter officers. Also the date of election of officers, and the date of annual State Conventions. This information will be a great help to the incoming National Secretary and will mean that the new administration will be able to function without delay. Please attend to this and see that it is on hand at the Baltimore Reunion. Thanks.

Reunion Chairman

If such a thing as a Medal of Award was to be given to that individual Rainbower who contributed most to the success of the year by hard, sincere, constant work, the medal would undoubtedly be awarded to Jack A. Clarke, National Treasurer; President, Maryland Chapter, and now General Chairman in charge of the Baltimore Reunion.

Jack's enthusiasm began the moment the announcement was made that the 1929 Reunion would be held in Baltimore and has steadily increased with the passing of time. His peppy, forceful manner has been a big factor in instilling and arousing the proper Rainbow spirit in all those with whom he comes in contact.

In the capacity of Treasurer he has been always on the job, and will turn over to the next administration a larger balance than he received. As President of the Maryland Chapter he has managed its affairs well, and the Chapter has enjoyed the most successful year of its existence. As General Chairman of the Reunion he has an enormous task on his hands and is managing it quite well.

To hold these positions and to faithfully discharge the duties thereof, as everyone knows, cannot be done without a sacrifice to one's personal freedom and pleasure, but Jack has willingly made these sacrifices—and they have been many.

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"Diary of A Rainbow Veteran"

The writer has not had the good fortune to read this book, written by Elmer W. Sherwood, 150th (Indiana) Field Artillery, but judging from the splendid tribute paid it by General Summerall in the Foreword it is certainly a worth-while book, and one which all Rainbowers will want to possess.

FOREWORD

Corporal Sherwood's Diary will recall to every member of the Rainbow Division the career of that outfit in the Great War. He has recorded simply and vividly his experiences and impressions through the days of mobilization, of crossing the ocean, of training, of campaigns and battle, of the occupation of the Rhine, and of the home-coming. It is a story of real men, of whom he was a worthy comrade. It is characteristic of the Division that there are no belittling grumbings or criticisms in the daily thoughts of the writer. On the contrary his record, like his conduct, is pitched on a high plane of courage, service, and sacrifice. The soldier's sense of humor is mingled with pathos and the tragedy of suffering and death of loved comrades. Even the faithful horses and the almost human guns receive their full share of credit and affection. He graphically describes the marching, the fatigue, the effect of the enemy's fire, the excellence of his regiment's gunnery, the matchless barrage that it helped to deliver and the fortitude and high morale with which the regiment bore itself in adversity as well as in victory. Yet, he does so, unconscious of conveying these impressions to his readers.

It will awaken memories in the members of the 150th Field Artillery and it will thrill with pride those who, while not sharing its fortunes, followed it in their hearts as the representative of their Country and their State in the Great Adventure.

It was my privilege to share in organizing the 67th Field Artillery Brigade, to select the 150th Field Artillery as one of its regiments, to command the Brigade until near the end of its training, to witness the superb fighting of the Rainbow Division by my side in the St. Mihiel offensive, and to command the Fifth Corps, when it again came under my command in the great offensive of the Meuse-Argonne. Everywhere the regiment gave proof of the finest fighting spirit and once when our infantry was sorely depleted by losses, the gallant regimental commander offered to spare some of his cannoneers who were armed with rifles to give temporary relief.

This Diary will interpret to our people the spirit of the men whom they sent to battle. As a tale of adventure it will fascinate the reader and it will not fail to be an incentive to all who admire brave deeds and nobility of soul.

C. P. SUMMERALL,
Major General; Chief of Staff.



Reunion Headquarters will be located in the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Registration will be conducted in the lobby of the Southern Hotel, beginning at noon on Friday, July 12. William J. Smith is Chairman of Registration.

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You are urged to register as soon as possible after arrival in Baltimore. Please do this!

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There will be a welcome committee on hand to greet you at all the depots. They will guide you to your hotel. Look for their badges of identification.

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If it is possible to do so, every delegation coming to Baltimore should wire *collect* the station and the time they expect to arrive, so that we may have transportation awaiting you. This could be done about twelve hours before your arrival. Wire to Rainbow Headquarters, Southern Hotel, Baltimore, Md.

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You will assist greatly by being prompt at all of the meetings, entertainments, parade, etc. If you are late it will mean that everybody else will be inconvenienced, so please be on time—every time.

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Some of the Chapters have neglected to take action on the Constitution and By-Laws as printed in the February *Reveille*. Please take action immediately.

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Here's hoping you have displayed to good advantage the automobile windshield stickers you received with the previous issue of the *Reveille*. Stick them on your auto and advertise the Reunion in every State.

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Once again. Start now and make your plans to go to France with the Rainbow Division in July, 1930. General Gouraud is coming to the Baltimore Reunion to extend us a personal invitation—and, well—you can imagine what a wonderful time the old Rainbow will have in France, especially if headed by General Reilly, who stands so high, both here and "over there."

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Rainbow Going to France 1930

All arrangements have been made for the second invasion of France by the Rainbow Division Veterans—and their wives, if they want to go, which it's a good bet they will.

On this trip there'll be no cramped quarters on the boat, no submarine drills, no standing in line for chow. Instead, we will have comfortable, roomy cabins, spacious breeze-swept decks with steamer chairs, afternoon tea, or other refreshments and bang-up meals in a ritzy dining room.

We will probably have a special boat—one of the palatial United States Lines steamers—so the ocean voyage will be eight days of fun, frolic and festivity each way.

In France, there will be a two-weeks' motor tour through the battle sectors where the Rainbow did its stuff—not in jolting camions but in deep-cushioned, pneumatic-tired buses that are the last word in travel comfort and convenience. No forty kilometre hikes with sixty-pound packs—on this trip we'll breeze along like four-star generals, stopping where we like to renew old acquaintances and visit the scenes of former glory and grief.

The itinerary reads like a trip back home—Chalons-sur-Marne, Suippes, Chateau-Thierry, Argonne Forest, Baccarat, St. Mihiel, Metz, Neuenahr, and many other places we know so well. Some of these towns are built up beyond recognition while others are still in bad shape. We'll be able to find many of the haunts we used to frequent—Dinty Moore's and the Hotel du Centres, where the pomme de terre fried and omelette avec confiture were so good.

Last but not least comes the grand finale—6 days and 7 nights in Paris—and what a time *that* will be. Sight-seeing trips every day are a part of the regular program. Fontainebleau, Palace of Versailles, Montmartre, the Latin Quarter, etc.—in fact, everything of major interest that Paris has to offer. The nights in Paris will be left free for individual or group reconnaissance, but complete information on the various nightly church sociables, quilting bees, and other exciting functions will be available to all the soldiers.

And now for the good news—the cost of this five week de luxe trip to France in only \$363.25 per person and up, including all expenses except tips on boat, port taxes, which may be eliminated, and such personal expenses as laundry, coca cola, cherry pop, etc. They *do* say though, that the drinking water is better in France now, so that will not make it necessary to drink anything else as was the case in war days.

The higher officers of the Division are

going over in force and the party will make its tour of France under ideal conditions and with official recognition by the French Government.

The United States Lines have been selected to take us over and back and Temple Tours, Inc., is the travel agency that will pilot us through France, relieving us of all travel worry as to hotels, baggage, meals, etc., and leaving us free to enjoy the trip to the utmost.

We leave New York July 17, 1930, and get back August 22nd—37 days of health, happiness and high jinks all for \$363.25, and up. Think of it! Less than \$10.00 a day for a trip like this. Why, its almost cheaper than if you stayed at home. This being the case, it's simply a matter of getting the necessary five weeks off. See the Big Boss today and tell him you are going—that you're sure the wheels of progress will keep turning.

As to location of boat accommodations; it's first come, first served, and those who get in their reservations early will, of course, get the best space for the money. A down payment of \$50.00 per person is necessary and reservations can be made immediately by writing to Temple Tours, Inc., 77 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. This down payment will be returned if something comes up later to prevent your going.

An attractive folder, giving all details and containing chart of boat accommodations and prices is being prepared at present. These will be handed out at the Baltimore Reunion July 13, 14 and 15. You can also get one by writing to Temple Tours at above address. There will be a booth for reservations at Baltimore, with experienced steamship and travel men in charge, so come prepared to sign up for this Rainbow Round-Up in France—you'll have the time of your life at a cost that is ridiculously low.

MAIL COUPON NOW!

Temple Tours, Inc.
77 W. Washington St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Please send me full information about the Rainbow Reunion in France. It sounds like great stuff.

Name.....

Address.....

City.....State.....



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Reunion Program

The program for the biggest Rainbow Reunion which will bring to Baltimore Rainbow Veterans from all over the country on July 13, 14 and 15 is about completed, and for the remainder of the time the members of the Maryland Chapter (117th Trench Mortar Battery) will be kept busy attending the multitudinous details.

Probably never before has the banquet of a World War Veterans' Reunion been on a Sunday night, but in that respect the Rainbow Veterans will establish a precedent at their Baltimore gathering. The night of July 14, 1918, was the night of the great German drive on the Allied Champagne front, which the men of the Rainbow Division, fighting under the French General Gouraud, "The Lion of the Argonne," helped to break up, and July 14 this year falls on Sunday, so there is no other way out eleven years later than to have a Sunday night banquet.

Chief among the plans made at the recent meetings was one to raise sufficient funds in Baltimore to meet the expense of entertaining the City's Rainbow visitors.

The Reunion as outlined by President Wm. P. Screws will begin on the morning of July 13 with the reception of arriving veterans at the railroad stations and registration at the Southern Hotel. At 2 p.m. the business session will be held, with addresses by Governor Ritchie, Mayor Broening and others. At 8.30 p.m. the Reunion Ball will be held. A feature of the ball will be the grand promenade, led by the distinguished ones, and in which all Rainbowners will participate.

Sunday, the anniversary of the last great German drive, in which the Rainbow Division really began its immortal record of battles, will be marked by an impressive Memorial service. The rest of the day will be taken up by a boat trip. The banquet will begin at 8.30 p.m.

Monday morning at 10.30 there will be a business session, the climax of which will be the election of officers for the coming year. In the afternoon there will be the "big parade" of all Rainbowners, attended by numerous escorts, bands, etc. President Hoover may review it. General Summerall and other notables will be present. Entertainment will be provided for those remaining Monday night.

Here is the program in brief:

Saturday, July 13

A.M.—Registration.
2.30 P.M.—Business Session.
8.30 P.M.—Rainbow Ball.

Sunday, July 14

11 A.M.—Memorial Service.
1.30 P.M.—Boat Trip.
8.30 P.M.—Banquet.

Monday, July 15

10.30 A.M.—Business Session.
2.30 P.M.—Parade.
Night—Entertainment for those remaining.

AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Saturday, July 13

A.M.—Registration.
A.M.—Business Session.
P.M.—Boat Ride.
P.M.—Rainbow Ball.

Sunday, July 14

A.M.—Memorial Service.
P.M.—Banquet.

Monday, July 15

A.M.—Business Session.
P.M.—View Parade.

different states and with different backgrounds, convictions and prejudices, all thrown together in the absorbing occupation of war. We learned to appreciate one another's good qualities and to find our differences lost in the blaze of a common patriotism. Naturally, some contributed more than others towards producing this happy result but nobody, I think, in the whole division, contributed more toward the unifying work that was accomplished than this man whose personal convictions were more intense, more definite, more vivid than those of any other one man in the division.

Every last one of us admires him for his courage and candor. No Reunion of veterans reaches high level until he has addressed us. The division itself reached no higher level than it did in that South Carolinian Scot,—J. Monroe Johnson.

FRANCIS P. DUFFY.

Colonel J. Monroe Johnson



COL. J. MONROE JOHNSON

Gentlemen of the Rainbow:—

Introducing the most colorful personality of the Rainbow—J. Monroe Johnson,—civil engineer of Marion, S. C., and Col. of the 117th Engineers.

The longer we old soldiers live, the more inclined we get to pick a word like "genuine," "real," or "regular" to express what we most like in people, and there is no man living who so much deserves these epithets as the hero of my little tale. He has the outstanding quality of courage, the one thing that everybody admires. It showed itself in war time. It shows itself even in the admissions he makes. In a very famous speech that he made at one of our Reunions, he said of an orderly of his, "That boy had more guts than I weigh"

He is a strong Southerner, and Colonel "Bill" Donovan used to tell him that if he were alive in the sixties he would have fired the first shot at Fort Sumter, but the action of our country during this war has led him to the conclusion that it was a good thing in the world's emergency that this was one country.

He is a man of sincere religious convictions but he leaves everyone free to worship as he will. If I am Chaplain in perpetuity of the Rainbow Division Veterans it is due to the action of Colonel Johnson when we met in his own home state. It is interesting to note also that my election as President in Chicago, precedent to the New York meeting, was arranged by Colonels Johnson of South Carolina, Screws of Alabama, Talbot of Texas, and Carter of Indiana. That's the kind of a bunch we are.

Johnson is an ardent Democrat, but I think if "Bill" Donovan ever runs for president on the Republican ticket, Johnson may save his party regularity like Nicholas Murray Butler with Al Smith, but I would never dare to ask him how he cast his vote.

He is a strong prohibitionist, but as in everything else, a perfectly honest one, and one of the kind that everyone admires. He has never taken a drink in his life, and if ever he did take one I believe that the very next day he would come out as a Wet.

He said to me one day that if he were Secretary of War in the event of any future conflict he would make every National Guard division a Rainbow Division. All of us who were in the old division can appreciate his point of view. We found ourselves groups of American citizens from

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