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The President's Message

THIS BEING MY FIRST OFFICIAL message to you, I feel that I should let you in on a little secret, and give you a little warning. While attending the Reunion in Dallas I discovered that we have some very capable HYPNOTISTS in our beloved Rainbow Association. I was placed under their influence and while in this state I had a beautiful dream. I dreamed that you Rainbow friends had chosen me to head our National Association for the coming year; and now that I have regained consciousness I am beginning to realize that this was far from being a dream! I've been reminded of this by the many good wishes and congratulations I received in person before leaving Dallas, and the many letters and messages received since arriving home. I only hope I can live up to one half of the expectations expressed in your congratulations and good wishes.



National President Mel Horne

I CAN ONLY SAY THANK YOU most sincerely, my many kind Rainbow friends. I shall try to give you the best of my ability, and with your loyal support and cooperation as a team working together, as is absolutely necessary, we can carry on the traditions of Rainbow and have one of the best years in the history of Rainbow.

I AM SURE ALL OF YOU KNOW and remember the Preamble to our Constitution, "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 our departed comrades." I should like to suggest that you remember these words each day; if you do so you will be a loyal and devoted Rainbower.

WE HAVE ENJOYED a healthy condition in membership for the past several years; it will take real teamwork to succeed in the project of keeping our membership in this healthy condition. I therefore ask each Rainbower who reads this message to appoint him-

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It's Baltimore in '57

Following a gloriously successful Reunion at Dallas, Rainbow assured itself of another great Reunion by selecting Baltimore for '57.

Baltimore, under the Chairmanship of Jack Clarke, staged an outstanding Reunion in 1929 --- the only Rainbow Reunion honored by the presence of the President of the United States --- and with the '57 Reunion also under the Chairmanship of Past National President Clarke, another outstandingly successful Reunion may be confidently anticipated. Baltimore offers many advantages as the locale of next year's Reunion. After two years in the Midwest and Southwest the Reunion moves East to afford thousands of Rainbowers a much closer Reunion. New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia --- all these are a matter of no more than a few hours' drive to Baltimore. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan Rainbowers will find it much closer than Dallas.

Baltimore has another tremendous advantage as a Reunion city - It is at the threshhold of a varied and appealing vacation area. This is of great importance to the many Rainbowers who make the Reunion the jumpoff point for their summer vacation. The New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland ocean resorts; Chesapeake Bay with its sailing, fishing and crabbing; these are just a few hours' drive from Baltimore. The Blue Ridge Mountains, Alleghenies, and even the Adirondacks are not much farther away.

But Baltimore itself, with its excellent Reunion facilities, and the Reunion in the hands of experienced Rainbowers and a lively and enthusiastic Chapter, is the best guarantee that the Baltimore Reunion in '57 will be another Rainbow great. --hbr

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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self a Committee of One to secure at least one new member for our Association within the next three months. The effect of this would be very simple; in case you are rusty on your mathematics, it would double our membership! This is NOT impossible --- the potential is too great to neglect. I am sure you will have the sincere thanks of the entire official family of Rainbow for all the effort you put forth in connection with this membership drive.

THE TEXAS RAINBOW ladies and gentlemen did an outstanding job in sponsoring our Reunion in Dallas, and we certainly extend to them our warmest thanks. May we have the pleasure of coming to see you again, Texas, and may you join with us in numbers in all of our Rainbow affairs!

NEXT YEAR'S REUNION in Baltimore is being arranged under very capable supervision and I am sure our Maryland Rainbowers will have a very wonderful party for all of us in Baltimore, Maryland. Why not start planning right now to attend, you will never regret it; those of you who are "regulars" know what Rainbow means; those of you who may never have attended a National Reunion or who attend just once in a while --- all I can say to you is that you are missing a whale of a lot of good fellowship.

Again I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the great honor you have bestowed upon me, and ask your full cooperation and support as we travel along over the year. Any suggestions for the improvement of our Association will be gladly welcomed.

--Melvin N. (Mel) Horne

Rainbow Ghost at Dallas

AH, DALLAS; AH, DALLAS; thou gem in a wasteland, thou Oasis in a desert of sand. Thou blessed haven to the weary sojourner. We loved your Cotton Bowl and Fair Grounds, your Memorial Auditorium and your lovely lake. We loved your Southern Methodist University and airfields. We noted your fine Churches, of which three have the largest congregations in the world. We rested in your fine hotels, all air-conditioned. You are a fine, clean, robust, growing city. All 190 square miles of you. Would that we may visit you again.

EARLY BIRD SESSION on Wednesday: At least half of the Rainbowers were already in, and a merry gathering with Ev Hale doubling in brass and serving copious potions of fine, cool beer. Everett presided over the registration desk by day.

THURSDAY: Executive Committee Meeting in the morning; first Business Session in the afternoon. All in a gay and happy mood. To the Fair Grounds that evening for a fine barbecue with a cowboy singer for entertainment and the Texas Rangers for color, as promised by Ted Jones. Cool breezes soothed us as darkness fell, and then to the fine summer theater and back to the hotel.

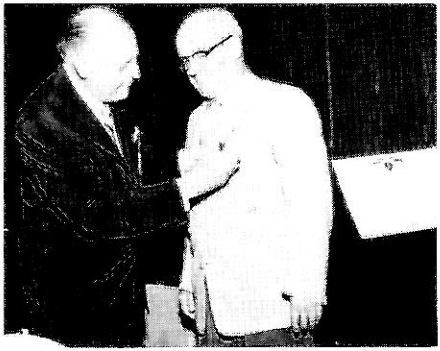
FRIDAY: Second Business Session and appointment of committees. Army Secretary Wilber Brucker and party arrived in late afternoon.

SATURDAY: Final Business Session with committee reports, unanimous as usual. Mel Horne, of Ohio, Virginia and Kentucky, elected President. Wilber Brucker, assisted by Colonel Jim Tanner, presented long delayed medals to Rainbowers of both wars. (See pictures for details.) Any Rainbower believing himself entitled to any decoration or campaign medal may avail himself of arrangements made by Secretary Brucker and the Association to facilitate their processing. In the next REVEILLE will be outlined the suggested procedure. Such awards will be presented at the next Reunion, or at a suitable Rainbow gathering.

THE USUAL UNUSUALS: Who walked into Allen Gibbons' office one morning but "Tony" Lester! They had not seen each other since 1919. And who sat down at an Ohio table at the Banquet with the Lampmans, Walters and Hoyts but John Mason, (P. O. Box 100, Enterprise, Miss.), and Minter Womack, (1119 Rock Creek Drive, Garland, Texas.) Lieut. Mason was the first Signal Officer of the 166th Infantry, relieved by Wilber Brucker. Lieut. Womack was with the Bombers and Sappers platoon. Neither of these men had seen the others in the United States.

ITEMS PICKED UP while strolling; The ladies having meeting troubles; the first morning with no mikes and dishes rattling in back of them, furniture being moved beside them and pianos being rolled above them. It did not happen again. The Captain of the Texas Rangers explaining he has 55 counties to cover with 10 men. The entire Ranger force consists of but 51 men. Warner Grassell offering to capture the red light on top of the radio tower. He didn't do it --- Walker Colston in a fiery red shirt and shoes to match. The pleasant

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ROBERT V. WILKINS (L-222nd Inf.) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was presented by Secretary Wilber Brucker with the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations against the enemy on two occasions. Bob Wilkins and HENRY O. BALDWIN (232nd Inf.) pictured above, with Secretary Brucker and General Collins, were also presented with the campaign medals which they had not yet received.



SYDNEY C. ANDERSON (149th F. A.) is here shown receiving from Secretary of the Army Wilber Brucker his long delayed award of the Purple Heart Medal, in recognition of wounds received in action against the enemy. This is the first such award made at a National Reunion under the new procedure whereby the Rainbow Division Veterans is assisting in facilitating the processing of long overdue decorations and campaign medals.

Dallas Reunion Proceedings

President Leonard Hill opened the 38th Annual Reunion July 12th, at the Hilton Statler in Dallas, Texas. P.N.P. Hoyt delivered the invocation. A cordial and witty address of welcome was made by Mayor Thornton; P.N.P. Walker Colston responding felicitously and at length. Reunion Chairman Ted Jones introduced his co-workers and gave details of the program. Col. Ruby Garrett, the only Unit Commander then present, spoke in his usual happy vein. Auxiliary V. P. Kathrine Grassell, in the absence of President Kay Foley due to illness, introduced the Auxiliary officers. The session closed with a benediction by P.N.P. Hoyt.

SECOND SESSION

President Hill in the Chair, the second session opened July 13th with an invocation by Chaplain Callan. Honorary President Stan Barrow spoke with eloquence and brevity, warmly commending the splendidly successful administration of Leonard Hill. The Chair introduced Ohio State President Cass Miller and offered to him and his co-workers in Ohio Rainbow's thanks for their great showing of 883 members.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Allen Gibbons then rendered an able report. The membership, he said, continues to more than hold its own despite heavy loss from death and the many members who fall down as dues-payers each year. Four Chapters, Jersey City, Akron, Chillecothe and Lynchburg, dropped from the active list with memberships of less than fifteen. But five Chapters, Anniston, Fort Wayne, St. Louis, Memphis and the Ohio Chapter-at-Large resumed their place on the active list. Ohio was commended, with special thanks to Secretary Kit Carson, for their fine showing, in both WW I and WW II, as were the Arizona, Lafayette, Columbus, Dodge City-Pratt, Marion, Tulsa, Fond du Lac and Denver Chapters. WW II memberships have shown a gain for the third straight year. Ohio leads the states by a wide margin; Father Duffy, with 615 members, leads the Chapters.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Leo Moquin then submitted a report highlighted by a surplus of $608.63 for the year.

OPERATING STATEMENT

REVENUE 8/1/'55 to 7/14/'56	
Dues, 1955-56	$6,048.00
Merchandise sales	129.37
Donations	19.30
Interest on U.S. Bonds	348.25
TOTAL REVENUE	$6,544.92
EXPENSES:	
Rainbow Reveille	2,700.36
Secretary's salary	1,150.00
Stationery & printing	170.00
Postage, etc.,	103.18
Office supplies, etc.	78.58
Transcribing minutes	80.80
Floral pieces, etc.,	45.79
Travel expense	600.00
Bond premium, insurance,	33.04
Membership cards	239.13
Tape recorder expense	21.46
Year Book	466.15
Provision Plaque Pres. Hill	15.50
" Deprec'n tape recorder	32.30
" transcribing Dallas minutes	100.00
" Gouraud Wreath	75.00
F.O.A.B. Tax	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	$5,936.29
Excess rev. over expense	608.63
	$6,544.92

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 7/14/'56

ASSETS:	
Cash	$2,287.93
Accounts receivable	153.00
Prepayments	18.81
Inventory - supplies, cards, merchandise	199.12 233.11
Tape recorder	32.30
Films	157.83
Investments - U.S. Bonds	3,451.84
	$6,533.94
LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	
Current Liabilities:	
Deferred credits (dues)	254.00
Accrued taxes	68.10
Reserve unbilled expense	190.50
SURPLUS -	
As of 8/1/56 $5,412.71	
For current year 608.63	6,021.34
	$6,533.94

The reports of Secretary Allen Gibbons and Treasurer Leo Moquin were adopted with a rising vote of thanks for their excellent work.

REVEILLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Homer Gardner submitted the report of the REVEILLE Committee, consisting of himself, Hon. Pres. Stan Barrow and P.N.P. Bill Butts. They recommended that Harold Rodier be continued as Editor at a compensation of $100 per issue for editing and the composition of the magazine. They also recommended that the type size be made larger, and that enamel rather than flat paper be used. A budget was recommended of $3,000 for nine issues.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Loyd Matson, on behalf of himself and his Membership Co-Chairman, Ted Johnson, rendered a fine and constructive membership report. It is regreted that space will not permit that even a resume of it be carried here. The report was adopted.

Historian George Seaman, in his report, spoke of the publication of the Year Book, and of the acquisition of Rainbow Division films. An announcement concerning these films will appear in the next REVEILLE.

With the benediction by Chaplain Callan the session recessed.

FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

President Leonard Hill opened the final Session, Chaplain Callan giving the invocation, by announcing the arrival of Secretary of the Army Brucker and his guests on his plane. Among these were General Collins, Col. J. Monroe Johnson and M/Sgt. John Wintrode, who served in Rainbows I and II and in Korea. P.N.P. Dan Glossbrenner presented Secretary Brucker, who spoke at some length. It is unfortunate that his remarks cannot be given here; they were an inspiration to all who heard them. Secretary Brucker and General Collins then presented decorations and campaign medals to the Rainbowers pictured on page three.

Chairman Bill Barton reported for the Auditing Committee that all records and accounts are in order.

Chairman Mel Horne then submitted the report of the Budget Committee, recommending that the salary of the National Secretary be increased to $1,500, and offering the following Budget:

Reveille Expense	$2,700.00
Secretary's salary	1,500.00
Travel expense	600.00
Print'g, supplies, postage, etc	690.00
Prov. dep'n tape recorder,	32.30
Transcribing Dallas Minutes	100.00
General Gouraud Wreath	75.00
Plaque for President	15.50
Miscellaneous	287.20
Total Budget	$6,000.00

The Report was adopted.

Loyd Matson's report for the Membership Committee urged extensive use of films of the Rainbow in both wars, as a stimulus to membership. It urged the adoption of an amendment to the constitution authorizing formation of Chapters on a non-geographic basis so that Chapters of WW II units might be organized. It recommended that the National President appoint a WW II Rainbower to promote the organization of such Chapters; and that one actively interested member from each WW II Unit be designated to solicit members from men of his Unit. It recommended that such Chapters be named after distinguished members of such Units. It recommended that guidance be given these new Chapters that they may be oriented in the nature of the Association, and that every effort be made to integrate these men into local Chapter activity.

Chairman Al Hoyt then offered the report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. It recommended amendment of the Constitution by the addition of the following section to Article III thereof:

"Section 6. The foregoing provisions of this Article shall not be applicable to the chartering of a group composed exclusively of members of a unit of the 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division of World War II, having no permanent fixed headquarters or place or time of meeting and preserving contact with its membership principally by mail. A chapter charter shall be granted by National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans, to such a group composed of fifteen or more members. The organization of such unit chapters shall be fostered and encouraged by National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans."

The report was adopted.

Chairman Ruby Garrett presented, for his Committee, the usual Resolutions of commendation and appreciation for the gracious hospitality of the Host City and Chapter, and their able and successful staging of a great Reunion; thanking President Leonard Hill for his superlative and exceedingly effective year of Rainbow leadership; and praising his staff, his Committees and loyal workers; lauding Aux. V.P. Kathrine Grassell and the Auxiliary's helpful activities.

P.N.P. Al Hoyt then introduced General Harry Collins, who spoke movingly of the days of the Division's first major offensive on March 15th.

Chairman Dan Glossbrenner then submitted the report of the Time and Place Committee. It recommended acceptance of the invitation of the Maryland Chapter that the Reunion be held in Baltimore, Md., in 1957, July 12th, 13th and 14th. The report was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Stan Barrow then offered the report of the Nominating Committee. His report was adopted and the proposed slate declared elected. The elected officers are named on page seven.

President-Elect Mel Horne was escorted to the Rostrum, where he spoke with traditional brevity.

After the introduction of Auxiliary President-elect Kathrine Grassell and her officers, President Hill declared the Reunion adjourned.



RAINBOW GHOST (Cont'd from p. 3) party in Hoyt's room with Wealthy absent somewhere. The housekeeper in white came in and wanted to turn down the beds. Clowns Butts and Grassell took her for a nurse and wanted to know how Hoyt got such service. The nude mannekins noted in Neiman Marcus store at 1:00 a.m. Rainbow's most devoted couple, the Walters. The big black bruise on Ruth Butts' arm and her vain efforts to explain it. The canard that if you lunch at Grassell's on Friday you get one sardine. The fine report given by Loyd Matson. The excellent news coverage given us by Dallas newspapers, especially the Fred Cornelius story by Wick Fowler of the Times-Herald. Uncle Bill Gee in his wheelchair looking better at 77 than he has in years. The news article describing Leonard Hill as "rotund and balding." Rodier would never say that. Rodier heading for the Far West with faithful Elsie. The REVEILLE will emerge from his trailer office but who knows from where? (This issue from Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mr. Ghost!) The many old faces present again and many old faces absent, due to distance or illness. Bill Rochelle as Master of Ceremonies at the Banquet. Bill was Company Commander of D, 242nd. Constitution amended so that the younger men may have Chapters without geographical locations. This should spur membership greatly among younger men. I could go on and on .....

BANQUET, MEMORIAL HOUR: the CHAMPAGNE HOUR: The Banquet held in the beautiful and spacious grand ballroom was a gala affair indeed. Through hotel radio facilities the "Army Hour" with Secretary Brucker's Rainbow affiliation mentioned, followed by the Army Band playing the "Rainbow Division March." A Texan, Mr. Brooks House, regaled us with Texas stories and had his audience in stitches. Then followed the Memorial Hour with Chaplain John Callan. A fine quartette and a talk by Harry Collins. The principal speaker was Wilber Brucker, who talked with his old friends for an hour. His remarks were frequently interrupted by thunderous applause. Promptly at 11:45 p.m., Colonel Ruby Garrett offered the Champagne Hour in fine and fitting form. Our sacred dead are well remembered. It is finished ...

-- The Rainbow Ghost



RAINBOW NOTABLES JUGGED. The exodus of Rainbowers following the Reunion did not include Nat. Excommitteeman Floyd Harper, Past National President Hugh Foster, National Vice President Sol Monsky or Nat. ExCommitteeman Jerry Lauber, who remained in Dallas as guests of the City. Joining this group is Hon. Robert L. Thornton, Mayor of Dallas.

A Junior Ghost walks

After something went wrong with Ted Jones' air-conditioned sidewalks (except for Neiman Marcus' entrances) you would think the lobby of the Hilton Statler was a home for old Rainbowers. Did the Assistant Manager ever find those automatic elevators that Mary Jane Foster read about in Readers' Digest? Weren't those Texas Rangers BIG and didn't Mary Gibbons get a real thrill out of meeting them! It was encouraging to see so many of the younger Rainbowers and especially encouraging to see so many new faces. It was sort of surprising to find Teamsters, Hairdressers and Sisters of the Skillet, all conventioning at the same time in our hotel. Those Pink Hair-Do's were a little hard for us country boys to take. Best Crack was from the Alabama Rainbower in the elevator crowded with lovelies, "Must be a recess in Heaven with all these Angels down here!" Why didn't I think of that? Missed the Brenners, Jim Rolfe, Riekerts, Whitneys, Kubiks, Pulvermillers, Jean Seaman and lots of others. It was good to see Ruby Garrett looking so well after his illness. (Ruby says it was nothing!) It was nice of Bob Hope to drop in. Billy Gee looked good. Who ever heard of taking a bottle of liquor to a night club? Presentation of decorations added to the Reunion. Wonder if Romeo Fagiolo has stopped talking about his flight with Secretary Brucker? That Ted Johnson is really a good singer. And isn't his Frau a charming gal! Missed the Foleys. Frank Bellew looks better than ever. Wasn't it thoughtful of those guys to

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