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Across the Siegfried and into Dahn



An historic moment - the crushing of the feared Siegfried Line - was at hand. The 42nd Division was drawn up facing the fortified line after a successful attack on foot through the rugged Hardt Mountains, with the 222d Infantry on the right and the 242d Infantry on the left.

By March 20, 1945, the 232d Infantry had taken over the entire division front and the other two regiments withdrew to staging areas in preparation for the assault on the following day.

Following a strafing and dive-bombing attack by P-47's and a concentrated artillery barrage, the 222d Infantry jumped off across the Saarbach River at 1945 hours, March 21, in utter darkness.

The 242d Infantry was to jump off through what was believed to be a weak spot in the Siegfried Line at 0430 hours on the 22nd, with orders to sweep around behind the Line and assist the 222d if they were being held up. However, the 222d moved through the pillboxes and barricades with little trouble and captured its' first objective, four hills overlooking the Saarbach River, consolidated, and raced off to seize its' secondary target.

The first large city in Germany that fell to the Rainbow troops was Dahn. At that point, the 42nd Division was pinched out by adjacent divisions and settled down to clearing out pockets of resistance.

At that time, the 42nd Division Band arrived in Dahn to participate in an awards ceremony. The band, as shown in the above photo, had just off-loaded on the outskirts of the city, and entered the town through a dismantled roadblock.

This rare picture was sent to Horace Rose by Alvin Lee (Hq Co, 242d Inf) a member of Texas Chapter, now living in the US Soldiers and Airmens Home in Washington, D.C. Horace wrote, "I am taking the liberty to quote excerpts from his letter because they paint word pictures that should bring back memories to many of you."

Lee wrote, "Our kitchen was set up in the Gasthaus, with a small portion of the roof showing to the band's immediate left." Then he tells of some of his extended Army service experiences, with commentary of his warm feelings toward the Division.

"In 1952, I was transferred to the 3rd Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury, IN, as Division Operations Sergeant. However, I was there but four weeks, because I had previously been assigned as an ROTC Instructor at Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburgh. I didn't know I had been accepted for this duty until a TWX was received shortly after my arrival at Camp Atterbury. In the short time I was there, Gen. Collins arrived to visit General Paxton, Division Commander, who was reverting back to inactive status. This visit was in preparation for General Collins assuming command of the Division.

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President's Message



Philip "Rainbow" Trout

Well, here it is January, 1984. The Mid-year Reunion is just around the corner. I hope to see all of you Rainbow Buddies - and wives - at Orlando, FL in February.

Our petition to all United States Senators and Congressmen has now reached their desks. This petition stressed unity and Presidential support while building our military strength to equal the Soviet Union. How appropriate it was, since the events of recent days: the Korean Jet shot down, our loss of life in Lebanon and our move on Grenada. I have since written a letter to the President complimenting him on his recent action.

I have written to our PNP's and officers concerning a Lifetime Membership Plan. This is an item discussed many times, but never acted upon. I intend to make a fair proposal of a plan at the Mid-Year Reunion, then have a committee get it in order for action at the Annual Reunion in Windsor.

Blanche and I have completed our trip to Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Everyone greeted us in the usual Rainbow manner and made our trip a complete success. Now it's on to Birmingham, South Carolina, and later to Florida and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Blanche and I will not see many of our Rainbow Friends until 1984. By the time this edition reaches you, we hope everyone has had a great holiday season.

Your President and Ladies Aux. President will spend January and February in Florida. Our southern address is: 7342 S.E. Redbird Circle, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. Telephone: 305-546-6253.

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Siegfried and Dahn

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"Looking out the second floor window of HQ building, I saw Gen. Collins get out of his staff car and enter the building. Also, I saw the 42nd Band, dressed in fatigues for a rehearsal in preparation of the Change of Command Ceremony. The six bagpipes were in front of the band. I went below and spoke with the Warrant Officer band leader. He was originally from the 42nd Division, as were four of the bagpipers. However, I was gone before the ceremony took place, and I never saw Gen. Collins again. Of course, I will never forget.

"I was in the army 20 years and five months, and would have stayed until old age or bad health caught up with me, except for family reasons that forced me to retire. I started those 20 years in the Rainbow Division on September 3, 1943, and left Hq Co, 242d Infantry on January 12, 1946, at Bruk, Austria.

"I am stating these details because for the rest of my Army career, and to this day, I have never since found the comradeship, the morale, the pride, the confidence in each other, and so many other fine traits that were shared through the 42nd Division. This was because there has not been another Division Commander, in my experience, like General Collins, and I have seen and known some Division commanders and many other infantry and tank units."

All Rainbowners should be grateful for those words of tribute as expressed by Comrade Alvin Lee.

Prayer

Let us Pray.

Almighty and ever-present Lord of heaven and earth, Your watchful care extends from the beginning to the end of time and to the farthest reaches of the universe. You order all things rightly and wisely, and You — the immense and all-powerful God — You are at our side at every step of our way. As we begin this new Year, keep us ever mindful of Your presence. Help us to put far from our minds the petty thoughts, the hurts, the selfishness that blind us to the warmth of Your love and make us deaf to the gentle words of love and encouragement You whisper in our ears. You are present in the smile of friends and in the kind words of a stranger. Help us this year to be Your presence to others. Give us the words to console those who are sorrowing, the strength to lift up those who are depressed, the thoughtfulness to cheer those who are lonely. Make us your instruments of peace, and joy, and encouragement.

This we ask in Your Son's name. Amen
Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., Chaplain

Reunion Certificate

Below is a list of names of Rainbowners who made reservations at the North Park Inn for the 1983 RDV National Reunion but did not show. Anticipating their arrival, the Reunion Committee had prepared at considerable expense, beautiful Rainbow Certificates bearing their respective names.

If your name is listed, you may obtain your Certificate by sending \$10.00 to Reunion Chairman Clovis Brakebill, 3342 Dartmoor Drive, Dallas, TX 75229. It will be promptly forwarded to you, postpaid. Be sure to clearly write or print your mailing address.

Listed are: Richard Adams, Wayne Aswaet, Roger O. Baker, Stanley Barrow, Ted Bean, C. Vernon Boehner, Wm. Cutlup, Alex P. Chouinard, Casco Camuso, Leo M. Elsky, Ralph Galvan, Carl Guenther, Wm. Hamm, James Kinsella, Eldon L. Lyles, Bud Pruitt, Floyd McAbee, Frank Muriel Jr., Charles Parker, Maian Rusch, Charles Sayers, B.L. Sheaffer and James H. Young.

— Horace Rose, Registrar

Mid Year 1984

Do you have reservations for the Mid Year meeting in Orlando, FL, for the 17th to 19th of February? You'd better get with it! Go back to your November **Reveille** which gives you all the details of making reservations and registering. Looks like it's going to be a big one, so you don't want to miss it.

Did You Know—

That in 1947, the RDVA sponsored a bill presented before the first session of the 80th Congress entitled HR 932, dated January 14, 1947, empowering the Association to incorporate?

Vice President Bill Keithan heard about this matter and turned to the Library of Congress for the story. In due time, he received his answer: The Congress Record for that period records the bill being referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, from which it apparently never reappeared.

One has to wonder what was behind this move and why it was deemed necessary to require an act of Congress to incorporate, a process that is relatively simple. And that may have been the reason the Judiciary Committee killed the bill.

If any of you who were active in the Association in those days has any information on this matter, we would like to hear it. Write the Editor.

H-232 Retraverses Rainbow Trail



Ted Johnson in the First Section Billet in Pettincourt with the Burgermeistersson. Note the Rotary Banner hanging on the wall over Ted's shoulder, supported by a bullet protruding from the wall.

(In the November, 1983, Issue of *Reveille*, the H-232 veterans and wives were touring the positions the unit held just prior to the March 15, 1945, push into the Hardt Mountains.)

Manly spotted his foxhole, Johnson his dugout OP, Hasterlo found his area down at the far end and Bill Howard, after crossing back over the road, found the outline of his multi-tiered dugout where he stood the day they brought Captain Silvers up the ravine after he was killed by sniper fire in the little cluster of houses to our right front. Lt. Lyles went on up the hill to find his dugout, the third section CP. H. Co now has a piece of barbed wire that protruded from a large tree which had no doubt been a sapling to which it was tied in '45. The area is a Forest Preserve now.

The road to our right, which connected us with the 103rd Division is barricaded because it is still mined. Kemry got his bearings at the Wimmenau train station where the mess hall was.

The trip to Strassburg was exciting since it meant going back to Kilstett and Wyersheim, those most poignant memories of our days in combat. No one was to be disappointed. We learned in Kilstett how personal combat really is. Howard and Johnson found their exact gun positions in the fields and orchards just behind the main street that ran from the railroad station. It was here that gunners first experienced sniper fire. Howard's gun was put out of action with a dent in the tube that caused the shell to stick.

His squad tried to extricate it by tipping it upside down and pounding it on the ground. They found the path they took to the front of town and the house where they established their OP, which became the immediate target of mortars and 88's. Shrapnel and bullet holes are still visible in the barn yard buildings.

The owners invited them in and they saw it all including the attic and the rutabaga cellar. Manly found his positions but recognized little of the points of great interest to the mortarmen, nor did the mortarmen know where the machine gunners had gone, except that Donaldson took a machinegun squad through that same barnyard and the mortarmen had stood guard for a machinegun to the left of town on the night of the 5th.

Much of what transpired in those memorable three days was shared intimately only by those who were closest to each other. Yet it was a great thrill to be in Kilstett and look across to that field to Gamsheim. Later we went to Wyersheim to be royally treated by the citizens who by now had heard that the Rainbow had returned. Here, Hasterlo found the courtyard where the jeeps and ambulances were secured. All the jeeps had been ordered to go out and stack themselves as road blocks when the Tiger tanks were coming across the dike.

Howard and Johnson found the house they stayed in when they were taking shifts in the foxhole on the front edge of town, and the lady who was there during the day to clean up and protect her house greeted them with great joy, showed them the bed they slept in, and opened gigantic bottles of wine for the whole troop. The town banker tracked the Hasterlos down and gave them a book of the town's history, which has a prominent portion on the battles of the winter of 1944 and 1945. This book will be translated for later distribution to everybody, since it describes our combat in that area as the "most fierce tank and artillery combat of the whole war."

The church in Hordt probably remembers the boogie-woogie that Levine played on the organ on Christmas Eve, and Strassburg still maintains a vigil over pillboxes on the Maginot line.

The tour went on through the Black Forest to Switzerland and Innsbrook and the marvelous mountains of the Tyrol, and on down to Salsburg. The trip back up through Germany stopped in Munich and Nuremburg and Wurtsburg, where all of the men found clear details of places where they had been during those days and nights of street fighting. Also the Mariburg Castle, which we saw in the first light of dawn in the morning, and realized the "Heil Hitler" which had graced its parapet the night before, had been obliterated by a giant Rainbow.

Thomas Wolf has said, "You can never go home." It isn't home, but you can go back and you will find it, as the men of H Company did, not so much unlike we left it those many years ago.

—Theodore A. Johnson

New Camp Gruber

Apparently the news that the National Guard is rebuilding parts of old Camp Gruber for training purposes is national news. The Editor not only saw the article in a local California newspaper, but Secretary Peg Keating reported in from San Antonio, Walt Duhacsek spotted it in a paper while on a flight to Alaska, and a dozen more have sent copies of the newspaper article from all over the nation. The news stories from all over the country are identical, and report—briefly—the following:

Camp Gruber is now an Oklahoma National Guard training site. The Guard is constructing the first new buildings the old post has had in nearly 40 years. For years Oklahoma Guard members have lived during training in tents on concrete slabs that were once buildings.

In its heyday, Camp Gruber could rival nearby Muskogee in population, being large enough to accommodate 45,000 soldiers. Two divisions—the 88th Bluedevils and the 42nd Rainbow—trained there after the camp was built in 1942 and both divisions got in on the fighting in Europe.

At that time, the main post had 2,250 buildings, all of which are now gone. When World War II ended, the post closed quickly, although officials said it would initially be kept in a degree of readiness so it could be reactivated within 120 days. At first an Army caretaker detachment was left in charge of the post, but as the camp was dismantled in stages—many of the temporary barracks being auctioned off—only the permanent buildings remained, a telephone exchange and the field house. Then they, too, were dismantled.

Now, Guard engineers and other units can look forward to living in barracks when they go to Gruber for a weekend training session or two weeks of active training. A post exchange, service club, game room and laundry have been completed for use by the Guard.

The first phase of construction calls for four 80-person barracks, two administrative and supply buildings, two kitchens and a battalion headquarters building, which was scheduled for completion before the end of 1983.

The Guards use of Gruber has grown from 12,000 troop days a year in 1980 to an expected 60,000 troop days by the end of 1983.

What many apparently did not know, although it was reported in the *Reveille* some years back, is that Camp Gruber was named for Brig Gen Edmund L. Gruber, author of the field artillery song, "The Caisson Song."

Those Dirty Dogfaces!



The above photo was received from Alfred Kaplan, 18025 N.E. 9th Place, Miami, FL 33162, and, according to his report, shows the 1st Platoon of Company K, 232d Infantry. The photo was taken early one morning around the beginning of April, 1945, somewhere on the road between Wurzburg and Munich.

Kaplan is sure of the names of fourteen of the men in the photo, but is hazy about the other two. "I would be more than happy," he writes, "to send a copy of this photo to any of the boys who are in this picture if they write and ask for it."

Birmingham Veterans Day

Col. C. P. Woelfer

Most Rainbow Veterans Association Presidents have had the privilege and the pleasure of attending the Birmingham, AL, Veterans Day Celebration, which has been conducted annually for the last 37 years. This celebration is factually a national observance of the nation as well as the state.

The events lead off with a formal reception on 10 November for the honored guests, followed by an awards dinner in the civic center auditorium. On 11 November, a memorial service is held at a church in the center of the city near the auditorium, which is conducted by the 40 and 8 Society. This very impressive service is followed by the World Peace Luncheon in the auditorium, attended by over 1,000 people. The primary speaker at the memorial service was the USAF Deputy Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Stuart E. Barstad. The main speaker at the luncheon was the Honorable Caspar Weinberger, US Secretary of Defense. The luncheon was followed by the Veterans Day Parade that went past the auditorium.

The honored guests included commanders of all the major active service military commands and Coast Guard from the southeastern US as well as the active military installations in Alabama and the

USS Birmingham (SSN 695). The Governor of Alabama, Senators, Representatives, the State Adjutant General, Birmingham Mayor and senior Alabama National Guard and Reserve unit commanders, all participated in the activities as honored guests.

Also included were the heads of all national veterans organizations and their auxiliaries, to include the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Wives. Rainbow is the only division veterans organization officially participating.

RDVA President Phil Trout and RDVA Auxiliary President "Tiny" Trout, were among the honored guests, seated at the head table. Seated at the Rainbow table were Secretary Peg Keating; J. L. Mize, WWI, member of the Veterans Day Executive Committee; Bill Barton, RDVA Memorials Officer; Col. C. P. Woelfer, RDVA Public Relations Officer; Helen Woelfer, President, 222d Infantry Auxiliary; and Leon Prater, 222d Infantry Chapter President and wife, Mary.

An award is presented annually to the person selected by the Awards Committee as the nation's outstanding veteran. For 1983, Brig Gen Joe Foss, USAF-Ret, was recognized. He gained fame during WW II as a USMC fighter ace, shooting down 23

1984 Rainbow Reunion

A Detroit friend, knowing that we are scheduled to attend the Windsor Rainbow Reunion in July, sent a clipping from a Detroit paper telling all about the new Hilton International Windsor Hotel. The article reads:

Rex Rice insists he is not tempting fate by opening his Hilton International Windsor Hotel (he's general manager) on December 7 — Pearl Harbor Day. Rice has no qualms about naming his 13th floor the 13th floor, either. (Most hoteliers skip from 12 to 14).

"I'm not superstitious," he says. "This hotel was announced two years ago on December 7; I was appointed one year ago, on December 7. It's a lucky day."

Go down to Hart Plaza and you can see it; 22 floors of brown brick and smoky glass on Riverside Drive, behind Deippe Gardens.

As well as we can see it, it can see us even better. I poked around the hotel last week, and the views across the river to Detroit's skyline are superb.

From any of the 307 guest rooms, from the tiered Park Terrace Dining Room and Lounge; from the Great Lakes Ball room; from the pool and whirlpool.

Right now, the rooms are grimy shells of concrete, dry wall, ducts and hanging wires. Scaffolding and the strident sounds of saws and drills are ever present. By opening day, Rice plans to have the bars and restaurants functioning. Arrivals will sweep into a two-story atrium lobby replete with fountain.

Mini-bars will be in each room. Two upper floors will have ritzier rooms and suites and concierge service.

Do you have your reservations in to the hotel yet? You had better! Reservations are fast being taken up. So, get on the stick!

enemy planes in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned home to South Dakota, joined the Air National Guard and later served two terms as State Governor. General Foss served as Grand Marshall of the parade.

The many military marching units in the parade were from all the military services (active, national guard and reserve), with at least one band from each service.

The Birmingham Veterans Day observance is truly well worth the effort to attend by Rainbow Veterans. It has significance for Rainbow veterans since our organization is one of the ten veterans organizations listed as sponsoring the event. It is hoped that more Rainbow veterans will make an effort to attend the observance in 1984. It is a way to demonstrate our pride in our organization.

California Clambake

If you will take a map of the United States and draw a west to east line connecting Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, then turn north and continue the line through Kansas City to Des Moines and Minneapolis, you will have defined the limits of the Great Rainbow Desert, an area approximately one-half the total land area of the United States, and there is not a single Rainbow Chapter between the southern line and Canada, nor the eastern line and the Pacific Ocean.

Let me tell you, fellows, it's hell living out here in the Great Rainbow Desert. You don't get a friendly Rainbow smile from Reunion to Reunion; you don't get to a chapter meeting unless you own a jet plane and are independently wealthy; and you don't even hear a Rainbow voice on the telephone without incurring vast overcharges by Ma Bell.

That's why Bill Clayton came up with the idea of a clambake for Northern California Rainbow Desert members at Santa Cruz this last November. And what a party it turned out to be!

Thirty-five arrived and settled into their rooms on Friday, and checked into the Party Room where Bill and Joan Clayton had spread edibles around the spacious room and had a wine-cider-soft drink bar in full operation.

The other ten members arrived on Saturday, and the party included two World War I veterans, Joseph F. Jensen, E-117th Engineers of Piedmont, CA, and Kurt Frederick, 166th Infantry, of San Jose, CA. Out-of-staters were Bill and Faye Keithan (232d Inf) of Seattle WA, and Max and Otty Reeder (E-222) of Reno, NV.

A final count of the WW II veterans found one lone member of Division Headquarters Company, five from the 222d Infantry, nine from the 232d Infantry, five from the 242d Infantry and one from the 142nd Engineers. From these twenty-one Rainbow veterans, only five are regular attendees at National Reunions, but after this brief indoctrination, we're looking forward to seeing many of them at future National Reunions.

Saturday ended with a fine buffet dinner at the Dream Inn, followed by the awarding of door prizes, which ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime: from a Korean War B-3 Field Ration to a beautiful Christmas wall hanging, and from a three-foot liquor bottle that concealed an ice chest to a bottle of fine whiskey labeled as 42nd Division Mountain Dew.

The whole event was video-taped by the Clayton's son-in-law and will be edited for showing at future Rainbow events.

Armistice Day 1983

November 11 has always been a special day for those members of the Mo-Kan Chapter, RDVA. This special day has been celebrated by those members for many years. The first memorial was held in 1919 and it has been held since. This year was the seventh time we have had services in the Student Chapel at Rockhurst College, in Kansas City.

To those of you who have heard the memorial meditations of Father Weiss, you know that what he said was both beautiful and appropriate. As in recent years, we were accompanied in music by the students and by Dr. Harry Langdon, Director of Campus Ministry. Following the services at 1100, we had a dinner in the Rockhurst Commons, followed by a talk by LTC Robert Wright, who is an instructor at the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, KS. He spoke about what the Army is doing in Europe, and in particular in the places where the Rainbow Division has been. Armistice Day in Kansas City has also become a mini-reunion for the Mo-Kan Chapter and its friends.

At this year's Memorial service and Dinner, we were honored by the presence of Bill and Ester Hamm and Earl and Edna Teagarden. Bill and Earl are World War I veterans who were in France on the 11th of November, 1918. Joining them were Mary Chaffee and Irene Small, widows of Mo-Kan Members. Irene had as her guest Helen Stewart, and the Hamms had Margaret and Virginia Walker.

Forrest Eckhoff, Woody Dutton, Father Robert Weiss, Dick and Stella McRay, Harold Cullum, George and Louise Rhodes, Herb and Lora Butt and their guests Hollis and Virginia Hoffman, are all from the Kansas City area. Out of town members attending were LeVonn Thurman, Rube and Myrtle Evanoff, Winnie and Frank Baldock, Herb and Nan Klinedinst, Jerry and Norma Maple, Hugo and Oriana Grimm, Fred and Bea Miller, John and Lorena George, Art and Joan Koch and Dixon and Tommie Rogers.

On November 1, Louise and George Rhodes entertained those out of town guests who had come for the Reunion. Louise was a gracious hostess and assisted by her children, did her usual bang-up job.

Before the party finally broke up on Sunday morning, plans were already afoot for another West Coast Reunion next year, possibly in Las Vegas. And as we pulled out of the hotel parking lot for the drive home on Sunday morning, a full rainbow spread its bright colors across dark storm clouds to the west. A good sign!

G-242 Reunion

Not to be outdone by those Rainbowners on the West Coast, ten members and their wives of G Company, 242nd Infantry Regiment, met in Montvale, New Jersey, on October 28 to 30. They assembled from all over the East Coast, from Florida to Massachusetts:

Thomas Crosson, Pennsylvania; Thomas O'Neill, North Carolina; Charles Paine, Connecticut; Stanley Blasko, New Jersey; Edward Kaiser, Florida; Robert Ray, Connecticut; Arthur Pethybridge, New York; John Frasel, Massachusetts; Paul Pederzani, Rhode Island; and Robert Spearing, New Jersey.

It was the first reunion for two of the men, Kaiser and Pethybridge, and the third get-together for the remaining eight men over a thirty-eight year period.

The festivities included a buffet dinner at the Spearings home in Montvale, New Jersey.

The news item announcing the meeting reported that all of the men were recipients of the Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge, six were awarded the Purple Heart and two were decorated with the Silver Star.

The Alexander

One of the things we learned at the West Coast Clambake was that there was yet another unit aboard the USS Alexander en route to Europe in December, 1943: The Anti-Tank Company of the 242d Infantry! Herb Altenau of Los Altos Hills, CA, remembers being billeted down in the lower levels of the ship and agrees that there were indeed negro troops down there with them. He also corroborates the previous reports that they were so low that every time the rudder was moved, the clanking of the chains would bounce them out of their bunks.

Ok, fellows. That's enough. We're overloaded already!

Real People

The Program Director of the Real People TV Program, Sandra Farrell, advised the Editor on November 29 that the Rainbow segment would not appear in December as planned. Seems that NBC selected another segment for Pearl Harbor Day.

Further, the rest of December and all of January programs have been firmed up, so the Rainbow segment cannot possibly be aired until after the first of February, 1984. And, inasmuch as there will not be another Reveille until March, you'll just have to check out each real People program in hopes of finding the Rainbow show.

Rainbow Cadreman

John C. Workman, Jr., PO Box 417, Citra, FL 32637, has an idea that those cadremen who came to Camp Gruber to form the 42nd Division should have a short meeting at the Windsor Reunion, mainly to see if there is enough interest to warrant scheduling further such meetings.

If you were one of those rare cadremen and would be interested in such a meeting, write him, giving your name, Rainbow unit assigned to, where you came from and your current mailing address. He'll be in touch with you.

Sixty Five Years Late

On October 15, 1918, Charles M. Dalley, 166th Infantry, was wounded in action in the Battle of the Argonne Forest in France, but he was never awarded a Purple Heart. Through the efforts of his son and Senator Garn (R-Utah), the Army authorized the medal, which was hand carried to the veteran at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Only sixty five years late. Not bad for the Army!

Detroit's Ren Cen



Following the September Meeting of the Michigan Chapter in Windsor, and a tour of the Cleary Auditorium, PNP George Irwin crosses the lawn watching for snipers in those trees over there, followed by Clare Irwin and Marian Rusch on their way to the Michigan Chapter Hospitality Suite in the Holiday Inn.

Detroit's Ren Cen is across the river. The low white building with the large black square portion facing the Detroit River to the left of the Ren Cen is Ford Auditorium, home of the Detroit Symphony.

Come to Windsor in July, 1984! Take it all in!

- Leon Schenck, Reunion Chairman

Windsor Reunion



Leon Schenck, 1984 Rainbow Reunion Chairman, presents more than sixty pre-registrations to the staff of the Hilton International Windsor Hotel, and the availability of space in the Hilton is fast disappearing. So if you want to reside in the reunion hotel during the 1984 Windsor Rainbow Reunion, you had better follow the instructions given in the November Issue of the Reveille. We'd like to see you there.

A Rainbow Yuletide

Rainbow has a depth of meaning —
It means a comradeship with you,

Born in the heat of battle
Tested and tried and true.

It means a comradeship so lasting
That when the last of us is gone,
Its vibrant spirit will not die,
Twill be eternal — like the dawn

So, at this Yuletide Season,
When the world is torn with strife,
Let's give thanks to God Almighty
for that comradeship through life.

P.N.P. Stan Barrow, 1942

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Help Wanted!

Trail of Rainbow Maps!

Yet another Rainbower - and there must be dozens more - has requested help in obtaining a copy of the brightly illustrated "Trail of the Rainbow" map that shows the route the Rainbow took through France, Germany and Austria.

The National Secretary once had a supply of them, and when those were exhausted someone had the map reproduced and reduced in size. Now those have become collectors items, apparently.

If the person, or persons, who were responsible for the second reproduction of the map are interested in doing more of them, it appears there is a ready market out there for them as more and more new members come into the Rainbow organization.

However, if anyone has a spare copy of the map available and wishes to share it, how about writing to William R. Klass, 301 Roanoke Avenue, Plymouth, NC 27962. He'll be delighted to hear from you, and will probably be willing to pay at least the postage for sending it to him.

Help Wanted!

Help! G-232 Infantry!

Oliver P. Brownwolf, who joined the Rainbow Division at Camp Gruber and fought with G Company, 232d Infantry throughout World War II, was injured when hit by a jeep while on pass to Paris after the war. He injured his left knee and was on crutches for a while afterwards.

He was treated by a medic, or medics, but since the loss of personnel records in the St. Louis fire, he is unable to substantiate his claim with VA, and needs the assistance of his buddies who might know of the injury.

If anyone reading this has any information that could help Rainbower Brownwolf, please write him at PO Box 71, Eagle Butte, S.D., 57625.

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