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CALIFORNIA FOXHOLE GET-TOGETHER



Standing: PNPs John Carr, "Rube" Evanoff, John George. Seated: President Carlyle Woelfer, Joe Jensen, WWI, Kurt Frederick, WWI, Fred Goldsmith President Elect.

Invasion of the California capital City of Sacramento began on Friday, October 25th, and continued through the 27th, when the Rainbowers, comradeship renewed, gave the city back to the California government. The California Foxhole Get-Together, planned by the Northern California echelon this year, was a resounding success.

Bill and Joan Clayton had made an excellent choice for accommodations at the Vagabond Inn, from where the 42d could participate in sight-seeing, taking in the nearby sights and sounds of Sacramento, past and present, or shop at the nearby mall. A visit to the nationally acclaimed Railroad Museum and "Old Sacramento" carried everyone into a past that was filled with both hardships and romanticism. The city provided an appropriate background for bringing together Rainbowers from two world wars.

Gathering from all corners of the Country, some from as far as New York and Florida, the Rainbowers renewed friendships and swapped the usual war stories. National President Carlyle Woelfer and his lovely wife Helen were present for this, the third western get-together. President Woelfer was an honored speaker at the Saturday night banquet. Three PNPs were also present: John Carr, Rube Evanoff and John George.

Myrtle Evanoff, National Auxiliary

President, was welcomed by all, especially the ladies, who have pledged their support to make her year successful. Although this is an informal gathering each year, everyone is honored to have Rainbow dignitaries such as Myrtle join in the local events.

Among the Rainbowers present in Sacramento were two veterans of World War I: Joe Jensen and Kurt Frederick. What a pleasure it was to have them among us.

Riverland Golf and Country Club was the scene for the Saturday night banquet. Sixty-eight Rainbowers enjoyed a delectable buffet and joined in the merriment of both entertainment and raffles. One of the highlights of the evening was a stirring speech by Professor George Jackson, who represented the Rainbow Division Scholarship Fund and spoke of the first awards given by the Scholarship Fund. A special raffle of a beautiful afghan crafted by Vesta Sanders was held with the proceeds donated to the Fund.

Dispersal of troops began early Sunday with Rainbowers headed out by car and plane . . . reluctantly, for the most part, but all vowing to do it all over again next year.

Do You Know Us?



That's Herbert (Herb) Butt on the right, your new National Secretary, and James (Jim) Wright, Reveille Editor. If you see us wandering around at the annual reunion you will know we aren't really lost, but maybe actually looking for something.

President's Message

Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day have come and gone, all having significance to each of us. Can you remember where you were 41 years ago? For many Rainbowers it conjures up a time of cold, snow and combat. Others may have been on a train on the way to Camp Kilmer or on a ship on the way to Europe. In any case, these are some of the memories we share that make us Rainbowers. Each man who served in the 42d Rainbow recalls someone with whom he shared his wartime experiences and, if he is not a member of RDVA, he should be.

1986 comes to us with new promises, problems and goals, plus many challenges. As we enter the new year it is time for us to thank God for having brought us through another year. It would be appropriate for us to pledge to do something constructive for our great Country, our families and Rainbow. We have a great investment in each. As citizens who have fought for our Country in one or more wars, we have much to be thankful for.

November 11 is the traditional Veterans' Day, when our Nation pauses to honor its veterans, which, for a few recent years, was not a popular activity. I hope that each Rainbower, who could, took part in a memorial ceremony somewhere. Did you put out your flag? As wartime veterans, we, of all Americans, should make the effort to remember those with whom we soldiered, as well as those who have served our Country in war and peace. By participating in a Veterans' Day observance and/or memorial service, Rainbowers are performing the second part of the Preamble to the Rainbow Constitution: "To keep alive the memory of our departed comrades." It is our duty!

As I travel across our great Country to visit Rainbow chapters, my theme is to make Rainbow grow and live. Part of the discussion is "how do we make Rainbow live?" We know there are many Rainbow soldiers of the war years who do not know about the RDVA. There are those who are working daily to find them. For example, Jay G. Kriz, K 222d Infantry of North Platte, NE, has been using all available resources to find former S/Sgt Adolpho Morales, a K Company squad leader, who was seriously wounded in action on January 25, 1945, as he covered the withdrawal of his squad from outposts. After two years of effort, Kriz located Morales, who had moved from Tuscon, AZ to 4111 West 102d, Inglewood, CA 90304. Morales was then visited by Sam Platamone living in Temple City, CA, a veteran of K Company. They had a real reunion. Morales had never heard of the RDVA, having been evacuated to the USA after being wounded. He is now an RDVA member.

We know there are many former
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Rainbowers, waiting to be found, who will join us. Maybe you have wondered about a wartime friend from Rainbow. A workable solution is to be as persistent as Jay Kriz. He found his man.

In keeping with Rainbow presidents' practices in visiting various chapters, at Windsor Locks, CN, 11-12 October, we attended the first meeting of a newly formed Northeast Chapter of RDVA. President Ray Lefebvre and his officers set up a fine meeting with over 40 in attendance. The Northeast Chapter is off to a good start and plans to find more Rainbowers in the northeastern states.

The California Rainbowers had a get-together at Sacramento 25-26 October. A separate article and photo appear in this issue. Fred Goldsmith's Arizona fresh dates and Jack Kizirian's tasty California raisins were appreciated by all.

The Birmingham National Veterans' Day Ceremonies held on 10-11 November are one of the oldest and largest in the Country. Rainbow Division veterans, as a sponsoring organization, has been involved in the planning of these ceremonies ever since they achieved national status. The 167th Infantry in WW I was Alabama's contribution to the 42d. The RDVA and Auxiliary presidents have been guests of honor for the 39 years of the activity, the only division so honored. Many leaders of national veterans' organizations, plus most major active military commanders east of the Mississippi River are invited, plus the Alabama National Guard and reserve units. Former Secretary of State, General (Ret) Alexander M. Haig, Jr., received the Distinguished National Veterans Award at the formal dinner November 10th and Gen Charles A. Gabriel, C/S USAF, was the speaker at the World Peace Luncheon November 11th. James Mize, 167th, WW I, deceased, served for many years on the Executive Committee. Leon Praytor, 22d Infantry, served on the committee for 1985. PNP Bill Barton has been working for many years to get RDVA members to attend these activities.

Other Rainbowers and auxiliary members attending, PNP & PNAP Trout, PNAP Boldock and Frank, PNP Wallace and Myrtle. Also, Praytors, Liptaks, Phillips, Jack Hildreth, et al. Weather excellent.

The South Carolina Chapter met November 17th in Columbia. The Chapter is small and considering a plan to expand to include adjacent states which do not have chapters. Such an effort, if well advertised, has potential to help Rainbow grow. Area chapters can often reach Rainbowers not reached in national ads.

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Editor's Corner

We're trying to get it right, but it isn't always easy. For instance, the following is reprinted from the California Newspaper Publishers' Association. It is an example of a typographical error in the classified section of a small town paper and subsequent attempts to correct it:

"(Monday) FOR SALE-R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 948-0707 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelley, who lives with him cheap.

"(Tuesday) NOTICE - We regret having erred in R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: 'One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.'

"(Wednesday) NOTICE - R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands correct as follows: FOR SALE - R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him.

"(Thursday) NOTICE - I, R.D. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 948-0707, as the telephone has been out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper, but she quit."

We are going to make some mistakes, but are trying to get it right. Your indulgence will be appreciated.

VA Refund's A Rumor

The following article from ARMY ECHOES is reprinted for your information:

"If you're a World War II veteran waiting for a GI insurance refund from the Veterans Administration, stop waiting. There is no refund.

"Every year at this time the VA is flooded with letters, usually addressed to Capt. Prosser, asking about the refund. The letters are written in response to local newspaper articles announcing the refund. Since the VA has not yet been able to discover the person(s) sending out bogus refund news releases, it has not been able to stop this flow of misinformation."

Looks like those latrine rumors just go on and on and on and—

ALL ROADS LEAD
TO OKLAHOMA CITY
IN 1986.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At precisely 11:00 A.M., November 11th, a memorial service, sponsored by the MO-KAN Chapter, was held at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, MO, led by Chaplain Robert F. Weiss, S.J., President of Rockhurst, ably assisted by student musicians and chorus. It was an extremely beautiful and moving service. We express our gratitude to the choral group, the talented musicians and their Director for their splendid contributions; to liturgists Dorothy Engeman and Louis Harris; to Robert Paulbeck for his reading of "ROUGE BOUQUET" by WW I Rainbow Soldier Joyce Kilmer; to Jennifer Wood for her reading of "IN FLANDERS FIELD," and to Trumpeter Todd A. Meyers for his playing of "TAPS" to conclude the service.

Afterward a delicious luncheon was served in the Student Union to the 42 guests, followed by welcoming remarks by Fr. "Bob," who showed no sign of jet lag, having gotten back at 9:00 PM Saturday night from a trip to Rome. PNP Ted Johnson gave a short talk and the program was concluded by a slide presentation narrated by Mark Leigh Beveridge, Curator of Liberty Memorial Museum in Kansas City. This museum is one of a kind, being the only museum in the United States devoted exclusively to WW I. Their Charter does not permit inclusion of any WW II memorabilia; however, there is sufficient space on the grounds for erection of a second facility if authorization and funds should ever become available.

Besides Ted Johnson, President of the Memorial Foundation, and his wife Shirley, present were PNP Earl Teagarden, wife Edna PNAP; their guests Wm. and Arline Barrett; Richard McCray, President MO-KAN Chapter, and wife Stella; Nat'l Secy Herb Butt, wife Lora, Nat'l Aux V.P., PNP Hugo Grimm, wife Orianna PNAP; James Wright, Reveille Editor, wife Viva; Mark Beveridge, Curator Liberty Memorial Museum; PNP Herbert Klinedinst, wife Nan; PNAP Henry DeJarnette, VP Central Region, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Harold and Margaret Cullum; Fannie Tree; George and Louise Rhodes (who took care of arrangements for out-of-town guests) Robert and Elaine Ground, St. Louis; Dixon and Tommie Rogers, Fayette, MO; WW I Rainbower Wm. (Bill) Hamm and wife Esther; William Hamm, Jr.; Elwood Dutton; Ex Red Cap Fred Miller, Wife Bea, Honorary President of the Auxiliary; Eugene and Evelyn Wopata; Forrest and Margaret Eckhoff, Rev. Mr. Harry Langdon, Director of Campus Ministries, Rockhurst College; PNP John George and wife Lorena, Nat'l Aux. Chaplain; Walter Elkins; and, of course, Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., former National Chaplain,

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A Personal Glimpse

Did you know that renowned poet Alfred Joyce Kilmer enlisted in the army in World War I, although he was married and the father of four children? He was assigned to the 165th Regiment in the 42d Rainbow Division and was killed instantly on July 30, 1918, while scouting a machine gun nest. Camp Kilmer, N.J., was named in his honor and dedicated in 1942. Born in 1886, he had achieved his fame in American literature prior to entering the army. Probably his most widely known poem is "TREES."

According to the interstate grapevine, PNP John George, a veteran of the artillery, recently became a foot soldier, when he returned to where he had parked his beautiful Cutlass Supreme in Tulsa and found nothing but an empty parking space. That should help get him in shape for the January ski outing he has planned.

World War I Veteran Bill Hamm, a member of the MO-KAN Chapter, is wondering if he is the last surviving member of the 166th Regiment. If anyone knows of another veteran from the 166th, please advise Nat'l Secretary Herb Butt, who can transmit such info to Mr. Hamm.

Our PNPs are always looking ahead. Hugo Grimm is calling it quits on December 31, 1985, with plans for a lengthy winter vacation in Florida during January and February. Those of you who haven't reached that milestone, please continue working so Hugo can collect his social security.

We are in receipt of a color photograph of the beautiful Rainbow wreath sent by the RDVA at the time of Peg Keating's death. A black and white reproduction in the Reveille would not do justice to the color, but it will be posted on the bulletin board at the annual reunion in Oklahoma City, where it may be seen by all in attendance.

Betty Rohan, wife of Wilfred "Smilie" Rohan, was honored as "Woman of the Year" by Creve Coeur, MO American Legion Post 397 Auxiliary, having been a member for 45 years, during which time she has held every office and chairmanship. Smilie and Betty are dedicated members of the St. Louis Rainbow Chapter and attended their first National in Windsor. We hope to see them in Oklahoma City along with a host of others.

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The last chapter we visited during 1985 was Tulsa, OK. Details will be covered in the next issue of Reveille.

The Mid-Year February 21-22, 1985, Howard Johnson Airport Inn, Newark, NJ, promises to be a good meeting. Bob Monsen is Reunion Chairman. We will make the first 42d Division Best Soldier Award during the reunion, in addition to essential business. I hope all regional vice presidents and other RDVA officers will make an effort to attend, as well as executive committeemen and Rainbowers in the area, especially those from New Jersey and the northeast. We need your input. See the Mid-Year notice for details.

We will also discuss what has turned out to be a controversial issue, involving the current 42d Division, but no definitive action will be taken. Any amendment to the by-laws and constitution of RDVA would have to be considered at the annual reunion.

'85-'86 Mid Year

The RDVA Officers and Executive Committeemen will hold their Mid Year meeting 21-22 February 1986 at Howard Johnson Motor Inn, Newark International Airport, Newark, N.J., U.S. 1 & 9 Haynes Avenue, 07114. If you are driving, New Jersey Turnpike Exit 14, Garden State Parkway exit 140 to U.S. 22 and U.S. 1 & 9 South. I-78 from the west has an exit to U.S. 1 & 9 South. (Phone 201-824-4000.) Make reservations by February 1st. Rates: \$55.00 per night, double or single. Meals reasonable. Registration \$35.00 per couple, \$20.00 single. Includes early bird and Saturday night banquet.

Send reservations to Romeo Fagiolo, Reunion Chairman, 2234 Beachwood Road, Hyattsville, MD., 20783; Co-Chairmen Robert Monsen, 216 Carlisle Road, Audubon, N.J., 08106; and Harold Schenck, B-5, 1605 Blvd., Seaside Heights, N.J., 08751. 75 rooms set aside. Free van service every 20 minutes. All Rainbowers in Eastern Region, Maine to Virginia, and Pennsylvania plan on attending.

Help Wanted

The RDVA needs help and you, the readers, are the only source there is to call on. If you look at the chapter totals on Page 6 you will see that paid memberships for the current year are lagging behind. The only thing that keeps this Association going is your enthusiasm and your dues. It's redundant, because your chapter secretaries remind you and you are reminded from time to time in the Reveille, but please don't delay paying your annual dues, if you haven't already. Won't you all respond promptly so we can take down the "help wanted" sign? Thanks.

Annual Reunion - Oklahoma City '86

PNP Al Brewer, 1986 Reunion Chairman, has furnished the following detailed information to assist you in planning to attend:

"We hope each of you are making plans to attend the National Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans at the Holiday Inn West in Oklahoma City, OK. Dates of the reunion will be July 9 through 12, 1986. From the Early Bird on July 9th through the banquet on July 12th, the Oklahoma City Chapter and Auxiliary are planning for your enjoyment.

"If you have not already made your reservations, please do so as soon as possible. You will need to do this direct with the hotel and be sure to mention Rainbow at the time you make the reservation. The address of the hotel is: HOLIDAY INN WEST, 801 S. MERIDIAN, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73108; phone: (405) 942-8511.

"The Rainbow rates are as follows: Standard \$45; King Leisure \$45; Executive Suites \$49; Holidome rooms \$63.

"If your unit has not already contacted the Reunion Chairman for your hospitality room requirements, please do so at once.

"Advance reunion registrations would be helpful to the Chapter and Auxiliary. If you wish to do this, please send \$35.00 for each person to: Al Brewer, P.O. Box 242, Mustang, OK 73064.

"We look forward to seeing you in July!"

Battlefield Commission

The National Order of Battlefield Commissions is a relatively new organization, having been in existence approximately four years, and already has a membership of 400. The following is an excerpt from one of their press releases:

"The N.O.B.C. is a unique veterans organization of soldiers and marines who were commissioned as officers as a result of their performance of duty on the field of battle being advanced to the rank of Second Lieutenant in either World Wars I and II, Korea or Vietnam. The members proved themselves in combat by assuming positions of higher responsibility through demonstrated outstanding leadership, valor, patriotism and devotion to duty."

Rainbow Veteran Harry T. Bleil, Co. B, 232d, 2820 Coachmen Road, New Port Richey, Florida 33553 (813-376-2618) advises that only two men from the 42d Rainbow Division are presently members and he would like to hear from anyone who was commissioned on the field of battle.

History of the Rainbow Insignia

The September '85 Reveille contained the following article:

"This book is a must for your personal library. It details the when, where and how the Rainbow Division was formed, the first flag and evolution of the shoulder patch we proudly wore.

"Text is well illustrated with historical photographs and actual size color photos of over forty shoulder patches from World War I to the present day.

"The 'Insignia of the 42nd Rainbow Division' is sponsored by the Rainbow Memorial Foundation, written and edited by Martin Davis, with graphic design and photography by William Clayton."

When the copies on hand are disposed of there will be no reprints. For your copy send \$5.00 to: Rainbow Memorial Foundation, Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 92, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357.

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Hugo also has some copies of "A Year of Progress," which is a reprint of the original report by Maj Gen Harry Collins on the completion of the first full year of occupation duty in Austria following WW II. This fascinating book takes you to the various places in Austria where Rainbow men were living and working and tells of solutions to many of the problems they faced. Some of the problems facing the occupying forces were Austrian self-government, DP's, POW's, internal and border security, civil and military government courts, food, public health and welfare, fuel, commerce, industry, transportation, education, agriculture, religion and fine arts.

You may obtain a copy of this publication by sending \$3.00 to Hugo Crimm at the above address.

LET'S FIND THEM

A photograph taken in Austria on 10 May 1945 shows the following members of Company "C," 222d Infantry:

Lt Shelton, Sgt Harold Raden, Pfc Arnold Rimer, Pfc Charlie Chilton, Pfc Raymond Struck, Pfc Walter Imo, Pfc Earl Cockran, Pfc Walter Nix, Pfc Wesley Watterson, Pfc Dallas Hancock, S/Sgt Robert Fogarty, S/Sgt Leonard Lydon, Pfc Richard Gills, Pfc Lloyd Bridgewater, Pfc John Bruhn, Pfc George Cline, Pfc Clarence Kuykendall, Pfc Paul Kopta, Pfc Wm. Jenkins, Pfc Duane Porr, S/Sgt Bernard Gunzelman, T/Sgt Joseph Augeri, Pfc Fred Patton, Pfc Harry Southerly, Pfc Homer Litchfield, Pfc Steve Monogudis, Pfc Wm. Lindsey, Pfc Franklin Bollinger, Pfc Harry Calvin, Pfc Herbert Sturdavant and Pfc Corey Ellis.

Also in the picture was Ed Silverstein, 108 Mayfair Lane, Mt. Laurel, N.J. 08054,

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Don't Be A Casualty

The Eastern Region has the honor and privilege of being the host Region for the National Mid-Year Reunion in Newark, N.J., February 21-23, 1986. Those of us who are involved with membership always welcome these Rainbow activities as a stimulus which not only generates interest in Rainbow, but, also, produces new members. In Rainbow we do not hold conventions, but, instead, we hold reunions, meaning just that, bringing together persons who have been separated.

I still recall very vividly the word "casualty" during the war, because it caused thinning of M.L.R., increased the burden and made us more vulnerable to possible failure. Above all, it meant the loss of a comrade we had come to know well in the adversity of combat.

Forty years later the word "casualty" still has the same direct meaning. Those who are not paid members in the Association are thinning the ranks, increasing the task for survival and, again, many years later, depriving "those who care" an opportunity to keep in touch. Membership is the responsibility of all Rainbowners and no one person or a particular group can do it alone. To succeed we need the help and support of every Rainbowner. As General Collins said, "Let a buddy get a buddy," and General Linden said, until his death, "Beat the bushes," so, men, take heed and let's increase our membership this year, for paid members are vital to Rainbow's continued existence.

Today there are emerging new veterans' groups, holding reunions for the first time since the war because we are all now at the age where we are sentimental, nostalgic and proud of our service to this great nation. We Rainbowners have been spoiled, because we have always had a great Association. Let us increase membership by going back to the basics. Look at Rainbow with the same perspective a child looks to his new environment with amazement, curiosity and enthusiasm.

Let us all reunite in Newark in February with a "casualty" who has been put back on the duty roster. (Romeo Fagiolo, VP East Region)

Contributors Please Note

If you have done any flying, undoubtedly you have heard the term "space available." It's the same with the Reveille. Although the publishing deadlines for each issue are printed in the Reveille, there is positively, absolutely and unequivocally no objection to receiving articles for publication prior to the deadline. In fact, the earlier the better. We can plan our layout better when there is no rush.

TEXAS REUNION



The Texas Rainbow Chapter held their annual reunion on September 28th. The above photo shows some of the Rainbowers in attendance. We are lacking in details of the activities, but, judging from previous reunion reports, are confident it was a great success. We did receive a "sign in" sheet, indicating approximately sixty people attended, but, not being a handwriting expert, we hesitate to endeavor to name all those present as even those who were actually there probably wouldn't recognize their own names with our spelling.

A Rainbow Salute

Past National President Earl Teagarden has written, after seeing the picture and article in the November Reveille regarding the Rainbow Plot in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, stating that too often we fail to give proper recognition and thanks to those men who did not rise above the rank of PFC.

Anyone, who ever had an opportunity to look at a unit T O & E, knows there just wasn't that much room at the top, no matter how hard one may have tried. If you weren't in the right place at the right time those stripes were hard to come by.

As a special tribute and thanks to all Rainbowers and especially to the majority who carried the brunt of battle, you can take pride in the fact your deeds and efforts were as important as those in the highest echelons. If we don't place you on a pedestal, but too often recognize someone of higher rank, it's just that is the way it has always been.

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who would like to locate any and/or all of these men. You amateur sleuths go to work by whatever means possible; directories, local papers, radio or whoever will lend a helping hand. Send the results of your efforts to Ed at the above address.

South Carolina Reunion

Secretary Virginia Dufford writes that the South Carolina Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association and its Auxiliary held their annual joint meeting at the Holiday Inn in West Columbia, S.C., on November 17, 1985.

They were honored to have National President Carlyle Worlfer and his wife Helen join them for the occasion.

The meeting consisted of a social period, a short business meeting, at which the following officers were elected: Cornelius A. Dufford, Sr., President; Willis S. Gardner, Vice President; and Virginia Dufford, Secretary-Treasurer. The meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch President Woelfer made a short talk, primarily concerned with membership, which is of vital concern and an ongoing topic. The President mentioned having attended this meeting in his current message.

GOD'S TRUMPETERS ARE SOUNDING REVEILLE EVERYDAY, BUT MOST PEOPLE JUST ROLL OVER AND GO BACK TO SLEEP AND WON'T REALLY HEAR THEM UNTIL THEY PLAY "TAPS."



Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., with WWI Veterans PNP Earl Teagarden and Wm. Hamm at the Kansas City Veterans' Day Program.

Rainbow History

Sometime ago Dorcy L. H. Watler, Company C, 232d Infantry, submitted the following article, which is only a minute part of Rainbow's glorious past, but, nevertheless an integral part of that history:

"During World War II, I had the honor of serving with the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division during the final campaigns in Europe and in the occupation of Austria that followed.

"Long before the current interest in rainbows our divisional patch was a red, yellow and blue rainbow in the form of a 90 degree arc. Tradition has it that the name 'Rainbow' was bestowed upon the 42nd Division early in WWI by then Colonel Douglas MacArthur, who was Chief of Staff. The exploits of the 42nd Rainbow Division in WWI are legend.

Although we, of the new Rainbow, didn't win WW II singlehandedly, we did participate in our share of battles and helped capture several major cities of the Third Reich, such as Schweinfurt, Nuremberg, Munich and Dachau concentration camp. All along the way, as soon as the fighting ceased, our GI's would 'liberate' cans of red, yellow and blue paint and proceed to paint rainbows on anything that didn't move. So, throughout Bavaria and the Austrian Tyrol, rainbows appeared on the sides of buildings, large and small.

Following VE Day 1945, the 42nd Division occupied the western region of Austria where everyone continued to paint rainbows. One month later we were relieved in our sector by the French army and were relocated to central Austria. Later, in the fall of 1945, I made a trip by motor from the little Austrian village where I was stationed to Brescia, Italy. My journey took me through the French occupied sector of Austria. There I discovered, to my amazement, that the French soldiers, unable to obliterate the rainbows painted by the 42nd Division GI's, had painted over the yellow with white paint, thereby creating a red, white and blue rainbow in the French tri-colors."

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| KS | Chanute | | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| | Dodge City-Pratt | | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| MD | Baltimore | | 14 | 14 | 16 |
| MI | Detroit | | 75 | 75 | 102 |
| MN | Mpls-St. Paul | | 44 | 44 | 83 |
| MO | MO-KAN | 1 | 25 | 26 | 29 |
| | St. Louis | | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| NE | Lincoln | | 6 | 6 | 9 |
| NJ | Red Bank | | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| NY | Father Duffy | | 40 | 40 | 74 |
| OH | Association & 132d Sig Co | | 123 | 123 | 150 |
| OK | Muskogee | | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| | OK City | | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | Tulsa | | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| PA | Easton | | 11 | 11 | 13 |
| | Lancaster | | 10 | 10 | 15 |
| | Philadelphia | | 16 | 16 | 20 |
| | Reading | | 27 | 27 | 30 |
| SC | Charleston | | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| TN | Memphis | | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| TX | Dallas | | 66 | 66 | 102 |
| VA | Richmond | | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| | Roanoke | | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| WI | Appleton | | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| | 222nd | 19 | 346 | 365 | 520 |
| | "M" Co. | | 14 | 14 | 54 |
| | HQ 232nd | | 9 | 9 | 4 |
| | 1st BN | | 69 | 69 | 141 |
| | 2nd BN | 1 | 41 | 42 | 78 |
| | 3rd BN | | 41 | 41 | 52 |
| | 242nd | | 197 | 197 | 233 |
| | Rainbow Artillery | | 155 | 155 | 169 |
| | 122nd Med Bn | | 42 | 42 | 56 |
| | Med Det Sp Trps | | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| | 142nd Combat Engr | | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| | MP Platoon | 6 | 24 | 30 | 39 |
| | 42nd Recon | | 9 | 9 | 14 |
| | Division Band | | 12 | 12 | 22 |
| | National at Large | | 28 1876 1904 | | 2653 |



A group of dedicated Rainbowers who attended the Birmingham Memorial Ceremonies.



President Carlyle Woelfer, wife Helen; PNP "Rube" Evanoff; background, PNP Wm. Barton, also taken at Birmingham on Veterans Day.

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now Asst. Chaplain without whom this impressive ceremony would not have been possible.

In all, there were guests from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan.

The get-together was closed with a prayer by Lorena George, National Auxiliary Chaplain.

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