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NAVARIN FARM 1985

By Brig. Gen. John W. Donaldson

Under sunny skies, buffeted by strong winds, the imposing Memorial-Ossuary at Navarin Farm, which dominates the Plain of Champagne several kilometers distant from Souain, Sommepey, and Suippes, again received on 21 July 1985 the homage of its thousands of faithful in its traditional ceremony presided over by General Philippe Gouraud. As ever, American participation by a Color Guard and bugler from the 3d (Rock of the Marne) Division was distinguished and impressive.

My wife and I departed Paris the evening before the ceremony, spending the night in historic Rheims and enjoying the beauty of that great city. Early Sunday morning, the 21st, we motored through Rheims on the Autoroute of the East, passing through the peaceful Champagne countryside and turning off at the Chalons-sur-Marne exit. Heading north along the historic French maneuver area bordering the military base at Mourmelon-le-Grand, we passed through endless golden wheat fields until we reached St. Hilaire, then Souain and proceeded past the immaculately maintained French military memorial cemetery up to the site of the Navarin ceremony. There we were met by Colonel Jean Gervais, Vice President of the Association du Souvenir, and Mr. Norman Iorio, Superintendent of Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, and welcomed on behalf of the President General Philippe Gouraud.

Immediately thereafter the official party arrived by motorcade from Souain, descended, and, after introductions, proceeded to the site of the monument for the military ceremony. The party included General Philippe Gouraud; General Gossot, Commanding General of the 10th Armored Division; Mr. Maniere, Prefet and Commissioner of the Republic; the Mayors of Suippes, Souain, Sommepey, Ste. Marie; Senators Vecten, Machet and Amelin; Deputies Falala and Bourg-Broc; M. Brilon, Municipal Counselor of Chalons; and Colonels Dumont and Magne, Commanding the Camps of Suippes and Mourmelon.

In the traditional manner, the many French regimental colors, carried by veterans, were lined up in front of the monument, the French Military Band from the First Group of Chasseurs from Rheims was facing in on the north, and the French and American Honor guards, consisting of a French detachment from the 39th Group and a Color Guard from the American 3d Division, were in place in front of the French veterans colors. Appropriate honors were rendered, the two national anthems were played and wreaths were laid at the base of the monument by members of the official party. It was my privilege to lay the traditional Rainbow cushion, which was unmatched in its beauty and significance. The wreath laying was then followed by a very moving rendition of the French "Aux Morts" and the American "Taps." The ceremony was culminated with an impressive pass-in-review of the band and troops and I was filled with pride as Old Glory moved smartly by, its Color guard sharp and full of snap.

After the pass-in-review Monseigneur Lucien Bardonne, Bishop of Chalons-sur-Marne, assisted by Vicar General Erwin Dimer of Speyer, West Germany, and Monseigneur Martin Zeil, conducted an open air mass in front of the monument. They, in turn, were assisted by Abbe Kuhn, Thibault, Benoist, Perardelle, and Chaplain Decourt from the local region. The mass was a particularly moving one, with full participation by the many faithful.

General Gouraud then took the stand and thanked all who had worked together to make this traditional pilgrimage possible. He introduced each of the distinguished guests and thanked them for their participation. In the case of Rainbow, he thanked me for coming again and then expressed his and everyone else's great regret and disappointment at receiving news, just before the date of the ceremony, of Walter Collins' misfortune in breaking his collar bone and being in a cast, which prevented his flying over for the event. In relating this, General Gouraud spoke warmly of Walter and of his

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OUT OF AFRICA

At the recent Academy Awards Extravaganza the movie "Out of Africa" garnered most of the awards. A recent communique has just reached our desk, telling of a real life departure from Africa. Fr. Charles Erb, Society of the Divine Word, having reached the age of eighty and also having spent some thirty-eight years as a missionary in Ghana, is coming "Out Of Africa," his tour of duty drawing to a close.

Father Erb was Chaplain of the 222d Infantry during World War II and was the first chaplain to reach Dachau Concentration Camp at the time of its liberation by the 42d Infantry (Rainbow) Division. (See REVEILLE of November, 1978, for details.)

Fr. Erb last attended the National Rainbow Reunion in Reading, Pennsylvania in 1981 and assisted Father Robert F. Weiss, S.J., our National Chaplain at that time, in a very memorable memorial service.

Fr. Erb's future plans or itinerary are not known to us, but whatever they may be, we wish him nothing but the best and certainly hope our paths cross in the not too distant future.

If it were within our power, we would certainly award him an Oscar for his faithfulness, his devotion and his performance during these past thirty-eight years in performing the work of God among the people where he chose to serve.

IN MEMORIAM

In addition to those departed comrades listed in the Memorial File on Page 3, news has just reached us of two additional deaths of persons who contributed much to RDVA and the Auxiliary in past years.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT STANLEY S. BARROW died April 9, 1985, at the age of 89. He was President of RDVA 1954-55. He is survived by his wife Rose, who is a PNAF.

We have also learned of the recent death of PAST NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT EDNA TEAGARDEN, wife of WW I Rainbower Earl Teagarden. She will be missed as the Teagardens were so faithful in their attendance at Rainbow Reunions and MO-KAN Chapter meetings.

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great loyalty and attachment to this annual pilgrimage and the spirit of Franco-American friendship.

General Gouraud went on to present a stirring account of the great battle of 25 September 1915, during which General Henri Gouraud's 4th Army attacked incessantly the enemy's positions from St. Hilaire to Massiges. Despite superhuman efforts and countless acts of uncommon valor, the attacking forces were unable to exploit a breach in the enemy's position by the 28th Brigade some 500 meters wide. During three days a number of attacks endeavored in vain to widen the breach and continue the advance toward the objective of Sainte-Marie-a-Py. On 30 September the attack was suspended and, after some limited gains again on 2 October, the attack was definitely halted on 6 October.

General Gouraud closed his remarks by relating this violent action to the turbulence of today, where we still do not enjoy a true state of peace in the world. Speaking of the brush-fire wars, the insurgencies, the seizure of hostages, international terrorism, he asked if this were not proof that we were already involved in an underground war.

Following the program at Navarin Monument, a pilgrimage was made to the Cemetery of "Reve Doncoer," also known as the Cemetery of the 28th Brigade, and to the monuments of the 44th Infantry REGIMENT of the 60th Infantry Regiment. The traditional banquet at the military camp at Suippes was then followed by visits to the Henry Farnsworth/Legion Etrangere Cemetery, the site of the old Village of Tahure, and the destroyed village of Ripoint, where Abbe Kuhn traced the history of these historic sites. The day's program came to an end in the pleasant atmosphere of Abbe Kuhn's garden at Sommepy, where the personalities relaxed and exchanged impressions of the day's very moving events. Throughout the afternoon program the United States and the Rainbow were represented with distinction and dignity by Norman Iorio and 1st Lt. Linda Erwing of the 3rd (Roel of the Marne) Honor Guard Detachment. We all join in thanking General Gouraud and the members of the Association du Souvenir for their invitation to participate again in the Navarin Farm ceremony and for their warm hospitality throughout the day.

Editor's Corner

Articles and photographs for publication in the Reveille should now be sent directly to: Editor, Rainbow Reveille, 10052 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208.

In submitting photographs, please, on the back of each photograph, show when and where taken and identify by name each individual appearing in such picture.

The "Rainbow Farewell" appearing in the Memorial File 1985-1986 is from the Minnesota Chapter, having been used at one of their memorial services. The author of those well chosen words is not known, but perhaps someone can supply that information.

The American version of the English language wasn't too close to pure English to start with and it has been even further eroded by such terminology as "early on" and "at this point in time" being used over and over by many of our overpaid sportscasters (is that a word?). Well, anyway, man, you know what I mean.

The late Louie Armstrong first played the musical number "S.O.L. Blues" in 1927. Our army version was somewhat different.

Task Force Linden Honors

The article on "Additional Honors For Task Force Linden Vets" in the March issue mentioned your records could be corrected, if interested, through normal channels, but no information contained therein as to what constitutes normal channels.

All such inquiries and correspondence should be addressed to the U.S. Army Personnel & Administration Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5200.

Address Correction

The complete roster of Past National Presidents published in the last issue carried an incorrect address for PNP GEORGE IRWIN. Please correct this address to read: 1536 Southeast 15th Court, Apartment 201, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441.

Contributions Wanted

Yes, contributions are desperately needed, but not of the cash variety. Articles for publication in the June issue have been coming in even more slowly than tax returns to the IRS a few weeks ago and are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth. If you have something of interest you would like to see published, get it to us by return mail and an effort will be made to accommodate one and all.

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William Smyth H
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166th INFANTRY

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Dudley Williams E

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Herman T. Murry B
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Wm. T. Wunsche Hq Sy

117th ENGR

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117th F S Bn

Kenneth A. West

167th AMB CO.

O. Page Manley
Russell B. McCabe

RAINBOW FAREWELL

Rainbow is more than the color in the sky — more than the sunlight shining on the rain. It is, to us, a symbol of the strength and character of the finest fighting men in America; a symbol of our love of country and comrades, transcending the love of life itself. As God gave the rainbow to man as a sign of eternal promise, so have "Rainbowers" accepted it as their pledge in turn, that Freedom — Equality — Justice — and Humanity — shall prevail.

For all this many of our comrades, under the tender coverlet of Old Glory, have been carried to the End of the Rainbow. In tribute to their services and sacrifices, these final words are said in farewell:

"Dear Departed Comrade:

"It seems but a few short years since we stood shoulder to shoulder under that brilliant hued ARC that stretched from the old province of Lorraine to the tangled forests of the Argonne in WW I and from Strasbourg to Vienna in WW II.

"How well we remember the toil, the sweat, the fears, those days when so many of our comrades were called upon to give the supreme sacrifice. A friendship such as ours could only have been conceived in battle, at a time when our lives depended so much upon one another.

"It has only been through the Grace of God that we have been given the privilege of continuing our comradeship these many years. We are proud to have been your friend. God has given us a fellowship that we, in our hearts, believe has never been equalled.

"No words could ever mar, no deeds could end this comradeship of ours, dear friend.

"Your mission in following the Rainbow to its glorious end was not to find the proverbial pot of gold, but rather the noble purpose of bringing added glory to the Flag of Our Country. This you have done.

"We salute you!

"You have now answered the call of the Celestial Bugler. With silent marching feet you have enrolled in that great Spirit Army.

"We pray God, that we too may find the way — some day — and assemble with you upon that Eternal Parade Ground."

222D INFANTRY

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Steve Nagy Sv

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Dennon Brazil I
Robert Wilkins I
Paul W. Laws K

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James McCloskey K
William S. King M
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Earnest L. Myers A

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Louis Ferreri
Joseph Hostutler
David Oakley
Hugh Scallon
Kenneth Smith

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William H. Klinehanse Ord
Bruce Reitzel QM

122d MED BN

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Charles Paynter C

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Durwood B. Sanderson 232
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John J. Gillen 392
Earl Lohaus 392-B
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Denslow W. Doll 542-B
Willard N. Hall 542

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Tullow Brazil 222-I
Lyle E. McNulty 242-Hq
Melvin B. Olson 167 FA B
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Merle C. Woodward 222-C

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Harley I. Tallfson
James C. Tate

A belated report on Dolphus Foster, Jr., 165th Inf., Alabama; died 1980.

Scholarship Fund

The Rainbow Memorial Foundation established a Scholarship Fund in 1983 with a donation of \$5,000 from Mrs. Anna Ginzle, widow of Joseph G. Ginzle, A Co. — 142d Combat Engineers, 42d Division. Since that time additional donations have built the fund to about \$8,000. It is the intention of the Foundation to build this fund sufficiently so that interest from the Scholarship Fund will pay for all the scholarships each year, although this is not a requirement of the fund.

At the 1984 Reunion, a Committee, consisting of Dee Eberhart (Ellensburg, WA), Rev. Robert Weiss (Kansas City, MO), Jim McNicol (Newell, CA), Bill McPherson (Rohnert Park, CA), and Ted Johnson (Ely, IA) outlined a preliminary format for the scholarship awards. The Foundation approved \$1,500 to be awarded that first year. One award was granted to Ms. Mayland Crossen, daughter of Tom and Mayland Crossen (242d Infantry G Co.) in the amount of \$300 for her final year in finishing school. No other requests were received. In Reunion, July 1985, \$1,500 was again approved for this year's scholarships. One scholarship has been awarded this year in the amount of \$1,000 to Beatrice Hofmann. This graduate student in Sonoma State University has produced such a unique effort associated with Rainbow history and Memorial Foundation goals that it received unanimous approval from the Committee. The nature of this award is described in the accompanying article.

The Committee is accepting further applications under the following set of rules and guidelines: Both last year and this year are being treated as learning and experimental years to determine what the nature of the continuing Scholarship Program should be. Many suggestions, including restricting the awards to children of Rainbow, single awards versus multiple awards, discretionary restrictions on the nature of the studies versus open-ended awards, etc. Your Committee is interested in receiving comments from all Rainbowners regarding this preliminary program. Any correspondence directed toward this end may be sent to any of the Committee, who in turn will forward same to all members. I will be pleased to forward any comments directed to the Committee if sent to the following address: Ted Johnson, RR #1, Ely, Iowa 52227.

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A major donation from George Jackson was accepted at the West Palm Beach Reunion. George has been one of the prime movers in our efforts to establish this fund, along with others in Rainbow who represent academia. It is interesting to note that all of these educators, who now

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WW I Rainbow Mementos

(Memorial Foundation & Archivist Approved the Kansas City Liberty Memorial Museum as prime depository for WW I Rainbow Material)

While no details of what should and should not be supplied to the Kansas City Liberty Memorial Museum, the Rainbow Foundation, at its annual meeting, endorsed the program at that museum and commends it for the splendid work that is being performed by the Liberty Memorial Commission and Mark Leigh Beveridge, Curator of the Museum, in establishing a unique and splendid World War I museum for the whole country.

Over the years Rainbow had its Shrine at the Liberty Memorial. All our flags and many of our most precious mementos were given to their custody. With the help of the faithfuls of the MO-KAN Chapter, the problems of the continued display of Rainbow materials and their custodial position thereof have been resolved. When they decided to concentrate that museum as a WW I museum, materials relating to post WW I and WW II Rainbow are no longer appropriate for their use. Such items as they now have, that are so related to WW II, will be made available under an agreement between Archivist Bill Keithan and the museum for disposition to appropriate WW II locations of our choice. We still have to resolve where we want to put our Association records, the Memorial Foundation records and WW II artifacts. However, we encourage everyone to consider the donation to the Liberty Memorial Museum of significant Rainbow material from WW I, including histories, documents, military and civilian records and mementos of every kind. We have investigated the manner in which donations are received and recorded and made available to both views and researchers of WW I history.

You would be amazed to visit the Memorial, if you haven't done so, to see what a splendid program they have. Members of families of deceased Rainbowners, who are considering where to deposit these materials, can submit them to Historian Don Segal or Archivist Bill Keithan (I realize this is an unofficial title), who in turn will insure that distribution to other Rainbow museums is properly attended to. But, donations directly to the Liberty Memorial Museum are perfectly in order and are encouraged. As the amount of material becomes clear and appropriate displays may be considered by the Curator there. It is likely the Foundation will be considering appropriate donations to that museum, which remains one of our specified

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The Patch Book

This beautiful gloss colored book of Rainbow patches of WW I belongs in everybody's library, on everybody's coffee table, in every public library, in everybody's box of memorabilia to pass on to their grandchildren and a gift for every child and grandchild in your family.

A project conceived and executed by our beloved Reveille Editor for many years, Martin "Pappy" Davis, and his co-author Bill Clayton, has been completed. It includes not only beautifully illustrated patches, but concise and well documented history of the Division, the Association and the Foundation. Funds were provided for the printing of this book by the Rainbow Memorial Foundation. The only stipulation was that the funds advanced would be refunded to the Memorial Foundation. As you all know, Dave is going through a serious time health-wise and, as a result, the Memorial Foundation has taken over the sale and distribution of this marvelous work, for which he deserves so much credit. They are being offered for a donation of \$5.00 to the RDMF, Inc., and may be obtained by sending same to: Hugo E. Grimm, P.O. Box 92, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357.

We encourage each of you individually to order such numbers of these books as you can appropriately place in the hands of your family and school and public library. We further encourage chapter secretaries to purchase as many of these books as can be distributed for sale among your members. The proceeds of all sales of the book will be put in the Memorial Foundation general fund. If all the books are sold, this could bring a total above cost to the Foundation of over \$15,000, which would go a long way toward achieving several of our most cherished projects.

Missing

Have you detected something missing from this May issue? There is no message from our President Carlyle P. Woelfer. His last known whereabouts were at the Iowa State Reunion and presumably he is lost in the hinterland of America on his way to a Minnesota Reunion. Hopefully he doesn't get caught in one of those late spring blizzards common to that area, but we're sure he's an expert in survival training. Hopefully he is gathering lots of material for his final message as President, which will appear in the June issue. In the meantime, Mr. President, we hope you are enjoying Mid America and making lots of friends and acquaintances along the way.

1986 Reunion

The 1986 National Rainbow Reunion will be a reality before you know it. It is time for you to make your reservations, if you have not already done so.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Holiday Inn Holidome West, 801 South Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73108. To insure your reservation, send a check for \$45 for standard room; \$49 for an executive suite; or \$63 for Holidome rooms, all plus 7% tax; or your credit card number. Your may phone in your reservations by calling 1-405-942-8511, if you prefer.

REUNION REGISTRATION: Send your check for \$35 per person registering to Reunion Chairman Al Brewer, P.O. Box 242, Mustang, OK 73064.

REMEMBER — Any special requests are to be made through the Reunion Chairman.

With the preliminaries taken care of, get ready to spend four days of Rainbow Fellowship and fun.

Al Brewer

WW I Rainbow Mementos

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National monuments.

The more material Mr. Beveridge obtains, the more likely it will be that he may find a special Rainbow purpose for the expansion of the museum displays. The procedure to follow would be to write Mr. Beveridge at the address below and describe the material you are considering offering. He will arrange with you what can be used by the museum and supply you with full documentation of the receipt of the material and the disposition in the museum files.

WRITE: Mr. Mark Beveridge, Liberty Memorial Museum, 100 West 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108; or **PHONE:** 816-221-1918.

Ted Johnson

You Figure It Out

In the not too distant past the telephone company (when it was one big happy family) reported it was changing from the use of letter and number combinations as there were too many phones and they could simplify the system by switching to the exclusive use of numbers. At about that same time the states claimed there were so many cars they found it necessary to change from just using numbers on license plates to combinations of letters and numbers. Have you noticed some of those number and letter combinations on license plates? Probably an Einstein couldn't even figure them out.

Scholarship Fund

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represent the eternal quest of mankind for learning as well as educating for the ultimate truth were the product of the same experience that made engineers, managers, lawyers, accountants and craftsmen of every kind from a generation of young men exposed to one of life's most dramatic learning experiences; namely, war at first hand. All of us have searched through our lives for the sense and reason that accompany us. We regard it as a necessity to preserve freedom for all mankind. As we reveled in the realization that it had been achieved following WW I and WW II, we now reach for the reasons that it also failed to preserve that result. If we can, in some small way, help people to understand not only that the price must eventually be paid to preserve freedom, but, also, that freedom ought to include freedom from war, then the price the nations have paid and the men and women have paid might ultimately be worth it. None of us believes that a few thousand dollars spent by the Rainbow Memorial Foundation will insure growth and understanding that will lead to eternal peace, but, if enough people had enough vision to do just what we are trying to do, from all of that effort there might well evolve an answer. Accordingly, we urge each of you to consider a special donation, recognizing that it is tax deductible, but more importantly recognizing that it is designed for a noble cause in memory of all the men who died in two World Wars and those others who have had to pay that total sacrifice in the 40 years since. All this in the hope that we can contribute to a reprieve for those yet uncalled to never have to be called for this purpose.

The Scholarship Committee

Over The Rainbow

Oscar winning Composer Harold Arlen, whose many classic tunes included "Over The Rainbow", died April 23, 1986. The title of that memorable composition is so meaningful to Rainbow veterans.

Rainbow History

During the period from the 20th of August to the 13th of September 1917 men from 26 states and the District of Columbia were assembled at Camp Mills on Long Island. These men were selected from various units of the National Guard and were brought together as a result of a plan of the War Department to form a truly representative American Division and to "bring the war home" to people all over the country. It was Douglas MacArthur, then Colonel and newly appointed Chief of Staff of the Division, who inspired the name of "Rainbow" when he said it would span the nation like a rainbow. The Rainbow Division it became. More than that, its quickly kindled spirit of comradeship and valor became a flame of encouragement to the waning allied cause in early 1918. The Rainbow was one of the first American divisions to be sent to France and its record in battle stood second to none by the time the pomp of Prussia had been smashed to bits in November of 1918.

The first units of the Rainbow Division sailed from Hoboken, N.J. on the 18th of October, 1917, arriving in France November 1st. In late February, 1918, the Division entered the trenches in a quiet sector -- to finish its training under battle conditions. The sector did not remain quiet for very long. But it was in the great Champagne-Marne defensive that the Rainbow met its first real test. It was there, in a bitter and merciless struggle that began just before midnight on the night of 14-15 July 1918 that the last great German offensive was beaten back, the attacking power of the Hun crippled beyond repair for the duration of hostilities. In that epic battle the Rainbow played perhaps the most important role of its existence, for green American soldiers had proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that they could more than hold their own against the veterans of the Kaiser's vaunted army. The tide had turned!

Claustrophobia

It surely wasn't the most pleasant experience one could have; it's something that happens to someone else, yet our illustrious PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. BARTON was trapped in an elevator at the Mid Year Reunion for approximately an hour. No one else was on the elevator so Bill had no one to talk to except himself, but we understand he still had a few choice words left when finally freed from his predicament.

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FL	Clearwater		30	30
	Miami		12	12
	Orlando	3	13	16
GA	Atlanta	1	11	12
	Macon		0	0
IL	Chicago		47	47
IN	Indianapolis		8	8
	South Bend		21	21
	Bloomington		1	1
IA	Iowa State	1	81	82
KS	Chanute		11	11
	Dodge City-Pratt		3	3
MD	Baltimore		14	14
MI	Detroit	7	80	87
MN	Mpls-St. Paul		58	58
MO	MO-KAN	1	25	26
	St. Louis		0	0
	Northeast		17	17
NE	Lincoln		7	7
NJ	Red Bank		0	0
NY	Father Duffy		40	40
OH	Association & 132d Sig Co	1	137	138
OK	Muskogee		4	4
	OK City	1	5	6
	Tulsa		28	28
PA	Easton		11	11
	Lancaster		10	10
	Philadelphia		17	17
	Reading		27	27
SC	Charleston		7	7
TN	Memphis		9	9
TX	Dallas		86	86
VA	Richmond		5	5
	Roanoke		8	8
WI	Appleton		0	0
	222nd	20	438	458
	"M" Co.		24	24
	HQ 232nd		13	13
	1st BN	2	145	147
	2nd BN	1	63	64
	3rd BN		44	44
	242nd		211	211
	Rainbow Arty		162	162
	122nd Med Bn		45	45
	Med Det Sp Trps		11	11
	142 Combat Engr	1	0	1
	MP Platoon	6	31	37
	42nd Recon		9	9
	Division Band		17	17
	National at Large		25	25
	Totals	45	2217	2262

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VIVE LA FRANCE



Herb

Bill

Jack

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA — Recently three Rainbow Veterans (Herb Altneu, Bill Clayton and Jack Summers) and their wives were guests of honor at a French Veterans Association Reunion. The French Veterans Organization is made up of men who served in all branches of the French Military and are now United States Citizens.

President of the French Veterans Organization, Monsieur Frederic Jaegle, was most charming and most hospitable. Many "war stories" were exchanged and among the French Veterans were several who were in the French Force that took part in the defense of Strasbourg in early January 1945. The French Veterans were very interested in the fact that our Rainbow Division fought alongside the French Infantry on French soil during both World Wars.

There was beaucoup vin de marque et bon fromage and other tasty vittles served with heartfelt fellowship. The Rainbow couples had a most enjoyable evening.

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